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Johnson Chapel* and Cemetery

Located north of Tanner along Bee Line Highway (US 31), there was a church called Johnson Chapel. Now, all that remains is the adjacent cemetery. Johnson Chapel was labeled on the 1935 USGS/TVA topographic map, but while it lent its name to the cemetery, the chapel was gone by 1958.

The African American cemetery has at least 57 burials. The earliest is Hattie Brown Cosby (1921-1954). There

are probably unmarked graves associated with the church that date to the 1930s or earlier. Common surnames here are Hines, Malone, and Townsend. The cemetery population includes local landowners and farmers Hartle Cain, Jr. (1901-1965) and his brother, Homer Cain (1904-1957). Their father, Hartle Cain (b. 1873), owned a farm in 1920 when the brothers were growing up. Their neighbors were also Cain men who were about the same age as Cain, Sr. and possibly his brothers. By 1940, Homer, too, owned a farm, perhaps inherited from his father.

(Below) 1935 USGS Topographic Map Showing Johnson Chapel



(Left) 1950 USGS/TVA Topographic Map of Hatchett and Malone (Sowell) Cemeteries, Jones Crossroads, Alabama Quadrangle (Bottom Left) 1976 USGS/TVA Topographic Map of Hatchett and Malone Cemeteries, Jones Crossroads, Alabama Quadrangle



WAR DEPARTMENT
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ORIGINAL

APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE

(PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)

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Name	Rank	Company	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Signal	Date of Death
Jessie Malone	Private	2nd Regt Ala Inf	2nd Regt Ala Inf	8-14-25
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Name of Cemetery	Located near—	If World War Veteran—		
Malone Grave yard	Athena R#3 Ala	City	State	Division
			Ala	Ala
				Emblem
				Christian Hebrew None

TO BE SHIPPED TO: Frank Malone at R#3 Athena, Ala.

POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE: R#3 Athena, Ala. Box 171

SEP 9 1931

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Verified: COLUMBUS, MISS. FEB 26 1931

From: Box 171

Shipped: 4-27-31

Address: R#3 Athena, Ala

Date: 8-29-30

Applicant: Frank Malone

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(Above) Application for a Military Headstone for Jessie Malone, 1931 (U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963, National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) (Below) 1910 Federal Census Showing Jessie and Malissa Malone (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com)



34	26 27	Malone	Wife	M R 70	Ala	Mississippi	W	W	English	Farmer	General	Pa	M R	0 R R 26	34
35		Malissa	Wife	M R 72	Ala	Mississippi	W	W	English	None			M R		35
36		Robert	Son	M R 22	Ala	Mississippi	W	W	English	None			M R		36
37		Frank	Son	M R 18	Ala	Mississippi	W	W	English	None			M R		37

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