

# Written In Stone

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## Reeves Cemetery

Assisting in the Fuller/Reeves Family research of lands occupied by Fuller families from 1837 thru 1862, the homesteads appear in township 8 north, range 11 east in sections 19, 29, 30, 31, and 32. In section 32 of the same, there is an old family cemetery known locally as the Reeves Cemetery. Only two headstones were recorded by Cemetery Committee volunteers in 1981, and these were the graves of James Reeves who was born 17 October 1815 and died 12 November 1875. His headstone reads, "Loved one, thou art gone, but not forgotten". Also located in the cemetery is the stone of M.A., wife of J.L. Fuller, who was born 28 May 1853 and died 4 April 1887—her tombstone reads "In thee, O Lord, I put my trust". There are perhaps more unmarked graves in this old family cemetery, long ago forgotten by descendant's no longer in residence in Conecuh.

According to family historians, the land is perhaps traced back to Ransom Fuller, who received it about 1858. There were supposedly two Fuller brothers who migrated to Alabama from NC and GA; one stayed in Conecuh, and the other moved on to TX. They were here as early as 1820, with land holdings in all of the above mentioned sections of NE Conecuh along the west and east forks of the Sepulga River. Samuel Fuller moved his family to Texas, and William Harrison Fuller remained in Alabama, settling his family along the Sepulga River forks. They are connected to the families of Kendrick, Callaway, Deans, Skinner, and Hawkins.

The Reeves family appears in early Butler County censuses, and Conecuh censuses, around the same general areas with the Fuller and allied families. Martha Reeves married James (J.L.) Fuller 3 December 1874 in Conecuh County. Section 29 of township 8, range 11 shows that the other families could have settled along what was known as the Old Claiborne Road—including Middleton Fuller who married Mahala Skinner, who was connected to the Kendrick families of the Fork of Sepulga community.

For more information, be sure to check the Archives section of your local library, located at 119 Cemetery Avenue in historic downtown Evergreen, Alabama. We are open Monday thru Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM and Saturdays 9 AM to Noon.