

# Written In Stone

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## Long Corner Cemetery

All over the country, it would seem that people are becoming aware of the history in our cemeteries. From Alabama to Texas, from Alaska to Germany, one reads of an organization or family reaching out to others to encourage them to preserve and protect the final resting places of our ancestors. Alabama Public Television has a special airing Tuesday night, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 PM about cemeteries. According to the APT website, the program is focused on the celebration of cemeteries with an 'unusual and informative look at graves, monuments, family plots, sculpture and the way cemeteries interconnect with many aspects of modern American culture.' The program travels from the Key West area to central Alaska, as they present examples of burial grounds where history and art are preserved.

Here in Conecuh, one can discover many fine examples of art in the form of sculptured stone relief forms on the tombstones in many of our cemeteries, as well as the folk art designs found in the rural, family or community cemeteries scattered throughout the county. Many of the cemeteries are named for the groups of family names found in the cemetery, or the church where the members worshipped or the homestead on which they lived, or the community in which the families resided. Sometimes, it will be a name which one recognizes and many times, it is a name that has been lost in the sands of time, known no more today by the generations of family members of those who lie in eternal rest.

One such cemetery is known as Long Corner Cemetery, an old, almost forgotten cemetery which, from time to time, still sees a burial. This cemetery is an African American cemetery, known only to the locals and to those who have loved ones buried there. There is no documentation of this cemetery in any of our record books; such as names of the deceased, nor dates of birth and death. One of the families who have loved ones buried there had ties in Butler, Conecuh and Monroe Counties. One of the community cemetery sites in Butler County was known as Long Creek Cemetery, around the Georgiana area. I thought it odd that the cemetery in Conecuh would be known as 'Long Corner' and wondered where it got its' name. If anyone has information on this cemetery or those interred there, please give me a call at (251) 578-2670 or email me at [canebrakesociety@yahoo.com](mailto:canebrakesociety@yahoo.com)