

where the village grew. Dr. Rankin became a noted physician, serving the area from Decatur to Madison, north to Athens and south to Triana. Considering that he owned land (inherited by his wife Julia Graham) at Pond Beat, Dr. Rankin probably also treated others who lived in that area as the need arose. Since it is known that he is buried with his wife in Decatur and not in the Dickson – Rankin Cemetery, it is not known why old records use the name Rankin associated with the cemetery. However, sometimes it is the practice to name a cemetery according to the current landowner's name, whether anyone of that surname is buried in the cemetery or not. It is also possible that one or more of Dr. Rankin's children may be buried in the cemetery on the arsenal, but there are no markers to substantiate that. The story published in the book *LURE AND LORE OF LIMESTONE COUNTY* about Dr. Rankin adds more detail: