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Amos Cemetery – Part II

The earliest record of a settlement near the Brooklyn community was in the forks of Ard and Bottle Creeks, established about 1818. There were two trading posts, one operated by a Mr. McConnell; the other by George Feagin with a blacksmith operated by John Brantley. We know already that Cameron's Ferry was purchased by Edwin Robinson when he came upon the area he named Brooklyn in honor of his home town in CT. The earliest settlers include the families of Amos, Dean, Feagin, Hart, Leigh, Rabun, Robinson, and Strange—all of these names can be found in the Amos/Old Brooklyn Cemetery. Researchers have conflicting opinions about the name of this historic cemetery; some wanting it called the Hart Family Cemetery because they believe that Capt. Benjamin Hart was owner of the land on which it now lies. Others believe that the earlier Amos Family should call it theirs; however, whichever name you choose to call it by, remember that this peaceful, serene final resting place is home to some of our earliest settlers to Conecuh.

A man, who studied medicine in Baltimore, MD and received his college training in PA, would come to AL—the backwoods of nowhere to begin a medical practice that would take him elsewhere and his legacy would live on forever. Dr. Milton Amos came to Brooklyn about 1821, same as Edwin Robinson and his father-in-law, Capt. Hart. He had married Susan Reese, and they started a family. His children and their descendants, neighboring families and their children, are some of the familiar names one will see in this ancient cemetery. Dr. Amos would raise his family, move over to the Belleville area about 1839, and then go into Northwest FL where folks would honor him by naming their community after him. Whenever you drive through Milton FL, remember Dr. Milton Amos' beginning his medical career in Brooklyn, AL

His son, Lawrence Nicolas Amos and wife, children and their descendants all claim their rightful place in the Amos Cemetery on the Brooklyn Road. A daughter of L.N. & Addie Amos would marry into the Rabun family, creating another line; and other Amos siblings would marry into the Cary line and their descendants would be buried here. For complete family lines, the Conecuh County Heritage Book has family records compiled, as well as family trees, records and files that can be found on these families and the Brooklyn community at the Evergreen-Conecuh County Public Library.