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New Haven Church of Christ Cemetery – Part II

In researching the history of the New Haven Church of Christ Cemetery and the family names interred here, I kept going back and forth between here and the New Home Church of Christ Cemetery as well. Everyone appears to be related, either through blood or marriage, and also members of either or both churches during the lifetime of the church.

Of the 54 graves found at New Haven, many of the names also are found at New Home, perhaps younger or older versions of the same families. At New Haven, the Fields family plot is adjacent to the Smith and Davis family plots; and other family names include Mooney, McGraw, Tatum, Salter, Nichols, and Blackmon. When I spoke with some 'old-timers' in the area, they called this cemetery the 'Mooney Cemetery'.

In looking at old newspapers from the 1930's through the 1950's I discovered that children with the surnames of those found here attended school at Fair-Nel-Son or Lyeffion, depending on the time frame. Several young men entered the service, as evidenced by the military markers in the cemetery, with the branch of service, and years served inscribed. There are old markers and new markers in this cemetery, some having been replaced; however, the old one still stands the test of time to reflect the history of that person. Marriage dates can be found on many of the double markers, giving one a sense of the family life they enjoyed, with many signifying 'Mother' and 'Father'. Children and grandchildren, loved ones still clean the cemetery, with fresh flowers adorning the graves of their kinfolk.