

The aspect of the Horton marriage having been at the age of 17 for them would place it in about the year 1877, for a birth year of about 1860. However, the age of 60 in the 1930 census would mean a birth year of 1870, placing the marriage in the year 1887. A check of the on-line marriage index posted on the Madison County Records Center's web pages reveals only one Horton male who married a woman named "Sophie" or variant spellings thereof. That record was for W. L. **Y.** (for Yancy?) **Horton**, who married **Sophy Wall** per license issued 30 January **1883**, according to Marriage Book Volume 12, page 500. Both were noted as "Colored" in the index, so this is very likely the true date of the marriage. Ages are often inaccurate in old census records, so the marriage date establishment from census data should be seen as only an approximation. The courthouse record should be accurate.

Another interesting item in the 1930 census page was that Maria Jacobs, listed as a sister-in-law of Yancy Horton Sr., was enumerated in the household. Her age was also given as 60, which would possibly make her a twin of Sophia, unless she was a sister-in-law by marriage to one of Yancy's brothers, rather than a sister of his wife. Also in the 1930 record, Yancy Horton Jr. was living next door. He is the son that appeared in the 1900 Horton household. Yancy Jr. likewise has a son named Yancy in his household, so the family apparently perpetuated the use of the name for generations.

The other tombstone in the cemetery is for Richard Joiner, a man who died young: