

Written In Stone

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Patrick Cemetery ~ Correction

A few columns ago, I started exploring the cemeteries located along the line dividing Monroe and Conecuh Counties. I have visited some of the burial grounds of our earliest settlers to the Alabama Territory; many of the places are just that—places where there are no significant sign of burials today. Others are scattered throughout a field, pasture, or alongside a creek bank, or what looks at first glance like rocks alongside the road turns out to be stones from the old burial ground.

Whenever we print a column, it's always rewarding to discover that the columns are read and where we can correct erroneous information; I like to do this as soon as possible. In the case of the Patrick Family Cemetery recently published, certain data has come to me from a reader regarding the origin of the Stacey Family to the Monroe and Conecuh counties. In the column, it was reported that the Spartanburg area was where these Stacey's originated. It has been learned since that the Robert Stacey family actually settled in Bibb County where one Stacey, George, became the Probate Judge. Another Stacey line, included George and Elizabeth Harvey Stacey, and their sons, George Washington, William, and Amos came to a branch of the Sepulga Rivers near the Old Federal Road and settled first in Conecuh, and later, in Monroe County. The eldest, John, settled at Pintlala in Montgomery County, and their daughter, Tabitha, married Wiley Jones and settled first in Wilcox, then Lowndes County. The information about this line comes from a Stacey Bible dated to 1751. Those Stacey family members buried in the Old Patrick Family Cemetery include William Harvey Stacey, his wife, Ida Janetta Riley, their daughter, Harriet Emma, daughter Nancy Beatrice, wife of Samuel Patrick.

As always, I appreciate my readers to contact me with corrections on the history regarding these old cemeteries. I will be writing about several more cemeteries located in the Midway, Turnbull, Riley's Crossing, Mixonville, Lone Star, Pine Orchard, Old Texas areas of the Old Federal Road over the next few months. If you've got one to submit, please give me a call. (251) 578-2670 or email at canebrakesociety@yahoo.com with cemetery in subject line.