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DEDICATION

Descendants of Shelby County, Tennessee settlers will be eternally grateful to Charlotte Edmondson Elam, Margaret Inabinet Ericksen and Ruth Wyckoff Hunt for their survey and copy of gravestones from family, church and town cemeteries all over Shelby County. Their original notes show they made a continuous effort to be thorough, making several visits during the late 1960's and early 1970's to each cemetery, each time checking and double checking the data. Often they "tromped" through fields, overgrown grass and weeds, retrieving information from as many cemeteries as they could find.

All of these ladies have passed away, "Dee" Elam being the last one. Her papers were generously given to the Memphis/Shelby County Public Library and Information Center, History Department by her brother, George W. Edmondson Jr. and other members of the family. Among those papers are the original cemetery notes of the authors.

"Gravestone Inscriptions from Shelby County, Tennessee Cemeteries", Volumes I and II were published by Milestone Press (Elam, Erickson & Hunt) in 1971 and 1974. Volume III, Part 1 contains the remaining records which were copied and compiled by those three ladies. The Tennessee Genealogical Society is very pleased to have a part in making this valuable information available as a memorial to Mrs. Elam, Mrs. Ericksen and Mrs. Hunt, all of whom were former members.

Volume III, Part 2 contains some additions and variations to Volume I, Volume II and Volume III as submitted by several other people. To augment the record of all early burials in Shelby County, Mrs. Nazor has combined a list of persons known to be buried in the following early Memphis Cemeteries: Winchester, Morris/Butler, Catholic Yard/St. Peter and Calvary Cemetery ante 1878. Removals from these cemeteries to Elmwood Cemetery are included. Sources for this information are listed at the beginning of the Section in Part 2.

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