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Russell Cemetery ~ Part II

On the 1816-1860 map of Conecuh County compiled by historians and genealogists, land in and around the Russell Cemetery was occupied by family surnames like Kendrick, Piggotte, Gilmore, Cook, Morgan, Lane, Tisdale and Barfield, as well as Dean, McCrory, Grace, Fuller, Hanks and Sirmon. There were several families of each of these surnames, and many of them married into the family from others. Many of these earlier settlers to the Fork of Sepulga communities came from GA and the Carolinas before 1830, and some even earlier than that. According to the 1840 Census, there is an Abraham Russell family living near the John W. Morgan family; and Frederick J. Lane's family is living near the families of Samuel W. Cook and Drury Dean, Sr.

Burial records for those who remained in Conecuh County include the well-known cemeteries of Bethel West; Concord; Piggotte; and even Asbury as the final resting places for many of these family members. Those who are known to have remained, but no records of death to have been located could very well be buried in a cemetery such as *The Russell Cemetery* of which we discussed last week. We have several descendants of these family names working on this possibility, and hopefully, before too long, we will know more regarding the final resting places of their ancestors. The land on which *The Russell Cemetery* is located is still owned today by a descendant of the Lane family; and we're all working together to try to assemble information from Bible, death and census records to see if we can tie it all together. If you have information about any of the above-mentioned family surnames, give me a call at 251.578.2670 or email me at canebrakesociety@yahoo.com

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