

# Written In Stone

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## **C.H. Stallworth Plantation Cemetery – Part I**

In what we know as the City of Evergreen today, it was literally established on lands belonging to the Stallworth families who settled here very early, coming from Edgefield District, SC. According to papers in the Lucy C. Warren Heritage Department of the Evergreen-Conecuh County Public Library, genealogist David L. Sanders suggests that William and Jemima Stallworth had nine children, four of whose descendants moved to Alabama and throughout the country. It is believed that William, Joseph, and Thomas Stallworth were perhaps second or third generation Americans, having descended from English origin, and possibly arriving in the Carolinas in the 1770's. Many of the female descendants remained in the Carolinas, and yet, other descendants may have migrated into Alabama before statehood was established.

When these families were found in Conecuh, it appears to be William's line and they've intermarried into the Adams, Allen, Perryman, and Travis families of this same area. Nicholas and Mary (Adams) Stallworth (his 1<sup>st</sup> wife), and Sallie Allen, (his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife) are presented as the parents of 16 children in AL. One of the sons, Calloway Hodge married into the Thomas line. When his father died, C.H. Stallworth inherited the plantation. The plantation was located off of US31 just outside the city limits on land once part of the Dixie Dairy, in Township 5 North, Range 12 East, and section 6. There were two plantations adjoined in the plantation days of early Conecuh and brother, Nicholas Stallworth joined in many common business interests with C.H., with his plantation being in section 13 of T5N, R11E. With the plantation established, and many working the lands surrounding it, there arose a need for a cemetery for both families.

The C.H. Stallworth Plantation Cemetery is now virtually obliterated from long-term timber development, road construction, and various natural means. It was originally used by both C.H. and Nicholas Stallworth, Jr. and was enclosed by an iron fence with elaborate marble monuments. Many slaves of the early families were also buried here just outside the fenced enclosure. At the time of C.H. Stallworth's death at the age of 49 years, after contracting Typhoid Fever, he owned over 100 slaves and had plantations in both Conecuh and Monroe Counties, valued in excess of \$110,000.; quite a sum in those days! C.H. Stallworth was also one of the founding trustees of The Evergreen Academy, founded in 1839; and one of the land transactions found, dated 1841 was for 81.43 acres of which was signed for by the Trustees of Evergreen Academy. The school remained in effect until about 1893 when the property was deeded to the state of Alabama for the Southwest Alabama Agricultural School.