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Unknown Cemeteries

Reading the headlines of The Evergreen Courant from the 1920's, we see that Evergreen purchased a fire truck and fire-fighting apparatus ; fine homes and business structures erected as Evergreen issued building permits that would make them a credit to a city several times its' size. One of the most progressive institutions, established in 1911 was the Evergreen Motor Car Company, and the building it was in burned in Nov 1922.

Those same years, according to death records for Conecuh County and surrounding counties, influenza was prevalent—so many young and old died from the flu during the years of 1918 thru 1925. Many were buried 'in the field' close to where they lived; others were interred in church or family graveyards, while some records give no clue whatsoever as to where they were interred.

Reading the death records on microfilm as to the precinct the deceased lived in at the time of death gives a few clues as to what burial grounds might have been used during that time period. Many of them are unheard of today, and we need help, since so many who occur on these death records are not found in any of our cemetery indexes. For example, the old *Croom Plantation* obviously had a *Slave Quarter* where many of the earlier ones living nearby were interred, and when reading the *Place of Burial*, all you get is '*Crooms' Quarter*'. I see the same scenario for other older plantations or large farms in Conecuh, such as *Skinner Plantation* or *Savage Graveyard*—many of these are so named after the people on whose land the cemetery was established. In some of these, *Livingston Brothers*, a hardware or mercantile establishment, was the undertaker. In the Brooklyn Beat of Conecuh, there is mention of a '*Walker Colored Cemetery*' and it would be wonderful if someone might know where this one is located. Buried there appears to be *Franklins, Martins, Burns, Parker* and *Webb* families. I have also found a mention of a *Joseph Cemetery*, as well as a *Knights Cemetery* which was located 9 miles north of Evergreen. There was an infant child buried in *Johnson Graveyard*, located 4 miles north of Evergreen. There is a possibility that this one has been discovered again in the last week, though there are no headstones present, at least with death records we have some type of documentation to prove interments on site.

Please call me at 251.578.2670 if you have information about any of these cemeteries mentioned above or others that could be located somewhere in the canebrakes of Conecuh County, as well as adjoining counties where your ancestors are buried.