

DAVIS - BOWE - McCARGO CEMETERY

Visited July 3, 1976. Only a few stones were located on the east side of Tchulahoma Road, 0.7 mile south of Shelby Drive inside a newly developed subdivision with paved streets, gutters, sidewalks and houses under construction. The immediate area has no houses, is on top of a high spot with three large trees, on Cloudland Drive, 0.2 miles east of intersection with Morningview Drive. Entrance to the subdivision from Tchulahoma Road is just south of this place, onto Morning Wind Drive.

Robert McCargo, son
of R.B. & M.A. Bowe
Born Sept. 29, 1867
Died Aug. 9, 1890
In life beloved, in
death lamented

Robert Granberry Bowe
Born Jan. 26, 1895
Died May 30, 1896
Our loved one
Footstone: RGB

William R. McCargo
Born in Limestone Co., Ala.
May 17, 1849
Died in DeSoto Co., Miss.
Oct. 21, 1889
May he rest in peace
(crude numbers 237)
This stone lying on ground
near base whose opening
appeared too small.

Loose Footstone: ABB
Loose Footstone: M L McC

F. Davis, son of
F. & M. Davis
Born Aug. 15, 1871
Died Oct. 6, 1872

Francis Elam
(no dates)

Lady Love
Eugenia Wood, dau. of
Dr. W.G. & S.D. Lester
Born Apr. 20, 1880
Died Aug. 7, 1904

Lester
(unable to turn this
stone which was flat
on ground -- may be
other inscription on
back -- none on sides)

(One large red marble
marker flat on ground,
too heavy to turn)

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TINSLEY DAVIS FAMILY CEMETERY

In the cemetery above called Davis - Bowe - McCargo by the compilers, only a few gravestones were found but in 1970 Mrs. Doris Davis Meux, great-great-granddaughter of Tinsley Davis, contributed a list of those who are buried in this family cemetery. There are a few variations in the notations.

Tinsley Davis, son of John Dabney and Anne Ragland (Tinsley) Davis, was born in Hanover County, Virginia. His first wife was Frances Ragland, daughter of Beverly and Rebecca (Bowe) Ragland. They married April 15, 1813, moved to Kentucky in 1814, and to Limestone County, Alabama in 1817. Frances Ragland Davis died February 22, 1822. Tinsley Davis returned to Virginia and

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married Elvira Cross in Henrico County on November 9, 1824. She died in 1830 in Limestone County, Alabama. In 1832, Tinsley Davis again returned to Virginia and married Emily Virginia Key. In 1838, he sold out in Limestone County and moved his family, slaves and stock to a section of land he had bought sight unseen, thinking it was in Mississippi, but which proved to be in Shelby County, Tennessee.

Today this section of land is bounded on the north by Shelby Drive, on the south by Holmes Road, on the west by Tchulahoma Road, and on the east by Getwell. Mrs. Meux owns 50 acres on Shelby Drive. The part of this tract on which the Tinsley Davis Cemetery was located was later sold. The gravestones of this cemetery have been removed from their original locations and are stacked along a fence.

On the fly leaf of a book of Scott's poems, Tinsley Davis recorded the name, date, day of the week and the hour of the birth of each of his fourteen children by his three wives. After the building of a home, he selected an acre of high ground for a family burying ground. The first grave there was that of his son John Hector Davis in 1839. In 1929 the last grave to be in this hallowed ground was that of John Hector Davis, grandson of Tinsley. For a span of 90 years this cemetery was used for burying members of the Davis family and their relatives.

The trees that encircled this spot came from a silver (maple?) riding switch planted by Nathaniel Ragland who had ridden horseback from LaGrange, Tennessee to attend the funeral of his cousin Francis Davis Elam.

John Hector Davis Born Aug. 20, 1825 Died 1839 Son of Tinsley and Elvira (Cross) Davis	Virginia Emily (Key) Davis Third wife of Tinsley Davis Died 1846 Shelby County, Tn.	Robert Ruffin Davis Born Aug. 23, 1819 Died April 16, 1885
Tinsley Davis Born 1774 Hanover Co., Va. Died Feb. 23, 1850 Shelby Co., Tenn.	Lycurgus Davis Born May 20, 1817 Fayette Co., Ky Died April 1862 He did not marry	Edward Bressie Davis Born Aug. 6, 1847 Shelby Co., Tenn. Died March 1915 DeSoto Co., Miss.
Unnamed infant of Robert Ruffin and Antoinette (Clark) Davis Died 1849	Alice Maude Davis Born Apr. 27, 1865 DeSoto Co., Miss. Died Jan. 24, 1882 DeSoto Co., Miss.	Mary (Anderson) Davis Second wife of John Hector Davis Born in Beaumont, Tx. She was an artist and Sister of Cornelia Anderson Died June 6, 1904 DeSoto Co., Miss. No issue

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Mary Estelle Davis (Mollie) Born Jan. 19, 1854 Shelby Co., Tenn. Died April 20, 1919 DeSoto Co., Miss. She did not marry	John Hector Davis III Son of John Hector & Cornelia A. Davis Born _____ Died 1896 DeSoto Co., Miss.	Edward Hugh Davis Born Apr. 23, 1868 DeSoto Co., Miss. Died Mar. 9, 1869 DeSoto Co., Miss.
Beverly Samuel Davis Born Aug. 13, 1821 Limestone Co., Ala. Died Apr. 2, 1878 DeSoto Co., Miss.	Watson Dabney Davis Born Apr. 5, 1833 Limestone Co., Ala. Died Feb. 23, 1902 DeSoto Co., Miss.	Earnest Plunket Davis Born Aug. 19, 1870 DeSoto Co., Miss. Died July 12, 1877
Beverly Fleming Davis Born 1856 DeSoto Co., Miss. Died Apr. 8, 1878 DeSoto Co., Miss. He did not marry	Maria Ann (Clark) Davis Born June 20, 1833 Limestone Co., Ala. Died Sept. 26, 1878 DeSoto Co., Miss. Died of Yellow Fever	Herbert Baldwin Davis Born Mar. 11, 1883 Died Jan. 10, 1885 DeSoto Co., Miss.
John Hector Davis Born April 8, 1864 DeSoto Co., Miss. Died March 23, 1929 DeSoto Co., Miss.	Willie Tinsley Davis Born Aug. 9, 1858 DeSoto Co., Miss. Died Oct. 21, 1878 DeSoto Co., Miss. Died of Yellow Fever	Cornelia Davis Born Oct. 3, 1839 Shelby Co., Tenn. Died in early childhood DeSoto Co., Miss.
Cornelia (Anderson) Davis, 1st wife of John Hector Davis Born Beaumont, Tx. Died Nov. 7, 1899 DeSoto Co., Miss.	Walter Eumenes Davis Born Mar. 22, 1857 DeSoto Co., Miss. Died Dec. 18, 1881 DeSoto Co., Miss. He did not marry	Laura Emily Davis Born M-- 3, 1835 Limestone Co., Ala. Died in childhood Shelby Co., Tenn.
Lula Rembert Davis Dau. of John Hector & Cornelia Anderson Davis Born 1890 DeSoto Co., Miss. Died 1891 Aged 18 months	Mary Virginia Davis Born Nov. 17, 1859 Died Dec. 20, 1866	Angelina Harriet (Davis) Edmondson Wife of Eumenes A. Edmondson Born Apr. 2, 1837 Limestone Co., Ala. Died Oct. 1878 DeSoto Co., Miss. Died of Yellow Fever No issue
	Eugene Morgan Davis Born Feb. 4, 1864 DeSoto Co., Miss. Died Oct. 5, 1878 DeSoto Co., Miss. Died of Yellow Fever	Hugh Davis Born Dec. 25, 1845 Shelby Co., Tenn. Died Oct. 1878 DeSoto Co., Miss. Died of Yellow Fever He did not marry

NOTE: A.W. Pettus married Mrs. Maria A.R. Key 9 Aug 1836 by D.L. Gray, License #2521 in Shelby Co. Tn. (See p.78)

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Eugenia Davis Born 1856 Shelby Co., Tenn. Dau. of Robert Ruffin & Antoinetta (Clark) Davis Died in childhood	Martha Davis (Bowe) Davis (called "Pretty Polly") Wife of Nathaniel Bowe Davis Born May 16, 1791 Hanover Co., Va. Died April 30, 1872 DeSoto Co., Miss. Married Dec. 26, 1810	Andy Bell Bowe - son of R.B. & M.M. Bowe Born Jan. 8, 1872 Died Dec. 3, 1887 Age 16 years Killed by Jasper Bass while hunting birds "Dear brave boy, Should there be a hereafter, May we meet and rest."
Sebie Antoinette Davis Born Nov. 18, 1891 DeSoto Co., Miss. Died Apr. 11, 1902	Cornelia Davis Born Feb. 12, 1833 Madison Co., Ala. Died June 20, 1856 DeSoto Co., Miss.	Martha (Davis) Burke Born April 17, 1825 Madison Co., Ala. Died Mar. 14, 1881 Shelby Co., Tenn. Died of Yellow Fever
Pearl (Granberry) Davis Born Aug. 1, 1867 Shelby Co., Tenn. Died Dec. 14, 1893 DeSoto Co., Miss. First wife of Robert Sidney Davis	George Albert Davis Infant son of Beverley Stephen and Fanny (Bussey) Davis (no dates)	Frances Mary (Davis) Elam Born Sept. 6, 1850 Shelby Co., Tenn. Died Aug. 24, 1890 Died in childbirth
E. Davis Son of F.M. Davis Born Aug. 15, 1871 DeSoto Co., Miss. Died Oct. 6, 1872 DeSoto Co., Miss.	Stephen Davis Born Feb. 23, 1854 DeSoto Co., Miss. Died Feb. 26, 1905 DeSoto Co., Miss.	Sarah (Blackburn) Clarke Born 1797 Mecklenburg Co., Va. Died 1860 DeSoto Co., Miss.
Footstone: C.A.D.	Felix Davis Born Apr. 25, 1823 Died Aug. 17, 1895	William Clarke Born 1792 Mecklenburg Co., Va. Died Dec. 9, 187- DeSoto Co., Miss.
Footstone: J.A.D.	Nathaniel Bowe Davis Born Apr. --, 1870 Died Nov. 19, 1903	Martha (Davis) Glanville Born Forrest, Miss. Died 1910 DeSoto Co., Miss. Daughter of Dr. Stephen Davis
Antoinette Blackburn (Clark) Davis Wife of Robert Ruffin Davis Born Sept. 6, 1822 Madison Co., Ala. Died Feb. 2, 1914 DeSoto Co., Miss.	Mary Elizabeth (Davis) Davis Wife of Beverly Samuel Davis Born Mar. 9, 1831 Madison Co., Ala. Died Mar. 4, 1882 DeSoto Co., Miss.	
Nathaniel Bowe Davis Son of Stephen and Elizabeth (Bowe) Davis Born Goochland Co Va. Died Nov. 18, 1857 DeSoto Co., Miss. Soldier of the War of 1812	Robert McCargo Bowe Born Sept. 29, 1867 Died Aug. 9, 1890 "In life beloved, In death lamented" He did not marry	

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Dr. William George
Lester
Born May 21, 1848
Shelby Co., Tenn.
Died July 28, 1886
DeSoto Co., Miss.

Savella Antoinette
(Davis) Lester
Born Oct. 19, 1852
Shelby Co., Tenn.
Died Oct. 7, 1926
Estell Co., Ky.

Eugenia Wood Lester
(Lady Love)
Born Apr. 20, 1880
DeSoto Co., Miss.
Died Aug. 7, 1907
DeSoto Co., Miss.
She did not marry

Anne Courtney Lester
Born Oct. 12, 1881
DeSoto Co., Miss.
Died Nov. 20 _____
DeSoto Co., Miss.

Pearl Lester
Born March 1883
DeSoto Co., Miss.
Died Aug. 1886

Robert Stephen Lester
Born Aug. 1884
DeSoto Co., Miss.
Died Aug. 1884
Eleven days old

Unnamed son of
Dr. Wm. George Lester
and Savella Davis
Lester
Born and died
Sept. 1886
DeSoto Co., Miss.

Mrs. Mary L. McCargo
Born Aug. 10, 1825
Limestone Co., Ala.
Died Nov. 30, 1893
DeSoto Co., Miss.

Robert F. McCargo
Born Limestone Co., Ala.
Died Oct. 21, 1889
DeSoto Co., Miss.

Anthony Winston Pettus
Born June 20, 1810
Franklin Co., Tenn.
Died July 1850

Maria Ann Ragland
(Davis) (Key) Pettus
Born Feb. 23, 1814
Fayette Co., Tenn.
Died Jan. 1888
DeSoto Co., Miss.

Sallie Watson Pettus
Born Dec. 10, 1843
Mobile, Ala.
Died July 26, 1855
Shelby Co., Tenn.

Pettus Mayfield
Infant son of
Wm. Sampson Mayfield
and Hattie Estelle
(Pettus) Mayfield
Born and died 1871

Maria Pettus Mayfield
Born 1873
Died Oct 1885

William Sampson Mayfield
Born 18--
Died Oct. 1885 (sic)
Husband of Hattie Estelle
(Pettus) Mayfield

Rebecca (Bowe) Ragland
Died Sept 1842
(Mother-in-law of
Tinsley Davis)

Walter Tinsley Ricks
Born Jan. 16, 1889
Died May 1889
Son of Geo. Thomas
Ricks and Frances
Tinsley (Davis) Ricks