CEMETERIES
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LITTLE - SWAIN Cemetery at MINDEN

These abandoned graves are located between Highways 95 and 1798 near Minden. They are in a pasture behind a locked gate. The gate is almost opposite the Maple Grove Church and cemetery. Only three markers were found. Copied 30 Dec. 1965. Some graves were reported to have been removed from this cemetery and taken to the LITTLE Cemetery at Wood Glen.

LITTLE, W.D. - 29 SEPT. 1808 - 4 July 1866
NICHOLS, Jo Anna, dau. of Aaron and J.N. - d 26 July 1894
BUCKANAN, Ann - 15 March 1858 - 28 Feb. 1890
One foot marker - "E.B.J." Headstone missing

JAMES LITTLE CEMETERY AT PATRICK

This abandoned cemetery was located on the CLINTON place at Patrick. James Little was said to have been buried here in about 1867, as was his son, George age 12. Ronnie Gregory reported this cemetery as located a few hundred yards east of Alvin Mansinger's home. In 1966 in the pasture, on a slight rise, there was found a number of sinks, the base of one tombstone, and a smaller broken stone that read:

LITTLE, Emily J. - 3 Oct. 1850 - 11 Sept. 1863

LITTLE CEMETERY AT WOOD GLEN

Located in the Wood Glen Community about one mile off Farm Road 840, near the home of Virgil LITTLE. It was copied 2 Jan. 1965, and additions made through 1960.

♀ RAINWATER, William C. - 1883 - 1944 "Daddy"
LITTLE, Walker, son of G.R. - 1910 - 1921
LITTLE, Sybil, dau. of G.R. - 1920 - 1921
♀ RAINWATER, B.M. - Company C Lane's Regiment CSA
LITTLE, Roy, Inf son of G.R. - 1911 - 1911
LITTLE, James Robert - 29 Aug. 1846 - 4 Aug. 1912 CSA
LITTLE, Mary C. (SWAIN) - 7 Oct. 1858 - 21 Dec. 1928 "Mother"
( one unmarked grave- footmarker"A.J.L. " - another "T.M.L."

WELCH, Jesse P. - 1875 - 1945
WELCH, Emily J. (ane) - 1874 ---
WELCH, Daisy M. dau of J.P. & Emily Jane WELCH - 8 Sept. 1905 - 14 July 1907
Begin second row to east:
LITTLE, Daisy Belle, dau of J.R. & M.C. - 13 Nov. 1888-
( illegible- stone broken and death date missing)
LITTLE, Nora Jane, dau of J.R. & M.C. - 7 Oct. 1901 - 11 Apr. 1902
LITTLE, John S., son of J.R. & M.C. - 31 Aug. 1886 - 22 Aug. 1899
LITTLE, Arthur B.L. - son of J.R. & M.C. - 28 June 1897 - 3 Sept. 1897
ZION HILL CEMETERY

Zion Hill Cemetery is located across the road from the Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church. (Organized August 1868) It is approximately eleven miles southeast of Henderson, between Farm Road 840 and the old Nacogdoches Highway. It is on the John Ferguson Headright.

The first person known to have been buried there was Dr. John Ferguson, who died 28 December 1853, according to Probate Records in the Rusk County Courthouse. His grave is unmarked and lost. His son, Augustus Ferguson donated the land for the oldest part of the cemetery. At one time crape myrtle bushes marked the Ferguson graves. Several graves of Ferguson slaves are also said to be buried here near the west fence line.

The oldest death date on a marked grave is 1878. The earliest birth date is that of Frances Rowell, died 1884, aged 88. (Born 1796)

In 1959, my mother and I copied the inscriptions. In 1977, Kay Farley helped me bring the inscriptions up to date. Some graves marked only with funeral home markers in 1959 have since disappeared.

For many years, Misses Alice and Zonie Harkness cared for the cemetery. Before they moved away, they accompanied me to the cemetery and showed me the location of several unmarked graves. Some were:

HARKNESS, Lacy Ann Kelly (their mother)
HARKNESS, Mattie
HUTCHINS, Nolie Harkness & baby
HARKNESS, Donie Baggett
HARKNESS, Jesse and four of his children
WELCH, Mary, dau. of Ben
FERGUSON, Velona Turner, wife of Augustus Ferguson
KNIGHT, Claude, died at age 13
BARTON, child
CROW, several children
JONES, Anna Buckner
JONES, Appleone- (3 Sept. 1885 - 6 Aug. 1927)
WILBANKS, Mrs. Laura - d. Oct. 1914 (mother of Olive Welch)
(This grave was later marked)
WHITLEY, Mr.
BUCKNER, Julius

At one time the Phillip Griffith family kept paupers for the county, and some of these people are also said to be buried here in unmarked graves.

Inscriptions are included through December 1980.
Zion Hill Cemetery, Continued:

HUDGINS, Edward L. - 26 February 1881- 11 June 1956
HUDGINS, Emma E. (JONES), wife of Edward L. - 21 June 1883- 12 January 1970
GOODWIN, William J. - 25 July 1869- 4 December 1943
GOODWIN, Mary Ollie (JONES), wife of William J. - 18 June 1877- 30 July 1943
JONES, Homer C. - 6 February 1887- 6 December 1961
JONES, Susan Jane (Griffith), wife of Homer C. 15 April 1888- 25 November 1922
HOLLEMAN, James R. - 14 November 1856- 16 December 1935
HOLLEMAN, Mrs. Virginia - 28 December 1863- 27 September 1917
WELCH, Larissa (McKINNIGHT) 2 April 1821- 2 April 1891
WELCH, J.A.H. 1844-1928
WELCH, Josephine (LEWIS), wife of J.A.H. - d. 9 April 1889
BARKSDALE, Celia, wife of G.B. - 29 April 1810- 24 Dec. 1883
HOLLEMAN, Effie Lena - 28 March 1887 - 9 June 1889
GRiffith, Lela R., dau. of P.F. & A.E. - 1 Aug. 1869-1 Apr. 1881
KNIGHT, Lenora (GOTHARD), wife of J.R. - 14 August 1865- 14 June 1898
KNIGHT, James Robert, 30 July 1871- 4 July 1962 (unmarked)
GRiffith, NOah B.2 May 1857- 15 March 1892
GRiffith, N.J., wife of A.G. - 1 January 1831- 7 May 1903
ROUSSEAU, Edna Travis, dau. of L.V. & Estella - 1904
GRiffith, Fannie M.R. (RAINWATER), wife of L.V. - 28 December 1867- 4 March 1900
ROUSSEAU, Willie Opal - 12 October 1898- 14 March 1900
BIRDWELL, Andrew T., son of G.T. & S.E. - 1 April 1888- 25 June 1889
HARRELL, Infant of E.A. - 5 September 1890
ROWELL, Frances, wife of Jonathan - Died --April 1884, Aged 88 Years.
HARRELL, Gladys - 11 September 1890- 4 September 1897
NELSON, William - 2 June 1831- 24 July 1897
NELSON, Emily (ROWELL), wife of William - 26 November 1832- 6 August 1912
HARRELL, George B. - 24 September 1902- 14 December 1974
HARRELL, Nannie R. (Mims) wife of George B. - 11 Dec. 1897 (living)
HARRELL, J.M. - 22 February 1861- 14 January 1914
HARRELL, Emma Ann (DEASON), wife of J.M. - 7 January 1866- 1 June 1954
GRiffith, Mabel Clara (HARRell) - 25 April 1888-1 June 1962
GRiffith, Henry Clyde, son of E.E. & M.C. - 25 March 1911- 24 July 1924
GRiffith, Eddie E. III - 16 July 1959- 4 January 1960
HALL, Mozelle, dau. of L.D. & E.M. - 5 January 1918- 2 Aug. 1922
HALL, Esther M. (HARRELL), wife of L.D. - 31 October 1894- 27 August 1922
DENTON, L.D. (PAT) - 20 April 1896- 10 Dec. 1974
DENTON, Mable E. HALL, wife of L.D. - 7 June 1916-26 Feb.1979
WILSON, Ardis HARRELL - 7 January 1899-23 April 1977
WILSON, Fred - 8 Nov. 1897- 3 Sept. 1978

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SHILOH CEMETERY

Located southeast of Minden, just off Highway 315. The gateway sign states that this cemetery was established in 1853. It is a very large, well-kept cemetery, with a Baptist Church nearby. Copied 26 Feb. 1963.

BEARDEN, Sammie Delores - 14 June 1937 - 6 Mar 1948
BEARDEN, R.B. - 1870 - 1951 "Father" Mason
BEARDEN, Masie - 1876 - 1958 "Mother"
BEARDEN, SAM H. - 23 Sept. 1895 - 25 Nov. 1922
WILLIAMS, Kitty WOOD - 2 Nov. 1871 - 9 Apr. 1958
WILLIAMS, Robert W. - 4 Dec. 1856 - 15 May 1940
PINKERTON, T. Frank - 8 Sept. 1873 - 1 Aug. 1954
PINKERTON, Linnie J. - 18 Sept. 1875 - 9 Dec. 1956
PINKERTON, Harvey - Tex Pvt. 33 U.S. Inf - 3 Apr. 1937
WALLACE, Pannie - 4 Mar 1885 - 26 Aug. 1940
WALLACE, Edgar L. - 1889 - 1963 "Our Daddy"
MITCHELL, Herman L. - 5 May 1887 - 4 Aug. 1954
MITCHELL, Willie G. - 22 July 1896 ---
McCORMACK, Maggie WALLACE - 17 June 1895 - 6 Dec. 1929
WALLACE, Amanda V. - 27 Sept. 1869 - 6 Feb. 1940
WALLACE, M.A. - 26 Mar 1852 - 27 Oct. 1927
WALLACE, Jesse J. - 27 Mar 1903 - 27 Aug. 1921
JENKINS, Robert Lee - 21 Mar. 1875 - 26 Mar 1875
JENKINS, Sidney J. - 15 Oct. 1861 - 21 Nov. 1917
JENKINS, Mary J. - 10 Apr. 1845 - 17 Mar 1918
WALLACE, Pearl - 31 Oct. 1884 - 7 July 1961
WALLACE, P.B. 27 Aug. 1847 - 11 Aug. 1916 "Papa"
WALLACE, Sallie F., wife of P.B. - 14 May 1855 - 25 Jan. 1917
WALLACE, Margaret E., wife of J.A. - 27 Sept. 179-- 18 Nov. 1886 "Mother"
WALLACE, Flora A., wife of A.W. - 24 Nov. 1861 - 26 July 1884
WALLACE, Evie, dau of P.B. & S.F. - 2 Aug. 1888 - 1 Dec. 1890
WALLACE, Eliza, wife of J.A. - 20 Nov. 1816 - 27 Oct. 1880
WALLACE, James Adams - 10 Dec. 1818 - 4 Nov. 1895
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BEARDEN, Robert Alton - 20 Feb. 1905 - 9 July 1915
BEARDEN, Gertie A., dau of R.B. & M.A. - 1 Sept. 1897 - 3 Jan. 1899
BEARDEN, Inf son of R.B. & M.A. - 10 Feb. 1900 - 10 Mar. 1900
PHILLIPS, Sallie - 1856 - 1921
BARTLETT, DANIEL - 2 Nov. 1813 - 10 Dec. 1880 - Mason
TURNER, John H. - son of H.G. & E.V. - 22 Apr 1857 - 7 Mar 1871
POOVEY, Achesah, wife of D.M. - 28 May 1830 - 6 June 1904
POOVEY, D.M. - 31 Mar. 1844 - 26 July 1921
McCord, Inf of R.T. & M.A. - b & d 23 May 1898
WALLACE, Aaron Wood - 14 May 1857 - 6 Oct. 1947
WALLACE, Sarah Ellen - 2 Oct. 1869 - 17 Aug. 1940
WALLACE, John W., son of A.W. & S.E. - 23 Aug. 1888 - 26 July 1889
Shiloh Cemetery, continued:

TURNER, Laura Belle - 7 July 1893
TURNER, William J. (M.D.) - 13 Oct. 1882 - 23 Feb. 1956
TURNER, Jesse H. - 28 June 1858 - 2 Nov. 1936
TURNER, Clara - 16 Mar. 1866 - 1 Apr. '14
TURNER, George Orren - 5 July 1895 - 5 March 1964

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WALLACE, Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth, d 9 Sept. 1952, age 71-7-23
(Cason-Monk Funeral Home, Nacogdoches, Tex)

WALLACE, T.S. - 4 Nov. 1821 - 1 Mar 1886
WALLACE, Clara Belle - 15 Oct. 1892 - 5 July 1893
WALLACE, Joe - 27 Oct. 1897 - 10 Nov. 1897 "Children of
A.B. & Julia A. WALLACE"

WALLACE, Mae - 20 Feb. 1881 - 15 Nov. 1903
WALLACE, Hope Roy - 18 June 1894 - 5 Aug. 1900
"Children of A.B. & Julia A. Wallace"

WALLACE, A.B. - 3 Feb. 1853 - 21 Oct. 1917
WALLACE, Julia A. - 18 Nov. 1859 - 28 Aug. 1934

PARKER, Purtine, wife of R.F. - 14 Feb. 1816 - 13 Jan. 1894
PARKER, R.F. - 21 Oct. 1812 - 8 Jan. 1894

PIERCE, Nancy J. - 29 Apr. 1808 - 21 Feb. 1889

GRIFFIN, Robert L. - 11 Aug. 1870 - 11 Nov. 1943
GRIFFIN, Joe - 22 Apr. 1913 - 14 Feb. 1926

GRIFFIN, Leila BOYNTON - 29 Aug. 1874 - 18 June 1924
SMITH, Amanda, wife of W.D. - 28 July 1855 - 16 Sept. 1923
SMITH, W.D. - 1 Sept. 1843 - 14 Sept. 1918

HUGHES, R.E. - 1879 - 1959
KIRK, S.G. - 22 Nov. 1868 - 21 Dec. 1935

THREADGILL, Delmar R. - 22 Nov. 1919 - 25 July 1950
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RAINWATER, Evelyn - 20 May 1923 - 18 Mar 1937 (New London Exp.)
RAINWATER, Helen - 5 July 1925 - 18 Mar 1937 (New London Exp.)
RAINWATER, Aubra - 10 Apr 1921 - 18 Mar. 1937 (New London Exp.)

LITTLE, Glenn E. - 4 Aug. 1916 - 25 Feb. 1940
RUSSELL, Thomas G. - 1 Sept. 1927 - 6 June 1944
RUSSELL, William B. - 26 July 1906 - 24 Nov. 1954

HARVEY, Curtis J. - 17 Dec. 1912 - 18 Aug. 1944
(one unmarked)

MORELAND, Elsie M. - 1925 - 1958 (A. Crim Funeral Home)
FRYMAN, William Curtis = 20 Apr 1902 - 18 Feb. 1963
(two unmarked)

WINFREY, Solon I. - 1861 - 1946
WINFREY, Maud - 1890 - 1974 (obit)

TURNER, Robert Ector - 28 Aug. 1880 - 4 July 1953
GAGE, John M. - 5 Apr. 1883 - 4 Aug. 1945
CLINTON, John Allison - 3 Sept. 1859 - 19 Apr. 1944

KENT, William W. - 4 Sept. 1870 - 4 Feb. 1945
KENT, Ida - 22 Sept. 1870 - 20 Jan. 1940

MIZE, Goodwyn Parker - 1869 - 1932
PARKER, Ed. William A. (Sr) - 23 Sept. 1848 - 23 Jan. 1914
PARKER, Sue WILLIAMSON - 1848 - 1923

PARKER, Eula M. - 1873 - 1964