

# Written In Stone

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## **Horton Cemetery – Part I**

Introducing another cemetery located along the Brooklyn Road this week as the Old Horton Family Cemetery, just a few miles past the old Garvin Cemetery, off CR 42 or Brooklyn Road. From Evergreen, at the old Four Points intersection, you travel along Brooklyn Road out into the countryside, about 12.2 miles into the Horton Community.

Homes once dotted the landscape, commissaries, fields of cotton and other crops tended to by the landowner, overseer and those who worked for the owners. Many of these families now live and raise their own families on land they once tended in crops.

Turning off the road, onto a freshly graded dirt track, one meanders through over 300 graves, with the well-known Horton Family enclosed by a black wrought iron fence, with plantings of camellia, bridal wreath, dogwood and boxwood, and a stone bench surrounded by a low limestone rock border. To the right and left, tucked among the trees, shrubbery, and grassy areas of the cemetery, you will find names like Brye, Drakeford, Feagin, Floyd, Holmes, Horton, Meeks, or Robinson. Many of those added to the right hand side of the drive appear to have been added since the first transcription was completed in 1981. As you drive through, the road seems to have been graded mostly for the access to the field beyond which is being cut for timber. On either side of this drive, you will find graves, some marked, however, mostly are unmarked, rather primitive looking tombstones, adjacent to more recent graves signifying the families' existence still in the community. On the right, as you make the turn heading once again out of the cemetery, you see a partially enclosed fence, with about 10 graves, with only 6 identified. Behind this plot, there are about 12-14 graves covered over by underbrush and fallen trees. On your left, as you turn to go, the Horton Family Plot is accessible to those wanting to linger awhile in this quiet paradise of memories. Next week, we'll talk more in depth about the families interred here in this old family community cemetery.