

Written In Stone

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Saints Cemetery – Part I

The Flat Rock Church or Flat Rock R.L.D.S. Church and Saints Cemetery is located in the NE section of the county, not far from Jones Chapel. From Evergreen, travel 8.3 miles on US31 North to CR26, turn left and travel 2.5 miles to the church and cemetery on the left side of the road. The cemetery is listed as #69-NE in the Historical Atlas of Alabama-Cemeteries by Location, an atlas of all known, unknown or of uncertain location cemeteries in the state of AL, categorized by individual counties. The Saints Cemetery is in T6N, R12 E, and S23. According to a sign posted at the cemetery, the land for this 20th century cemetery was deeded to the then active Flat Rock RLDS Church in March 1919 by T.N. Peacock and J.P. Deason. The cemetery today is maintained by donations from family and friends of those interred there.

Families of Amerson, Barlow, Brown, Carter, Coleman, Deason, Diamond, Hall, Hobbs, Johnson, Lynch, Padgett, Peacock, Quates, Quinley, Wiggins and others have loved ones buried here. The earliest known grave is that of an infant of the Peacock family who was buried about 1902, predating the actual deed by the Peacock and Deason families, suggesting that there may be several more buried here prior to 1919. The last known burial occurred as late as April 2007, so this cemetery is still in use by descendants of the original families who call Flat Rock home. In 1996, there were then about 150+ graves; however, there are many more than these today.

The Flat Rock Chapel, also known as The Reorganized Latter Day Saints Church was first established in Flat Rock about 1877; with the present building constructed around 1890; and the church was disorganized about 1931. In 1999, the Flat Rock Chapel & Cemetery, Inc. was established and at that time, the RLDS Church donated the building & cemetery to the Flat Rock Chapel for preservation and community use. The original building was restored, with added restrooms, banquet room, pavilion, & central heat & air provided.

Next week, we'll meet some of those families who still call Flat Rock home.