

SCHOOLFIELD FAMILY CEMETERY

The compilers visited the former site of this cemetery in January, 1970, and found the caskets had been removed. This homelace cemetery had been located on the north side of St. Elmo Road, near Schoolfield Road in the Frayser area of Memphis. All that remained was part of a wrought-iron fence about an area approximately 25 feet in length on each side. On October 10-11, 1962, ten removals were made from the family cemetery to Memorial Park, 5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, Greenview Section, Lot 313, No. 4, and all of Lot 314. The inscriptions shown below were taken from the new bronze plaques in Memorial Park. The fate of the original tombstones is not known.

Information about the property was provided by Mrs. Aaron Tullis Schoolfield, nee Laura Brock, a widow since May 13, 1961, Mrs. Horace P. Colby, nee Anna Schoolfield, and her son, Horace S. Colby, all of Memphis. The old Schoolfield home was located at 2802 St. Elmo Road, west of Schoolfield Road, and was occupied by a Mr. Holland in 1970. Approximately 500 acres had belonged to the Ben L. Schoolfield family and was sold, ca. 1961, to the City of Memphis which developed the property as Davey Crockett Municipal Park, 4380 Range Line Road. The Schoolfield United Methodist Church on Dellwood was named for this family.

John Weaver Schoolfield Sept. 21, 1798 June 5, 1878	James Sheffey Schoolfield Dec. 28, 1849 Sept. 5, 1935	Howell Branch Schoolfield July 22, 1885 Aug. 15, 1907
Frances Anna Schoolfield Mar. 4, 1809 Feb. 14, 1897	Henrietta Branch Schoolfield June 16, 1858 Oct. 10, 1911	( Humphrey Schoolfield ( 1886 - 1888 ( ( Infant Girl Schoolfield ( 1881
Cassandra Thurman Schoolfield Feb. 20, 1842 Dec. 22, 1916	John William Schoolfield June 16, 1882 Aug. 6, 1896	Dr. Ben L. Schoolfield July 26, 1888 March 6, 1958

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The church moved following a fire in 1926. Prior to March 1956, the unkept cemetery had become unsightly. The Memphis Press-Scimitar of 26 Mar. 1956, reported the cleaning and fencing of the cemetery.

Shelby Co., Tenn., marriage records show #1540, Bk. I, p. 153: Charles L. Simmons and Margaret A. Roach, married 15 Feb. 1844, by Rev. H.B. Ramsey, John M. Lane, Sec.

The Commercial Appeal, 27 Jan. 1918: Obituary of Robert H. Prescott who died 25 Jan. 1918. He had served as a defense attorney for 30 years, and a memorial service was attended by some 200 members of the Shelby Bar. His boyhood home was near the cemetery.

Mrs. Eugene Masserano, 4406 Greenmount, Memphis, told compilers she is a granddaughter of Calvin A. McClung, and also confirmed the old name of this cemetery as being Ridgehigh Cemetery. She has a copy of a McClung genealogy published about 1900. She said Calvin A. McClung had (at least) three brothers: John and James McClung were killed in the Civil War and were buried at Old Hepzibah Cemetery (spelling?), 13 miles south of Ripley, Mississippi; while Joe McClung went to California and died there. Calvin A. McClung had a daughter who married \_\_\_\_\_ Adams and is buried in Ridgehigh Cemetery without a marker. Two sons of Calvin A. McClung are buried in Shelby Forest Baptist Church Cemetery (See Page 132): they were Elijah McClung (married Arah Davis); and John McClung (married Mollie McBride). The latter has no marker there.