

WALKER - McADEN FAMILY CEMETERY

Visited June 17, 1981. This cemetery is located on the bluffs overlooking the Loosahatchie River immediately east of the Austin Peay Highway. The general area may be seen across approximately a half-mile of bottom land to the right of the highway as the bridge over the river is approached from the south. The compilers were told of this cemetery several years before the actual visit, but the problem of crossing the bottoms could not be solved, and attempts to find an entrance from the east side of the property were unsuccessful until shortly before the visit. Mrs. Virgil M. Edwards, 6034 Old Brownsville Road, knew of the cemetery and drove the compilers to an old dirt road east of her home then northwardly along this road for several hundred yards and across an 80 acre plowed field to a point near the site. The area was some two hundred yards further through heavily wooded and uneven land. The remnants of an old home and a log barn were nearby. Mr. Edwards lived in that home when he was a child.

The cemetery is approximately 25 by 25 feet square and is completely surrounded by an old wrought-iron fence. Two headstones with inscriptions shown below were found. The number of sunken areas indicates the presence of other burials, and Mrs. Edwards told the compilers there were other headstones at one time.

Joseph G. Walker
Born Mar. 26, 1855
Died Aug. 24, 1910
His Many virtues form
the noblest monument
to his memory.

Josie B. McAden
Born June 23, 1907
Died Aug. 25, 1908

NOTES: 1860 Shelby County census index pp. 208/329:

Walker, John C. age 46
 , Mary age 40
 , Emily C. 14
 , Narcissa A. 12
 , William S. 10
 , Joseph 6
 , Isam 3
 , James 2
 , Benjamin W. age 20

1900 Shelby County census, V.61 e.d.37 Sh3 113, 7th C.D.

Walker, Joseph G. - b Mar 1855 TN, Fa b TN, Mo b VA
 , Lucy E. wife - b Feb 1860 TN, parents born TN,
 married 15 yrs, 2 children and 2 living
 , Joseph C., son - b Feb. 1887 TN
 , Robert L., son - b Jan. 1893 TN
 , Kate L., niece - b Sep. 1895 TN
 , Isaac E., brother - b Sep 1857 TN
 , Emily, sister - b Mar 1848 TN