

Written In Stone

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Pine Orchard Methodist Church Cemetery

The Pine Orchard Methodist Church Cemetery is located at the intersection of County Roads 5 & 42 on the boundary of Conecuh and Monroe Counties, AL. The Pine Orchard Community is located about 7 miles north of Burnt Corn, and some of the early families in the neighborhood include the Andersons, Andrews, Bookers, Graces, Raines, Stuckeys, and Tatums. Fort Warren was established by Col. Richard Warren about 1816 for the protection of the settlers and travelers on the Federal Road. Many inhabitants of both Conecuh and Monroe Counties took refuge at Fort Warren during Indian uprisings. Col. Warren remained at Ft. Warren only about a year before moving toward Hampden Ridge, then on across Murder Creek establishing Sparta. Though many researchers and historians have searched for years, no remains of the fort have ever been found.

Pine Orchard is located in Township 8 North, Range 9 East, and section 23 and the first known interment belongs to Owen Tatum (1785-1867). He came from Tatum, NC, settling at Sepulga, later purchasing the Grace home at Pine Orchard. The library archives state that many of those in unmarked graves probably died from the Yellow Fever epidemic that raged through our state. One can see the old iron rock as monuments to loved ones, as well as old brick or stone. Three known Confederate soldiers lie here; having served in Company "H", 17th Alabama: Richard Tatum (1846-1914); and James William Salter (no dates). Samuel Grace (died 1882, aged 87 years) served in the War of 1812; and also found here are veterans of the Korean Conflict & World War I & II.