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HOLDER/WHITFIELD CEMETERY

This cemetery is located immediately across the road from the Holder Cemetery listed above. History tells us that this was the first of the two cemeteries created. Although Highway 72 runs between the two cemeteries, no graves were removed due to road construction. Following the development of the highway, a new cemetery was created on the adjacent side. Note, however, that many individuals with the Whitfield surname are also buried in the second cemetery.

In his 1996 survey for the Tishomingo County Mississippi cemetery book published by Tishomingo County Historical & Genealogical Society, Mr. Hassell Holder referred to the cemeteries as Holder No. 1 and Holder No. 2. It is likely that there are other burials in this small cemetery along the tree line. At least one sandstone marks an unknown grave.

Presently there is no known caretaker for this cemetery; however, Martha McGill (who is treasurer for the other Holder Cemetery) has agreed to oversee the upkeep. Please send donations for the upkeep of both cemeteries labeled "Holder Cemetery Upkeep" to Martha Magill, 470 Highway 365, Burnsville, Mississippi 38833. Donations may also be deposited directly at any Bancorp South Branch. For additional information, please contact Martha Magill at (662) 427/9018 or smagill@dixie/net.com.

P

Pollard, Edgar M.
11/13/1878 to 01/22/1879
Son of W. B. and N. Pollard; and
Pollard, Henry A.
11/05/1867 to 12/17/1867
Son of W. B. and N. Pollard
(This double monument has a large
crack in the center; it is rapidly
deteriorating).

S

Smith, Mary Ann
12/19/1835 to 09/23/1890
Wife of V. W. Smith
[An old tombstone exists, and a
Brantley-Phillips marker has also
been placed on her grave. The newer
marker displays the date of death as
1899. This is possibly an error.]

T

Tucker, James Edgar
1887 to 1967
[Brantley-Phillips marker]

Tucker, Mary Elsie
1887 to 1968
[Brantley-Phillips marker]

U

Underwood, Elvis
1911 to 1982
[Brantley-Phillips marker]

Underwood, Genova M.
1913 to 1977
[Brantley-Phillips marker]

W

Whitfield, Aubra Burtis
1905 to 1905
[Brantley-Phillips marker]

Whitfield, Charley A.
1898 to 1912
[Brantley-Phillips marker]

Whitfield, Dora Ella
1878 to 1949
[Brantley-Phillips marker]

Whitfield, Lee Calvin
1870 to 1946
[Brantley-Phillips marker]

Whitfield, Lela Maud
1904 to 1989
[Brantley-Phillips marker]

Whitfield, Nancy Council
11/10/1881 to 01/01/1901
Daughter of Willie Council, Sr. and
Blanna Taylor Council
Married 01/05/1826
[An old single tombstone and a new
double tombstone with her husband
both exist; there is also a Brantley-
Phillips marker. The old tombstone
bears the following inscription: *She
Died As She Lived Trusting In God*]

Whitfield, Benjamin, Jr.
07/18/1806 to 03/30/1862
Son of Benjamin Whitfield, Sr. and
Susanna Wilkinson Whitfield
Married to Nancy on 01/05/1826
[An older tombstone and a new double
tombstone with his wife exists; there
is also a Brantley-Phillips marker.
Please note that the older tombstone
is broken, but his birth date is
distinctly displayed as July 10,
1806.]

Holder-Whitfield Re-Dedication

September 24, 2005

Thomas Edison once said, "Opportunity is missed by most people because it comes dressed in overalls and looks like work".

In January of this year, these members of the DeSoto County, UDC traveled here to our county, to locate the final resting place of one of their member's ancestors. They visited this cemetery, observed its need for repair and restoration and then dedicated themselves to the project.

Not only have they done the physical work that was needed in clean up, but they've gone a step further, today they are introducing the cemetery back into the community and asking us to honor and respect those laid to rest here by making it our goal now to do our part in protecting and preserving this cemetery for our past, present and future generations.

I'd like to speak to you for a few moments today regarding House Bill No. 780, Laws of Mississippi, 1971. This bill authorizes and empowers respective boards of supervisors in the State, in their discretion and upon an appropriate certificate from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History to repair, rehabilitate, and maintain abandoned cemeteries. Since our society was organized in 1996, we have been successful in certifying 36 cemeteries. It's up to people like you and me to locate and inventory cemeteries in need to care and to then work with the county and state to get the certification. I'll be happy to provide more information on this, if anyone is interested.

Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success. Let us always do our part.

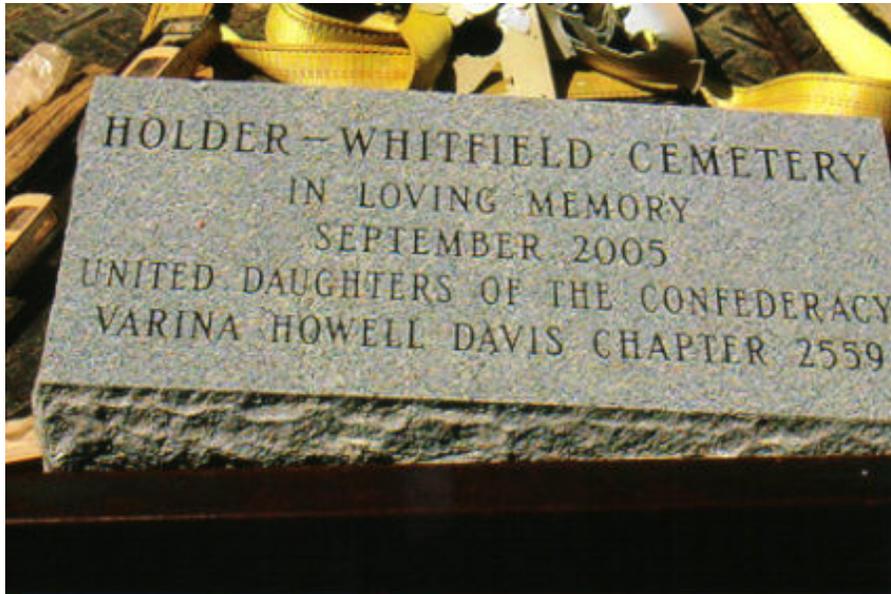
On behalf of the Tishomingo County Historical & Genealogical Society I wish to present this certificate of appreciation to the Varina Howell David Chapter #2259, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

And for the member who led this group to our county in search of her Tishomingo County heritage, I wish to present a Tishomingo County, Mississippi Family Tree.

May God richly bless you for the kindness you have shown to the memories and heritage of those buried here in the Holder-Whitfield Cemetery.

Cindy Whirley Nelson

HOLDER-WHITFIELD CEMETERY REDEDICATION



HOLDER CEMETERIES

In January 2005, the old part of the Holder Cemetery became a project of the United Daughter's of the Confederacy, the Varina Howell Davis Chapter #2559 from Horn Lake, MS who had traveled to Tishomingo County to find the burial location of one of their member's ancestors and were directed to this cemetery. Once here, they realized that they were not at the correct cemetery, however they found the cemetery in such bad shape that they established a project to clean and renovate it. One new stone and six temporary grave markers have been donated by Brantly-Phillips Monument Company. Funds were raised by the group and a **Holder-Whitfield** Monument has also been erected.

A re-dedication of the cemetery back into the hands of Tishomingo County was held on September 24th. Cindy Nelson, founding president of the Tishomingo County Historical & Genealogical Society was the key note speaker. TCHGS awarded the group with a certificate of appreciation for their fine work and dedication to the project. Peggy McBeth, the member who brought the group to Tishomingo County in search of her ancestor, was awarded a Tishomingo County Courthouse family tree and Commander, Lynn Herron of the Private Samuel A. Hughey Camp #1452, DeSoto County, MS was presented a historic 1836 Mississippi Map for his groups' efforts in the event.

This cemetery is located immediately across the road from the Holder Cemetery which was created following the introduction of Highway 365. The land for this cemetery was deeded 26 January 1901, from S.H. Robinson and W.D. Robinson to John Holder. Although Highway 365 runs between the two cemeteries, no graves were removed due to road construction. In his 1996 survey for the Tishomingo County Mississippi Cemetery

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Martha Magill, who is treasurer for the newer Holder Cemetery has agreed to oversee the upkeep of both cemeteries provided the funds are made available. The funds will come from YOU the people who are interested and have family members buried in the Holder Cemetery Please send donations for the upkeep of both cemeteries labeled, "Holder Cemetery Upkeep" to Martha Magill, 470 Hwy 365, Burnsville, MS 38833 or to deposit directly at any Bancorp South Branch. For additional information, please contact Martha Magill at 427-9018 or smagill@dixie-net.com or Cindy Nelson at 423-2543 or at cindynelson@nadata.net.