

Written In Stone

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McIntyre Cemetery ~ Part I

Going east on U.S. Highway 84 towards Andalusia about 12 or 13 miles, there is a graveled road on private property where several families lived in the community located between Herbert and Cohasset. Family names like Deer, Thomas, and Brooks, Mancil, McIntyre, Murphy, Shaver, and others are all recognizable to the inhabitants of this community.

According to family records, Duncan McIntyre, born 1781, was a native of Scotland, immigrating to Charleston, SC and finally making his way to Conecuh County. He married Elizabeth Crestwood, building them a log cabin about 1820 on the McIntyre Plantation in Herbert. Their son, John Thomas McIntyre, was born in 1816 and married Lucinda Deer; who was born in 1835.

Upon their marriage, Duncan and Elizabeth gave the young newlyweds several hundred acres of land in Herbert. John Thomas and Lucinda had 10 children. One of the children, Mary Ann, who was born in 1854, married Malachi Brooks, and their son was known as Dr. John R. Brooks, who was born in Monroe County. However, he moved to Conecuh and Herbert as a young child receiving his education in Conecuh County, graduating from dental college in 1909, married and later practiced his profession at Red Level, Herbert and eventually Evergreen.

The old cemetery is known as McIntyre Family Cemetery and it's in Township 5 North, Range 13 East, Section 8 and as stated above, is on private property. Descendants may visit the graves of their ancestors by contacting the property owner and getting permission from them according to the state law passed last year.

Buried here is Duncan McIntyre, born in Scotland, and died in 1852 at the age of 71; John Thomas McIntyre, who died in 1875 and his wife, Lucinda Deer McIntyre, who passed away in 1916. Others interred here include Ida McIntyre, born in 1878 and died in 1900 and S.G. McIntyre, born in 1871 and died in 1902.

A small grave noting T.J. Brooks, born in 1878 and died in 1879, is here as well as another small grave noting as infant of D.N. and L.A. McIntyre, James Thomas McIntyre, and an unmarked grave, no dates are given, are here also.

Next week we'll talk about some of the influences that many of their descendants have made on our communities and our county.