
Another item of interest regarding the Lynch family history relative to this cemetery is the fact that the 1880 census showed the family of Elvira Lynch living in the household of William and Annie Timmons. William and Annie were the white plantation owners who sold the land to the black Joiners and James Timmons after the Civil War. Elvira Lynch at age 30 is shown on page 25 of this Summary Report. Her children, living with her in the household of William and Annie Timmons, were listed as George (age 11) and Lucy (age 5 months). There was also another black Lynch, Lella, given as age 13 in the same household. Since Lella Lynch was listed with her age out of sequence compared to the other children, it is indicated that she was not a child of Elvira Lynch. However, she was most likely a close relative (such as a niece). Since these black Lynches were associated with the white plantation owner family, it suggests that they also may well be buried in the ground called the Lynch Cemetery (89-3) today.

It may likewise be appropriate to keep in mind that William H. Timmons, the white former slave owner, apparently carried on “affairs” with at least one (if not more) of the former slaves. This could well be the reason that he provided for the Joiner and the Timmons land ownership, at a time when many white landowners would not have considered the sale of land to them. The account of William Timmons fathering two children by a black woman named Louisa, while married to Annie, is given below in the notes of Beverly Curry from her interviews with descendants of that union.

From the notes made in the year 2001 by Beverly Curry of the Army offices, when she interviewed Lizzie Jacobs Ward and Walter Joiner, from an e-mail sent to John P. Rankin 3 November 2004:

Lizzie Jacobs Ward and Walter Joiner

(See John Rankin info on Joiner-Lacy cemetery 89-2)