

Written In Stone

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Asbury Methodist Church Cemetery

Last week, I wrote about the old Hamden Ridge Baptist Church Cemetery, and some of the descendants with whom I'd been corresponding with, had come to visit the graves of their ancestors. I also got to meet another long-time correspondent for Asbury Methodist Church Cemetery in the northern part of Conecuh County. She and her family were en route back home to Madison, AL from the coast and stopped in to introduce herself to me. It's always so much more fun to be able to finally put a face to a name, and I believe that even doing genealogy, putting together the facts, the information and the names can bring so much more to your research!

Asbury Methodist Church has such an interesting history; it is situated near the Old Federal Road, the boundary line between Monroe and Conecuh County, as well as Butler County. Here you can find a stone tablet that reads a most provoking thought as you enter the cemetery gates: *"Linger awhile and walk with me into the shadowy mist that was yesterday. Stroll across the faded pages of history and from our hardships learn the ways of a better life. Pass me not, for I am the spirit of your ancestors. In your veins flow my blood, and the blood of my fathers. Linger awhile, if only for a moment, and through your thoughts, I will know that I am remembered."*

Here at Asbury, you will find graves pre-dating the war, as well as graves of some of the slaves and Native Americans who lived in the community of Midway, and some of the most influential and prominent families of this community, and adjacent ones. Family names such as Bonner, Cunningham, Langham, McKenzie, Mixon, Morgan, Pearce and Wallace are common to this cemetery.

Summer is a time of travel for many of you, as you find ways to learn more about your family, be sure and visit the cemeteries where they are buried. Should you come across a cemetery that is otherwise unknown on our historical maps, please contact me with the information, any historical data you might have on it or the families interred there.