

WPA Douthit Cemetery Survey about 1930 to 1933

Last Name	First Name	Birth Year	Death Year	Notes
Abernathy	Horace	1876	1904	Son of Eliza & G. A. Abernathy
Abernathy	Walter	1884	1911	
Bowling	Albert	1876	1928	
Bowling	Lota	1880	1924	
Craig	Arminta	1909	1922	
Craig	Jack	1896	1922	
Craig	Martha	1877	1923	
Craig	Ophelia	1913	1924	
Craig	Sarah	1898	1922	
Holiday	Ella	-	-	Wife of Lee Holiday
Holiday	Richard	1864	1933	Age 69 Years
Holiday	Sherman	1890	1911	
Holiday	Sunie	-	-	Aged 8 Month, Daughter of Rofe & Lavenea Holiday
Holiday	W.	1853	1908	Age 55 Years
Hurd	Elizabeth	-	1895	Wife of Benjamin Hurd
Hurd	Eliza J.	1865	1904	Wife of W. D. Hurd
Johnson	Arthur	1895	1929	
Johnson	Hester	1902	1921	
Johnson	Mary	1873	1927	
Johnson	Rosie	1872	1929	
Menace	May Belle	1898	1925	
Payne	Eddie	-	1906	Son of Andy & Martha Payne
Shannon	Mary	1879	1924	Age 45 Years
Trotter	Hannah	-	1902	Wife of John Trotter
White	Peggie	-	1896	Wife of Frank White
White	Sophia	1875	1923	
Williams	Florence	1878	1898	Wife of John Williams
Woodruff	Mary	1849	1927	



(Above) 1953 USGS/TVA Topographic Map of Douthit Cemetery, Margerum, Alabama Quadrangle

cemetery in the early 1930s, there were only 28 graves present. Despite being surveyed a few years earlier, the cemetery does not appear on the 1936 USGS/TVA topographic map. It is first recorded on the 1953 topographic map.

This cemetery is thought to date as early as the 1850s and most likely contains numerous unmarked graves. The earliest marked grave is that of Elizabeth Hurd (died 1895), wife of Benjamin Hurd. Other family names include Craig, Holiday, and Johnson.

The Douthit Cemetery began as the African American section of the larger, integrated cemetery that it is today. From 1901 to 1968, Alabama state law prohibited the burial of African Americans and white people in the same cemetery. While many integrated cemeteries existed in the 19th century, this law forced communities to either create new burial grounds or establish adjacent African American sections within existing cemeteries. Following the Civil Rights Act of 1968, this active cemetery eventually became integrated.

9 ■ First Missionary Baptist Church of Tuscumbia

Located in southeast Tuscumbia in a historically African American neighborhood, the First Baptist Church of Tuscumbia is situated on the northeast

(Below) Excerpt of Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Tuscumbia, Colbert County, 1921. Showing First Missionary Baptist Church of Tuscumbia as “Baptist Church (Colored)” and Trenholm High School as “Tuscumbia Colored College.” (University of Alabama, Historical Map Collection, Online)

