

TURNER PERSON FAMILY CEMETERY

Visited December 1, 1973. Searching on the basis of the clues suggested in the history of Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church, the compilers visited the corner of Pleasant Ridge Road and Covington Pike to see if "the pile of tombstones" described in 1928 might still be in existence. The Store and Gas Station at that corner appeared to be a likely source of information, and Tim Freeman, the young son of the owners, thought for a while about the question of a small graveyard in the vicinity, and then remembered a rabbit hunt of a few years ago. He led the compilers to a densely overgrown thicket in the middle of a cotton field, and worked for two hours to cut and pull away the vines, limbs, trees, and several inches of dirt of a multi-year accumulation. This cemetery is located about 200 yards south of Pleasant Ridge Road, 0.4 mile east of Covington Pike, and 0.2 mile west of Sledge Road. A small dirt road leads to the vicinity of the cemetery from Pleasant Ridge Road, across the road from home of B.M. Reed, Rt. 4, Box 102.

Turner Person
Died
April 17, 1851
Aged 51yrs 3mos 7dys

Martha Ann
Wife of Turner Person
Born in Warr(en Co., N.C.)
Dec. 25, 1790
Died
March 16, 1853
(Large broken slab)

Matilda W.
Wife of W.B. Hill
Born Sept. 17, 1822
Died April 20, 1850
Aged 28yrs 7mos 3dys

Martha L.
Daughter of
W.B. & M.W. Hill
Born Dec. 30, 1845
Died June 20, 1846
Aged 5 mo & 21 days

Alpine E.
Daughter of
W.B. & M.W. Hill
Born Jan. 28, 1848
Died July 7, 1849
Aged 1yr 5mo 9dys
Footstone: A.E.H.

Wm. J. Donaldson
Died
Feb. 12, 1851
Aged 35 years
(Mnt. by) Amis & Co
Memphis
(Large slab,
badly broken)

Sarah Elizabeth
Wife of Wm. J. Donaldson
Born in Tipton Co., Tenn.
Aug. 10, 1826
Died June 28, 1854
(Large slab)

The three described above as large slabs may be the top slabs of large box graves, as side and end pieces of approximately three box graves were found.

NOTES: Shelby Co TN marriage records:

William B. Hill married Matilda W. Person 19 Jan 1843 by J.A. Vincent, Bondsman Frank Lee Roulac, Lic #1519.

W.J. Donaldson married Sallie E. Person 28 Apr 1844 by Mich. McAteer, Bondsman Jas. Rose, Lic. #2036.