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Burnett/Donald/Simpson Cemetery ~ Part II

According to a descendant of those who are buried at the Donald Burnett Simpson Cemetery near Bellville, AL, there was a large group of Swiss-German families who immigrated to Charleston, SC, then to Orangeburg District, SC before the American Revolution. There were also immigrants from Edinburg, Scotland, and these included Thomas Simpson who was married to Rachel Horger. Several members of the Horger Family traveled by wagon train to Autauga County, AL about the time AL established itself as a state.

Rachel Horger and Thomas Simpson were married 18 December 1787 in Orangeburg. Rachel was born about 1755 and she died 7 December 1832 in Bellville, Conecuh, AL. Her husband, Thomas Simpson was born in Edinburg, Scotland and according to the late Iva Lee Miller McMillan; he died 29 July 1841 in Bellville, and is buried in the Old Simpson Cemetery.

Mrs. McMillan's records indicate who might have been buried in the Old Simpson (aka Burnett-Donald) Cemetery; and the fact that a few of them died during a Typhoid Epidemic about 1861. There is a document entitled 'Burnett, Simpson, Donald' by Iva Lee Miller McMillan on the Family History Shelf of the Evergreen Public Library. We also have other documentation regarding the families of Burnett, Donald, Simpson and the allied families of these early settlers to Conecuh County.

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