

# Written In Stone

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## **Jay City Cemetery ~ Santa Rosa Co., FL ~ Part II**

Many piney woods pioneers settling early Santa Rosa Co., FL hailed from communities in the Fork of Sepulga River, and Duck Creek in Butler and Conecuh. They came via the Virginias, Carolinas and Georgia, braving hardships the like of which we'll never know thanks to their vision.

Studying the stones of those buried at Jay Cemetery show the many contributions they made in our communities, both here and there. Evidence of their vision show they adhered to an old proverb that states, 'where there is no vision, the people perish', for their vision surely paved the way for future generations of their families and ours.

Regarding the Dobbs family, they were natives of Butler and Conecuh Counties, with connections to the Etheridge, Hammond, Presley, Skain, & Varner families. Family Bible records, censuses, and obituaries show them in both counties, then on to join other family members and friends in Santa Rosa where they lived until their death, buried in Jay Cemetery. The same can be shown for Ashley G. Moore who married in 1894 Conecuh to Hinchey A. Boulware. They are on the 1900 census for Conecuh; 1910 for Pollard in Escambia County, and in subsequent years until their passing in Santa Rosa County FL, now resting in the Moore Family Plot at Jay Cemetery. Campbell, Cobb, Diamond, Forte, McKinley are just a few other family names with Conecuh connections. According to local historians and web facts, this cemetery is one of the richest in the region, due to oil royalties from the oil boom in the early 1970's. Monies are still being paid to many descendants of those buried in Jay Cemetery.