

### THE JOHN RALSTON FAMILY CEMETERY

Visited December 8, 1973. This cemetery was located near the home of Mrs. George Boykin, 3125 Ward Road, approximately 1/2 mile west of Millington Road, south of Millington, Tennessee. The home is located about 300 yards south of Ward Road. The stone with the inscription shown below was approximately 200 yards west of the home in a pasture. A large stone base was nearby. Another stone base was located about 50 feet from Ward Road, approximately halfway between the inscribed stone and the home, but no headstone could be found. Mrs. Boykin told compilers their property deed made reference to a land grant to John Ralston who was an early surveyor.

Sacred to the memory of  
John Ralston  
Died Nov. 23, 1865,  
Aged 78 years,  
One of the pioneers of Shelby Co.  
(Mnt. by) F.C. Venn, Memphis

The Commercial Appeal, News of Bygone Days, 125 years ago, March 11, 1850: "I have 160 1/2 acres in Shelby County on Big Creek 12 miles from Memphis, lying west of and adjoining S.S. Rembert's place. Also 1,297 acres west of Big Creek about 12 miles from Memphis. Apply to the subscriber who lives near the land. John Ralston."

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### THE CHAMBERLAYNE JONES FAMILY CEMETERY

This cemetery was visited and inscriptions copied on December 8, 1973. The cemetery is located on the grounds of the Naval Air Station, Millington, Tennessee. It is on a small hill near the northwest corner of the base, approximately 1 and 1/4 miles north of the airfield tower. The compilers were granted permission to go on the property to copy the cemetery inscriptions, and were led to the general area by a Navy Police car. The nearest approach to the cemetery by hard-topped road appeared to be about one mile, and the compilers were preparing to start the walk when another Navy vehicle appeared. The compilers were then escorted and transported to and from the cemetery site by extremely courteous Navy personnel. The cemetery has been fenced in an approximate 30X30 foot square. It is approached by an old sunken dirt road from the east. A set of wooden steps climbs the bank of the road, and the cemetery gate opens a few feet to the south of the old road. The headstones face the east. The graves are covered with a smooth concrete type material made into sections approximately 2 1/2 feet in width and length, and about 6 inches high at a center apex which extends along the lengths of the graves. A rough map is on page 16.

## THE CHAMBERLAYNE JONES FAMILY CEMETERY, continued

- #1. Headstone: Caesar A.  
Footstone: Empty base
- #2. Headstone: Mary Indiana Boyce  
Footstone: Empty base
- #3. Headstone: Achilles  
Footstone: Empty base
- #4. Headstone: Berthier  
Footstone: Broken
- #5. Headstone: Catharine Greenhill  
Born Nov. 9, 1790  
Died Aug. 22, 1866  
Footstone: C.G.
- #6. Headstone: Father  
J.W. Shipp  
Born July 10, 1827  
Died Sept. 16, 1899  
Footstone: Broken
- #7. Headstone: Chamberlayne Jones  
Born April 26, 1809,  
Died Jan. 18, 1869  
I Yield.  
Footstone: Empty base
- #8. Headstone: Mother  
Ann Jones Shipp  
Born Nov. 19, 1821  
Died Oct. 18, 1896  
Footstone: A.J.S.
- #9. Headstone: Wm. Williams  
Footstone: Empty base
- #10. Tall monument inscribed  
on three sides:
- (a) (Sacred to the memory  
(Of the children of  
(Gnl. Chamberlayne and  
(Ann Jones of Amelia  
(County, Virginia  
(Who were (parents of  
(  
(Ann Eliza, Lafayette,  
(Berthier, Chamberlayne,  
(Caesar A., Cornelius T.,  
(Achilles, Sarah W.,  
(and Mary Indiana  
(  
(The first settlers of  
(this place in 1829  
(
- (b) (Buried here are  
(Berthier Jones  
(Born March 16th 1837  
(and Died April 30th 1837  
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(Caesar Augustus Jones  
(Born 29 February 1812  
(Died 8 December 1849  
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- (c) (Achilles Jones  
(Born May the 1st 1817  
(Died 6 September 1841  
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(Mary Indiana Boyce  
(Born March the 18th 1827  
(Died October 9th 1842  
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(Mnt. by) D. Nevin.  
Louisville, Ky.

For other information about this family see Pages 269 and 305 of our Volume II. Also see Pages 67 and 68 of Ruth Wyckoff Hunt's RALEIGH SESQUICENTENNIAL SCRAPBOOK, 1823-1973

Goodspeed's HISTORY OF TENNESSEE WITH SKETCHES OF SHELBY COUNTY, Page 1039, contains the following: "Chamberlayne Jones (deceased) was born in Virginia, and in 1827 came to Shelby County, Tenn., where he made his home and became a very extensive land owner. In 1853 he married Mrs. Ann (Smith) Lewelling, a

