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Garrett-Darby Cemetery

According to Jim Garrett of Orlando, FL, the Garrett-Darby Family Cemetery is located on private property off Appleton Road. A survey was conducted by Mr. Garrett back in 2000. The earliest marked grave in this cemetery is Effie L. Darby, who was the daughter of S.R. and J. E. Darby. This child was born in 1892 and died in 1900. The S.R. Darby was actually Sidney Ransom and he was married to Julia E. Garrett. Julia was the daughter of James Garrett, whose family came here from SC. Julia was born in 1861, died in 1917 and is buried in this cemetery close to where she lived with her family. Sidney lived until 1933.

James C. Garrett was the son of Robert and Mary Garrett, born in 1822, in Edgefield County, SC. He was one of 13 children. He married Evaline Rials, daughter of Archibald Rials, of Coffee County. James received two land grants for acreage in the Brushy Creek area of southern Conecuh County. This young couple operated a mill along the Battle Branch Creek area, settling and raising their family. Somewhere close by to their old home place, hidden away in the woodsy glen lie the remains of their family. Evaline died in 1908, and according to the family archives, her husband, little Effie's grandfather died earlier in 1897. His grave is missing the metal plate bearing the date of his birth and death. Others buried here include George Darby, born 1897 and died 1946; along with Fletcher Darby who was born in 1896 and died in 1918; and a Jennie Darby, without dates included.

For more information on this cemetery and the families interred here, visit your local library.