

NEWSPAPER CLIPPING

Workmen, excavating for an addition to The Commercial Appeal's building on Union, were confronted with a mystery yesterday when they dug up a time-worn tombstone bearing the name of Lizzie Messinger, as the paper reported October 5, 1948. At the top of the three-foot stone was carved a reclining lion, and under this were the letters and figures of "R", "G", "F", "09".

Lizzie Messinger
Faithful member of
The Humble Seeker Circle
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Died Aug. 24, 1819

(Editor's note: It seems unlikely anyone would have died in Memphis/Shelby County in 1819 (date of founding) and had a large carved tombstone unless it was set later as a memorial or moved to this area.)

NOTES

The information for the notes on some people in the following cemeteries was gathered from Memphis/Shelby County Tennessee marriage records 1819-1864 and Shelby Co TN census indexes for 1850 and 1860.

WALKER FAMILY CEMETERY (p. 4) NOTES:

1850 census index - Walker, Jane 40 b NC, Charles 6, William 50, Benjamin S. Fant 40, Sarah T. Fant 19, William Fant 1 month.

Thomas Holeman Jr. married Miss R.F. Walker 10 Jun 1860 by J.W. Knott, Bondsman J.W. Harrison, License No. #5458 Shelby County.

JONES-BARTON FAMILY CEMETERY (p. 5) NOTES:

1850 Shelby Co TN census, 6th C.D., p. 108-L, 7 Oct 1850, #445 Jones, J. (John) C. 42 b NC, Sarah 34 b NC, Sarah 14 TN, James (E) 12 TN, Nancy (C) 10 TN (md a Taylor), John (E) 8 TN, Wm (H) 6 TN, Chas. (E) 2 TN, Hobbs, Nath. 24 NC and Bruce, Benj. 22 IL.

Sarah A. Jones, wife of Wm H. Jones, is buried adjacent to Caleb R. Purser and his wife, Hattie B. Means, in Raleigh Cemetery. See notes with Raleigh Cemetery regarding James Purser and family which included son, Caleb R. Purser.

1860 Census of Shelby Co TN, 6th C.D., p. 317-L, 30 July 1860 - #1138 Means, Mary A. 44 b SC (wife of Tomas A. Means), Eliza 22 MS, Harriet 21 MS (md Caleb R. Purser), Mary 19 MS, Sarah 16 MS (md W.H. Jones), Louisa 12 MS, Claudia 8 MS & S.A. Means 43 SC.