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McGowin Cemetery – Part III

Two other McGowin family cemeteries are located on old McGowin family land—one runs alongside where the old McGowin Ferry was located, established circa 1971 and appropriately named McGowin Ferry Cemetery. The first known interment there is Agnes Moore McGowin, (1891-1968) and James C. McGowin, (1882-1968). The cemetery was last surveyed by Lygia Cutts in 1998, with 6 graves there then. Elbert Nettles (1911-1991); Ernestine McGowin Nettles (1911-1987); James Thaddeus Sheppard (1909-1980) and Durant McGowin (1909-1988).

Just a little further up Hwy 29 just off CR 53 or Marietta Church Road, you will find the Sam McGowin Cemetery. When this cemetery was recorded there were 18 marked graves and one unmarked grave. The families of Blacksher, McGowin and Parker can be found here. Samuel L. McGowin (1859-1928) was first married to Ada Bethea (1861-1894) and secondly to Madge F. Parker (1875-1912). Many of his children are buried here as well as grandchildren. Jeptha Blacksher has several children buried here, one is a young soldier, Abraham Blacksher, born 1843 & died 1882. Elijah Blacksher died when he was just 14 years old; John W. Blacksher died at 3 months; Laurence H. Blacksher died before he was 18 months old; and a grandson died at barely 2 years old. There are 3 unmarked infant graves that could possibly have belonged to either the Blacksher or McGowin families.