

BATEMAN FAMILY CEMETERY

Visited June 24, 1972. On the south side of Pleasant Ridge Road at its intersection with Big Creek Road are two white brick columns. These are on either side of a private drive leading to a complex of farm buildings about two-fifths of a mile south of Pleasant Ridge Road. This cemetery is located in the middle of a field about 200 yards southwest of the buildings. It is surrounded by a chain-link fence with gate but is heavily overgrown. The following stones were found there, but considerable additional space within the fence may have contained unmarked graves.

E.M. Bateman
Born Sept. 22, 1822
Died Mar. 11, 1891
Footstone: E.M.B.

The above headstone is in the form of a large horizontal log, while the footstone is a matching small log.

Mother
Mildred A.
Wife of E.M. Bateman
Born Dec. 29, 1839
Died Feb. 3, 1903
Aged 63 yrs, 10 mos, 28 ds
Footstone: plain

The above headstone is in the form of a stack of horizontal middle-sized logs.

W.O. Bateman
Born Aug. 7, 1865
Died Apr. 26, 1891
Footstone: W.O.B.

The above headstone and footstone match those of E.M. Bateman.

The 1888 map of Shelby County, Tennessee, 3rd Civil District, shows E.M. Bateman and Mrs. M.A. Bateman as the owners of adjoining tracts of 63 and 360 acres, respectively.

NOTES - CENTRAL AVENUE CEMETERY (Pages 12-13 of Volume I)

Entry books of Elmwood Cemetery show five bodies moved from Central Avenue Cemetery:

Elmwood Entry and Plat Books		Elmwood Gravestone Inscription
Lutie Mae Wooten Age 1 yr 10 mos Typhoid Fever	Moved Mch. 27, 1903 Elmwood 1389 Turley #1 Lot of Walter V. Wooten	Lutie May Wooten Born Dec. 14, 1898 Died Oct. 12, 1899
Mrs. Bunnie Skinner Age 31(?) and Frankie Skinner Age 7	Moved Dec. 18, 1906 Elmwood 611 ³ / ₄ Turley #1 Lot of Trammell Skinner	Bunnie Gandy Skinner May 13, 1870 April 26, 1906 and Baby Frankie
Mrs. Ira G. Miller Age 41	Moved Dec. 20, 1922 Elmwood 786 Turley #1 Lot of Miss Lillian Louise Miller	(Ina C. Miller (1859 - 1899 ((Charles P. Miller (1884 - 1890
Clifton Parrotts Age 23	Moved Nov. 4, 1926 Elmwood 1644 Turley #2 Lot of _____	<u>Parrott</u> (Clifton (1896 - 1919 ((Winston (1892 - 1926 ((Bessie (1884 - 1945

"The Night Desk," a column in The Commercial Appeal of 19 Feb. 1955 and 1 Apr. 1967, reported the cemetery to be the property of Central Avenue Baptist Church. The property was once part of the Grady farm. The original name was Ridgehigh Church, organized in July 1873, with the Rev. R.N. Crawford as Pastor. (Continued on Page 323)