

SHUBUTA CEMETERY

LOCATED ON THE BANKS OF THE CHICKASAWHAY RIVER

SHUBUTA, MISSISSIPPI - ESTABLISHED 1860

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*I have broken down the cemetery into four parts and split these parts into sections. I have tried to write down exactly what was on the graves and headstones and sometime short descriptions of the area. Many of the older graves need attention and cleaning. Some have been repaired and I **DO NOT RECOMMEND** the individual that is doing it. He is sloppy and the cement he leaves on the tombstones take away from the beauty of them.

Part 1 is the oldest part of the cemetery. The oldest marked grave is the grave of Allie H. Dees, who was buried in November 1862. There are many unknown/unmarked graves in this area.

Part 2 is the area right of the front gate. Most of this area has fences and low cement walls marking off family plots.

Part 3 is the area in the middle of the cemetery. There are also fences and low cement walls marking off family plots.

Part 4 is the area directly to the left of the front gate and following fence line all the way to the back of the cemetery to the Memorial of the Confederate Dead.

Any information leading to identifying these graves will be helpful. If you know of someone that was buried in this cemetery but have no idea where, that information is also helpful. Contact me at jdmason@netpathway or PO Box 5, Shubuta, MS 39360

Part 1 (starting from the left corner by the river)

Unknown - small cement slab

Eva; infant daughter of Kerney C. and Eva F. Hall; born July 22, 1890-died Oct. 17, 1891
"Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal."

SPINKS: (enclosed in wrought iron fence.)

*This area is being up kept by Kathy Murry, a descendant of the Spinks family.

SPINKS: Our Mother: Laura Victoria Hand, wife of Dr. J. C. Spinks;
April 1840 - Oct 1922

SPINKS: Dr. J. C. Spinks;
born in Kemper County Co. Miss, Aug 26, 1832 - died at Shubuta, Miss, Dec. 24, 1910
"The faithful Physician, The devoted Christian, beloved of God and men."

John P. Spinks 1872 - 1926

SPINKS: Enoch Gilmore Spinks; Feb. 3, 1867 - Nov. 10, 1898

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Laura A. Anderson; Feb. 14, 1953 - Feb. 16, 1953

Allene G. Blair; Feb. 28, 1903 - Oct. 1, 1992

BLAIR: Thomas Dewey Blair; May 29, 1900 - June 16, 1986

James Lesley Blair; LT Col, US Army, WWII, Nov. 23, 1906 - July 30, 1983 (veterans marker)

Chesley A., son of R. & E. Songer; born Mar. 25, 1906 - died Sept. 3, 1906

"The rose may fade, the lily die, but flowers immortal bloom on high."

Hattie Bell Everitt Johnson, wife of Fred A. Johnson; Sept. 27, 1875 - Aug. 31, 1918

(enclosed in granite border)

Garner A. Johnson; SSGT US Army, WWII, Jan 17, 1911 - Oct. 15, 1979

J. W. Avery; Yates Btry Miss L. Arty, CSA (cement slab no writing with veterans marker)

Rachael McLeod Avera, wife of John West Avera; 1824 - 1906 (cement slab with small headstone)

Harold Sandusky; 1907 - 1909

Mamie Lee, daughter of J. J. & M. A. Jay; born Jan. 28, 1879 - died Feb. 2, 1892

aged 13 yrs, 5 dys (cement border around grave)

RAINWATER: (enclosed in wrought iron fence)

FATHER: John Edwin Rainwater; Nov. 26, 1855 - Dec. 15, 1925

Lucy Rebecca Rainwater; Nov. 22, 1861 - July 21, 1931

"Resting til the resurrection morn."

RAINWATER: (Woodmen of the World Memorial)

Fred H., son of J. E. & Lucy R. Rainwater; Oct 18, 1884 - Oct. 31, 1905

"The rose may fade, they lily die, but flowers immortal bloom on high.

A precious link is broken in our household band, but a chain is forming in a better land."

John E. Rainwater, Jr.; Dec. 31, 1886 - May 16, 1919

"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal" (Woodmen of the World Memorial)

3 unknown cement slabs *NOTEThe following graves are from information recieved by Juanita Rainwater Buckner who interviewed Mary Weems in 1979.

Thomas L. Hyde; Jan. 31, 1866 - Jul. 15, 1891 Died in Meridian but buried in unmarked grave in Shubuta cemetery. (Brother to Lucy Rebecca Rainwater)

Josephine Bingham Hyde; died Apr. 29, 1897 in Meridian and buried in Shubuta in an unmarked grave in the Rainwater area. (Sister to Lucy Rebecca Rainwater)

Jesse Gould Hyde; died May 30, 1908, and buried in unmarked grave in the Rainwater plot. (The father of Lucy Rebecca Rainwater)

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