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## Cedars Plantation\* and Garrett Cemetery

The Cedars was a large plantation west of Belle Mina. Located along present-day Garrett Road, the plantation was owned by Peter Francisco Garret. His father, Edmond Garrett, had purchased 360 acres in the vicinity of Belle Mina in 1832 and 1835. A native of Virginia, Peter had moved to Limestone County by 1850 and built a house on this land. According to the census records, he did not own as many slaves as his nearest neighbors. He owned 19 slaves in 1850 and 34 slaves in 1860. However, the Garrett family married into the Bibb family, tying them to the largest property owners in the Belle Mina community. The Cedars Plantation house stands today. Built in 1859, it was most likely the last large plantation home built in Limestone County before the Civil War.



(Below) Excerpt of the 1850 U.S. Agricultural Census Showing Property Owned by Edmond and Peter Garrett in Limestone County  
(Above) 1938 USGS Topographic Map Showing the Garrett Cemetery

Located in a field south of Garrett Road is the Garrett Cemetery. Containing at least 94 graves, the earliest known interment is that of Sylvia Garrett (d. 1903). This African American cemetery includes local landowners and farmers Ed Edwards (Above) (1879-1960) and Henry H. Garrett (1855-1931). As well as several World War I veterans: Private James Davis (1896-1953), Private Greer Garrett (1892-1959), Private First Class and Purple Heart recipient Will Garrett (1891-1923), Private McWilliams "Mack" Grizzard (1892-1973), and Corporal Gus Hicks (1891-1966). World War II veteran Corporal Joe H. Malone (1918-1960) is also interred in this burial ground.



(Above) 1950 USGS Topographic Map of Center Star Cemetery, Decatur, Alabama Quadrangle

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## Center Star Church\* and Cemetery, and Living Water School\*

The Center Star Church and Cemetery were located south of Mooresville along the edge of Piney Creek. Although the cemetery is known to date to the mid-nineteenth century, the dates of the church are less certain. The TVA surveyed the cemetery in the early 1930s, but neither the church nor the cemetery is

labeled in the 1936 USGS/TVA topographic map. They are called out on the 1950 topographic map. The church was apparently gone by 1975 but only the cemetery remains.

The Center Star Cemetery was one of many surveyed by the TVA in the 1930s. According to TVA notes, the cemetery contained about 1,500 burials and had been used since the time of the Civil War. However, when

18	Edmond Garrett	400	240	4000	405	18	8	16	20	1215	1614	16	2300	280	23	
19	Peter F. Garrett	220	400	4436	370	11	4	2	4	12	6	100	1086	3	1370	10
20	William H. Garrett	300	220	4920	275	6	2	2	4	10	80	640	1220	100	25	

(Below) Excerpt of the 1920 U.S. Census Showing Household Headed by Henry Garrett  
(Bottom) Excerpt of the 1940 U.S. Census Showing Household Headed by Ed Edwards

53	15	15	Garrett Henry	Head	1	O	F	M	B	63	W		No	Yes	Yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Yes	Farmer	General Farm	00	15
54			Henry H.	Son				M	B	25	M		No	No	No	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Yes	Home Labor	Home Farm	00	66
55			Laura	Daughter				F	B	23	S		No	Yes	No	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Yes	none			65
56			Silva C.	Daughter				F	B	17	M		No	Yes	Yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Yes	none			66
57			Maggie	Daughter				F	B	14	S		No	Yes	Yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Yes	none			67
58			Lilly K.	Grand daughter				F	B	16	S		No	Yes	Yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Yes	none			68
59			M. Gandy	Grand daughter				F	B	13	S		No	Yes	Yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Yes	none			69
60			Malone Joe	Grand son				M	B	28	S					Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Yes	none			60

95	0	400	Edwards Ed	Head	1	M	Mar	46	M	710	2	2	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Yes	10 V 2	710	710	710	30	Farmer	Farm	00	60	450	710	69	
			Mandy	Wife		F	Mar	40	M	710	2	2	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Yes	10 V 2	710	710	710	40	Home Keeper	at Home	710	50	710		32	
			Adina Henry	Nephew		M	Mar	19	S	710	3	3	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Yes	10 V 2	710	710	710	30	Farmer	Farm	710	388	1 V 5	40	710	33
			Mary F.	Niece		F	Mar	13	S	710	6	6	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Yes	10 V 2	710	710	710								34	
			Edwards Magnolia	Grand daughter		F	Mar	6	S	710	0	0	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Yes	10 V 2	710	710	710								35	
			Alabama	Grand daughter		F	Mar	97	M	710	18	18	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Yes	10 V 2	710	710	710								36	

**KEY**

- COMMUNITIES
- CEMETERIES
- CHURCHES
- PLANTATIONS
- SCHOOLS