

OLD MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY

Visited December 2, 1972. This small, heavily-overgrown cemetery is located behind the present Hill Chapel M.B. Church at the corner of Macon and Charles Bryan Roads. A plaque on the building states the present church was "Organized 1860, Rebuilt 1962." Most of the twelve stones found had fallen from their bases and were buried under several inches of leaf mold and debris. There appeared to be several unmarked graves. The compilers were told by a local resident that a Mr. Orr of Orr's Corner had offered \$100 for discovery of his mother's grave and tombstone in the cemetery.

A.A. Brewer  
Born Jan. 10, 1870  
Died Feb. 28, 1908  
At Rest  
Footstone: A.A.B.

Wineford Nelson  
Consort of J.L. Dickey  
Aged 3 (?) Years  
(Mnt. by) J. White  
Memphis

In Memory of  
Benjamin Robins  
Who died on the  
10th of Oct. A.D. 1841  
Aged 56 years.

Virginia L.  
Wife of Ed. W. Champlin  
Born Aug. 9, 1867  
Died Apr. 1, 1899  
Erected by Holly Grove  
Woodmen Circle,  
Memphis, Tenn.  
Footstone: plain  
(Four-piece monument)

(Large monument on its side. Deep, rectangular block cut away at first age number. Remaining number could have been either "8" or "6".)

In Memory of  
Julian Robins  
Born Feb. 9th A.D. 1802  
Died Decr. 9th A.D. 1846  
Aged 45 years.

In Memory of  
Mary Ann  
Wife of Hezekiah Cobb  
Daughter of  
Benj. & Julia Ann Robins  
Who departed this life  
June 8th, 1849  
Aged 28 years.  
She was the widdow (sic)  
of C.S. Hatcher.  
Footstone: M.A.C.

James T. Dickey  
Dec. 27, 1860  
Aug. 18, 1906  
Footstone: J.T.D.

In Memory of  
Sarah Ann  
Daughter of  
W.J. & M.E. Robins  
Born Feb. 13th 1844  
Died Jan. 23rd 1845

Mem \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert \_\_\_\_\_  
Son of H. & Mary \_\_\_\_\_ Cobb  
Who departed this \_\_\_\_\_  
July 7th 1849  
Aged 1 year.  
(Part of stone's base and  
fragment of top. Under-  
lined area gone or uncertain)

In Memory of  
Charles S. Hatcher  
A native of Virginia  
Who departed this life  
Sept. 17th 1842  
Aged 37 years.

Gillian  
Wife of R.E. Yates  
Born Dec. 26, 1869  
Died May 22, 1894  
Footstone: Gillian

Wm. Benj. Mary Julia  
Children of  
A.J. & C.V. Matlock  
(No dates)  
They ope'd at morn  
They closed at even  
Too fair for earth  
They'l bloom in Heaven.  
(Mnt. by) Carlin & Hill  
1852  
(Broken stone showing two  
children asleep, head to  
head.)

Obituary, The Commercial Appeal, Apr. 4, 1899: L. Virgie Dickey Champlin, wife of Edwin Champlin, died Apr. 1, 1899, at Springer, New Mexico. The funeral notice in same paper of Apr. 5, 1899: Funeral ... from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, 206 Bass Ave., Memphis ...

The address of 206 Bass became 1030 Bass per the 1905 City Directory, and later was 1030 Jefferson Ave. It was the residence of Clarence Nelson who operated a dairy. Mrs. Ruth Wyckoff Hunt, in compiling First Families of Shelby County, obtained the following data: The Nelson Family Bible shows Clarence Nelson was the son of John and Laura (Winchester) Nelson. His sister, Mary Etta Nelson, married Geo. Champlin of Texas.

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Shelby Co., Tenn., marriage records show Bond 1179: Charles S. Hatcher and Mary A. Robbins, married 6 Sept. 1838, by J.C. Foster, J.P., Wm. Marsh, Security; and

Bond 1560: Hezekiah Cobb and Mary Ann Hatcher, 22 Nov. 1845. John W. Fuller, Security; and

Bond 2336: Hezekiah Cobb and Lucy A. Halley, married 20 Nov. 1849, by R. Corbitt, M.G. James Rose, Security.

The 1830 Census of Shelby Co., Tenn., P. 16, Line 3, shows H. Cobb - 1 WM under 5, 1 WM 20-30, 1 WF 20-30, 3 slaves. Total - 7 (6?). The 1840 Census, P. 202, Line 20, shows: Hezh. Cobb - 1 WM under 5, 1 WM 30-40, 1 WF 20-30. Total - 3.

The 1850 Census, Shelby Co., Tenn., 1st Ward, City of Memphis, P. 1-R, 13 Aug. 1850: 3/3 Cobb, Hezekiah 46-M-Saw Mill-\$3500-S.C.; Lucy M. 23-F-Va.; Henry 9-M-Tenn.; Nancy 3-F-Tenn.; Hatcher, Julia 8-F-\$200-Tenn.; and Mary 6-F-\$200-Tenn.

Shelby Co., Tenn., marriage records show: Bond 984: James L. Dickey and Winnie Nelson, 23 Nov. 1837, by John Kesterson, M.G., Jacob B. Chism, Sec.; and

Bond No. 2546: James L. Dickey and Louisa R. Trice, 20 Nov. 1850, by Henry T. Jones, Robt. L. Smith, Sec.

The 1850 Census, Shelby Co., Tenn., 7th Civil District, P. 148-L, 5 Nov. 1850, shows the following adjacent households:

1023/1023 Wallace, Richd. 40-M-Farmer-\$1500-Va.; Winnaford 31-F-Va.; Lucy 4-F-Tenn.; Elijah 2-M-Tenn.; and Trice, Elizabeth 67-F-Va.

1024/1024 Dickey, Jas. L. 33-M-Carpenter-\$1800-S.C.; Chas. 11-M-Tenn.; Saml. 9-M-Tenn.; Mary 7-F-Tenn.; Alice 5-F-Tenn.; Ader 2-F-Tenn.; Gay, John C. 28-M-Farmer - N.C.; Mercer, Jas. D. 24-M-Carpenter-Ky.; Dickey, John 19-M-Carpenter-Ky.; Dorsey, John 43-M-Carpenter-Pa.; and, at the end - Dickey, Winneford 32-F-N.C. (Note: Does the last entry represent Winnie Nelson to whom he was married in 1837? He married again 20 Nov. 1850, only 15 days after census was taken. Does this indicate Winnie Nelson Dickey died between June 1, 1850, the date of record for the 1850 census, and Nov. 5, 1850, when this household was visited by the censustaker?)

The 1860 Census, Shelby Co., Tenn., 7th Civil District, P. 330-R, 19 Sept. 1860: 1409/1505 Dickey, James L. 48-M-Farmer-\$3000/\$1500-S.C.; Louisa 32-F-Ala.; Samuel 19-M-Tenn.; Alice 14-F-Tenn.; Ada 12-F-Tenn.; Bettie 6-F-Tenn.; Emma 4-F-Tenn.; James 3-M-Tenn.; and Ena 5/12-F-Tenn.

Shelby Co., Tenn., marriage records show Bond 2642, 8 Oct. 1850, to A.J. Matlock and Caroline N. Robins. No return. Security: W.H. Allen.

The 1830 Census, Shelby Co., Tenn., P. 14, Line 9, shows B. Robbins 1 WM under 5, 1 WM 5-10, 1 WM 40-50, 1 WM 60-70, 1 WF under 5, 2 WF 5-10, 1 WF 20-30, 4 slaves - Total 12. The 1840 census shows, P. 228, Line 14: Benj. Robbins 3 WM under 5, 1 WM 10-15, 1 WM 15-20, 1 WM 30-40, 1 WM 50-60, 2 WF 5-10, 1 WF 10-15, 2 WF 15-20, 1 WF 30-40, 17 slaves. Total - 30.

Shelby Co., Tenn., marriage records show Bond 1521, 10 Jan. 1843, issued to Wm. J. Rolins (Robins?) and Mary Elizabeth Massey. Security: Hez. F. Hamner.

The 1850 census, Shelby Co., Tenn., 7th Civil District, P. 145-R, 2 Nov. 1850: 791/791 Robins, Wm. J. 29-M-Farmer-\$2000-Tenn.; Mary 23-F-Ala.; Benj. 3-M-Tenn.; Alonzo 2-M-Tenn.; Louisa 4/12-F-Tenn.; Joseph 12-M-Tenn.; and Jones, Hosea 20-M-Overseer-N.C.

The 1860 census, Shelby Co., Tenn., 7th Civil District, P. 332-L, 20 Sept. 1860: 1429/1526 Robbins, Mary E. 39-F-\$0/\$4000-Tenn.; Benjamin 17-M-Tenn.; Alonzo 13-M-Tenn.; Louisa 12-F-Tenn.; William 10-M-Tenn.; and Edward 8-M-Tenn.