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Price Family Cemetery

The Price Family came from GA to Conecuh County in the 1800's and settled near Old Sparta, then Castleberry, AL. The Price Family Cemetery is located in the woods today. It is in Section 7 of Township 4 North, Range 11 East on private property.

Hurricane Ivan's wrath on this cemetery was still evident a year ago, from broken headstones toppled by fallen trees, and thick underbrush splitting the remaining tombstones. ACPA representatives visited the cemetery last spring and uncovered some of the headstones and surveyed the damages done by time, little or no maintenance and preservation, and the severe storms over the last 25 years. This cemetery was last surveyed and recorded in the early 1980's. There were 13 known graves of family members here; however, only 5 were known and legible in 1981.

Known to be buried here are Joshua Price (1840-1895) and his wife, Demaris (1840-1891). They resided in Beat # 5—Sparta in the 1870 Conecuh Census. They had two children, William, age 4 and Laura, age 1. Their closest neighbors were Hinche Boulware and Edward Castleberry. Also buried here are Elijah A. Price (1847-1880) and his wife, Emma Stevens Price (1842-1926). They married in 1869 and on a later census, at age 66, found her living with her only son, Charles D. Price, wife Nannie and son, Erath. Interestingly enough, being that they were residing in the Town of Castleberry, found their closest neighbors at the time to be the Buffingtons and my grandfather, Charles S. Beasley who was boarding with the J. Nored family. The last known Price member buried here is David E. (Elijah) Price, (1850-1916) and in 1910 Conecuh Census, found him living as a Boarder, age 60, living with the Luman Kirkland Family in Precinct #6, Town of Castleberry.

On the 1850 Conecuh Census, found a James B. Price, born in GA with wife, Martha and children all born in AL. These children were Nancy, Joshua, James, Elijah, John and David, only 9 months old in 1850. They lived in Beat # 5—Sparta Beat and James was employed by the railroad as a laborer. This family worked hard; working the land and being able to see some of their children raise their own families nearby. There are descendants of this family still today living and working, raising their own families, and appreciating the dedication of their family's role in the early growth of Conecuh County.

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