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Shady Grove Cemetery

Weather has always been, and continues to be an important aspect of our lives. The weather, good or bad, has played a significant role in the development and/or destruction of our communities. Businesses, churches, and homes have disappeared through the effects of weather-related events. Sometimes, it's as plain as a simple windstorm sweeping away these structures. Other times, it's more complex and deceiving through the effects of soil erosion as a result of the loss of trees, shrubbery, soil or other means. Where once stood a home or church, perhaps only a chimney or cemetery remains.

Shady Grove Church was located 8 miles from Evergreen on the J.P. Howard Road. The church was destroyed by a windstorm around 1921. Of the history of the church, little to nothing is known. From the records of the cemetery, we have little to go on except through the descendants of family members buried there. Of the 17 known to be interred in the cemetery, only 3 were marked graves when last surveyed in 1981. Unless we have access to death, family or Bible records, we can only depend on census records to determine when one actually died.

Known to be buried here are members of Frazier, Lunsford, Padgett, Perdue, Rice, Searcy, and Smith families. Two unknown are a baby and an adult. If you have more information regarding Shady Grove as a church or cemetery or those interred there, please give me a call. Without your help, many cemeteries will fade away, not only from the land, but from the record books as well. Contact me at (251) 578-2670 or email at canebrakesociety@yahoo.com