

TILLMAN PATTERSON BETTIS CEMETERY

Visited June 26, 1970. This small cemetery is one of the last small family plots remaining in the City of Memphis. It is located across the street from 56 N. Angelus, immediately adjacent to and east of the Montesi Supermarket, 1620 Madison Avenue. The oldest known marked burial in Shelby County is here. The cemetery has been almost destroyed. Four monuments shown below remain:

A large monument inscribed on two sides:

(Tillman P. Bettis
 (Born Oct. 6, 1788
 (Died Feb. 6, 1854
 (
 (Erected by W.T.,
 (T.C., S.A., A.C.
 (J.C. and N.A. Bettis,
 (Sons, &
 (A.L. Harkleroad,
 (M.J. Pitman,
 (S.C. Horne,
 (E.W. Yarbrough and
 (V.C. Craft, Daughters,
 (of T.P. Bettis
 (
 (Sally Bettis
 (First Wife of T.P. Bettis
 (Born Dec. 23, 1784
 (Died June 19, 1826

Three large slab graves for:

Daniel Harkleroad
 Born January 15, 1803;
 Died April 5, 1845.

 Drury Lyon Bettis
 Born August 21st 1814,
 Died April 9th 1854.

 Mrs. Margaret Harper
 Died June 5th 1855
 in the 69th year of her age
 (She was Margaret Grafton Harper,
 mother of Jane Harper Bettis.)

Family records and newspaper articles contain inscriptions from five other small headstones that have now vanished:

Tillman P. Bettis Born Oct. 6, 1788 Died Feb. 6, 1854	Martha Bettis Born April 30, 1822 Died August 3, 1839	Thomas A. Bettis Son of T.C. & A.J. Bettis Born July 10, 1845 (or E.J.?) Died Aug. 18, 1846 (or Aug. 1?)
Mary Matilda Horne Born March 4, 1854 Died August 26, 1854	Samuel D. Bettis Born April 9, 1828 Died November 23, 1841	

The will of Tillman Bettis (Shelby County WB 2, p. 319) states that he married twice and lists the surviving children of each marriage. Two other children, one of each marriage, died before the will was written on 19 Aug. 1852. His two wives and sixteen children are shown below. The will of Mrs. Sarah Bettis, dated 31 July 1860 (Shelby County WB 3, p. 255) names six Bettis children and two children of her previous marriage: a son, Daniel H. Griffing, and a daughter, Helen, who had married _____ Palmer and had a daughter, Margaret.

Tillman Patterson Bettis	m-1	Sarah "Sally" Carr
Issue:		
1. William Talbot Bettis, 1810	m	Sarah Pierce (called Wiseman?)
2. Ann L. Bettis, 1811	m	Daniel Harkleroad
3. Drury Lyon Bettis, 1814		
4. Salina Bettis, 1816	m	Albert G. Blackemore
5. Lucy L. Bettis, 1818	m	Charles F. King
6. Mary Jane Bettis, 1819	m	William Pittman
7. Martha Bettis, 1822		
8. Tillman Carr Bettis, 1824	m	Jane Harper
9. Sarah Carr Bettis, 1826	m	Simeon Horne

Tillman Patterson Bettis

m-2 Mrs. Sarah "Sally" Harkleroad Griffing

Issue: 10.	Samuel G.D. Bettis, 1828			
11.	Shelby Alexander Bettis, 1829	m		Phada J. Womack
12.	Elizabeth "Betsy" Miller (Emma W.?) Bettis, 1831		m	Seth G. Yarbrough
13.	Anderson Carr Bettis, 1833		m	Fannie M. Pryor
14.	John Claiborne Bettis, 1835		m	Martha Miller
15.	Nathaniel Anderson Bettis, 1837		m	Theo Pulliam
16.	Virginia Caroline Bettis, 1840		m	Robert K. Craft

For other information about this family, its ancestors and descendants, refer to First Families of Shelby County, compiled by Mrs. Ruth Wyckoff Hunt, P.O. Box 4765, Memphis, Tennessee 38104.

The 1850 Census, Shelby County, 5th Civil Dist., Sept. 18, 1850, p. 88-R, shows:

147/147	Bettis, Shelby	28	m	Farmer		Tenn.
	Brooks, Jos. (Jas.?)	35	m	Pealur(?)		Con(n.)
	Leah, Alex	50	m	"		"
	Bettis, Jane	19	f			Va.
152/152	Bettis, Tilman	25	m	Carpenter	\$1500	Tenn.
	Jane	27	f			Ala.
	Josephine	3	f			Tenn.

In the 10th Civil District, Nov. 27, 1850, Page 174-L, were:

1380/1380	Bettis, Wm. T.	40	m	Farmer	\$1700	Tenn.
	Sarah	39	f			Tenn.
	Mary	15	f			Tenn.
	Salina	13	f			Tenn. In school
	Tilman	11	m			Tenn. In school

PULLIAM FAMILY CEMETERY

Visited June 28, 1970. This cemetery may be located by leaving Interstate 40 at the WMC Road exit. Go north about a half mile to the Charles Bryan Road. The stones are about 200 yards behind the home of Clinton R. Pearson, 2022 Charles Bryan Road. The cemetery was heavily overgrown. The following three headstones were widely spaced, but no traces of other graves or stones were seen.

(At rest	Infant daughter of
(G.R. & L.J. Green,
(Elijah Pulliam	Born & Died
(Born Oct. 5, 1799	Nov. 20, 1854.
(Died Nov. 5, 1884	
(Loose footstone: E.P.	In memory of
(G.W. Cobb
(Pamela N.	Departed this life
(Wife of Elijah Pulliam	May 29th A.D. 1835.
(Born May 14, 1812	Aged 25 years.
(Died Feb. 9, 1892	(There was a matching, plain
(footstone with this headstone.)
(Religion filled their souls with peace,	
(Upon a dying bed;	
(Let faith look up, let sorrow cease,	
(They live with Christ o'er head.	