

BECTON PLACE - OLD BURYPING GROUNDS

Located off Bourne Rd (now part of Germantown Rd.) high on a promontory with a view of Highway #70. Across the road at the intersection was the home of John H. and Elizabeth Becton. In the 1960's Ida Cooper and Mrs. Grace Parr Moffet went to the home of Mrs. Anthony who lived near the site on Bourne Rd. They were told that the graves had been vandalized in the past. The only marker they could find was:

Elizabeth
Wife of John H. Becton
Died Oct. 4, 1882
Age 75 years

NOTE: In the 1850 Census, house #1119 C.D. ? is listed:
Becton, John age 54 born North Carolina
Becton, Elizabeth age 36 born North Carolina

Elizabeth lived 46 years after her husband died. References to her life are found in the diaries of the Bond family, belonging to Miss Kate Bond. After Cooper and Moffet left the Becton place they went down the road to about the next house to find another graveyard that Mrs. Bourne had said was on a place owned by "her and her husband". Under a tremendous oak tree was a most neat plot enclosed by wire and posts with enough space for a very large family.

Major Edwin Becton
Born Nov. 19, 1790
Died Jan. 25, 1838

Lovett Bell
Born Mar. 12, 1767
Died Feb. 17, 1843

Elizabeth Brock
Wife of M. Brock,
Dau. of L. Bell
Born Oct. 21, 1784
Died ___ 13, 1864

Rev. Moses Brock
Born Sept. 12, 1785
Died Mar. 27, 1870
Methodist preacher

BERCLAIR CEMETERY

According to a Commercial Appeal newspaper article of -----, tombstones were found behind the Perimeter Mall at I-240 and Summer Avenue. They seemed to have been dumped there. The dates covered were from February 1840 to March 23, 1937. (*Why all stones found were not listed is not known.*)

Martha Nel Rooks died 19 July 1936 and Johnny Rooks died Mar. 23, 1937. They were infant children of Willie and Florence Rooks who lived at 443 Tanner.

Mattie A., daughter of J.H. and I.P. Coleman, was born Mar. 27, 1871 and died Oct. 4, 1871.