

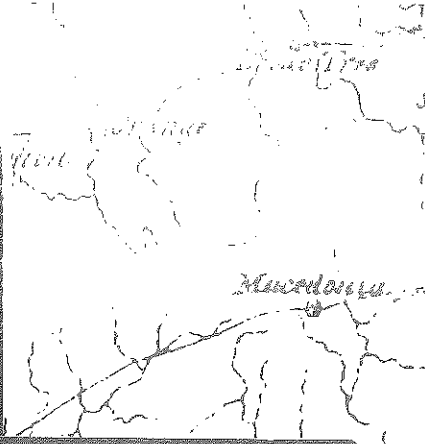
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(Nancy) Baugh. .. and settled with
her husband on Nancy Creeks in this
County when the Indians were here.
This creek was named for her. .."

Nancy Creeks Baptist Church, believed
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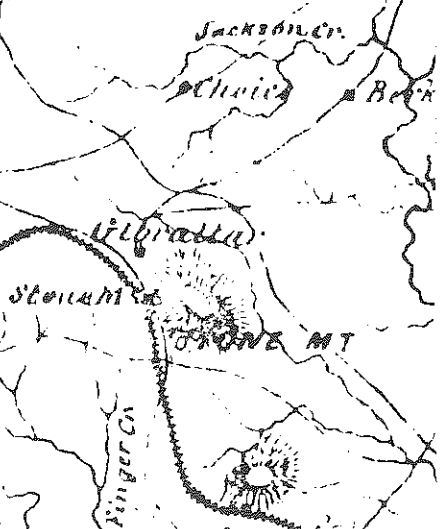
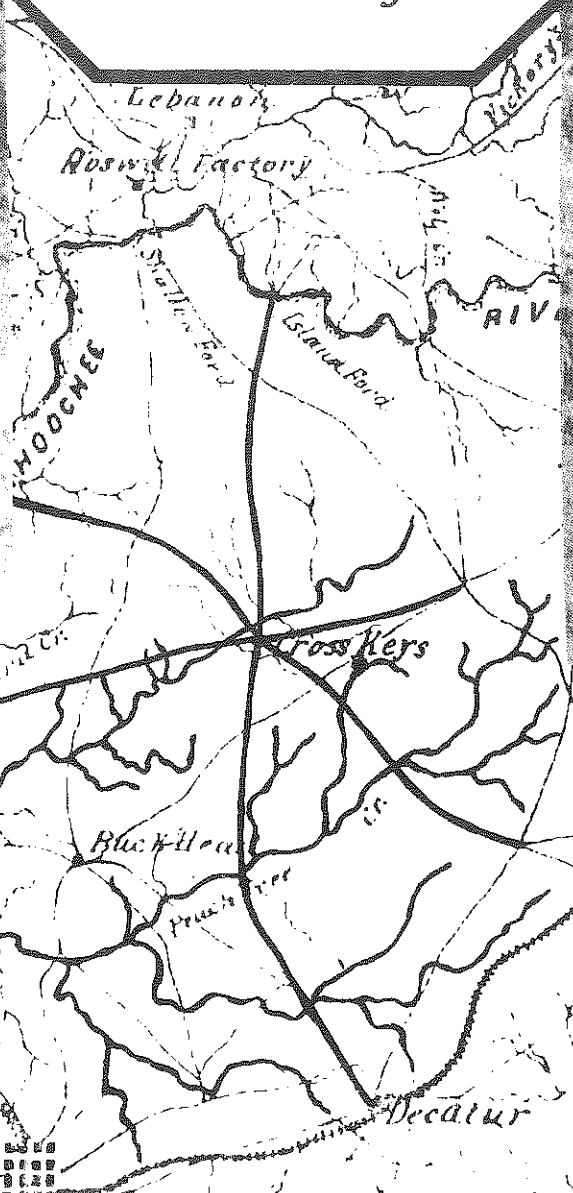
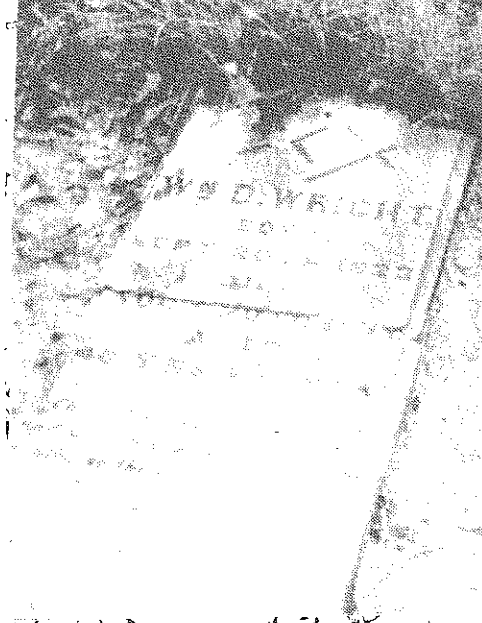
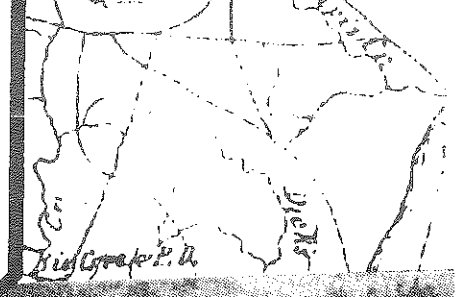
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Nancy Creeks (Primitive) Baptist
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In Search Of
A Lost Community:

The
Nancy Creek
Primitive Baptist Cemetery
Restoration Project



In Search of a Lost Community
The Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist
Cemetery Restoration Project

Purpose: The project concept is to reclaim a community resource for all of our citizens and to develop a model program for cemetery maintenance that will instill a sense of history and appreciation for the past in our young people. By collecting oral history, helping to document the history of the early pioneer settlers through a cemetery archives, and studying the existing landmarks including old roads, trails, houses, and archaeological sites in the Old Cross Keys area, the historical community becomes a living textbook for personal development and enrichment. Participants not only discover the history of their area, but have the opportunity to develop managerial skills in planning, directing, and implementing projects under the guidance of adults involved in the management of DeKalb's Historical Resources.

Justification: Unlike many states that have organized their legal and community resources to protect pioneer cemeteries as an irreplaceable part of history, Georgia has no such plan. No comprehensive survey of cemeteries has ever been compiled for Georgia. In DeKalb there are over 100 early pioneer cemeteries that are in a state of neglect or actual abandonment. Many have been badly vandalized. One of the major benefits of this project will be to develop a model for recycling what has been treated as a community liability into a useful community resource. In many ways an historical cemetery belongs to everyone. Cemeteries were among America's first parks and landscaped areas. Prior to the increasingly specialized Parks system that had its genesis in the Victorian era and increasingly divided active from passive interests Americans enjoyed picnics and walks in their local cemeteries. Today we actively maintain at public expense the burial grounds of ancient Indian tribesmen for walking tours and cultural benefits. We also take expensive vacations to Italy so that we can walk through the historic burial grounds of Pompeii. The time has come for us to more effectively use all of our resources and one of our most neglected is the pioneer cemetery.

We need your help: There are many areas of service that you or your organization can participate in to help make the restoration and utilization of Nancy Creek Cemetery a reality. Send in your reply soon.

THE DeKALB HISTORICAL SOCIETY
P.O. Box 501, Decatur, Georgia 30031
Old Courthouse, Court Square Ph. 373-1088

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A Brief History of the Early Settlements in the Upper Reaches of
Nancy's and Peachtree Creeks

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Nancy Evins, for whom the church and creek are named, is buried in this cemetery. John Blake who built Blake's Mill on the north fork of Peachtree Creek, Solomon Goodwin, members of the House family, James Reeves, first merchant and postmaster of Old Cross Keys, and James K. Polk, cousin of President J. K. Polk are but a few of the early pioneers from the immediate area who are buried here.

On July 17th, 1864, the entire Federal Army of the Tennessee, en route from Roswell to Decatur, encamped at Old Cross Keys. General Sherman had instructed General McPherson to march to Decatur from Cross Keys and destroy the Georgia Railroad between Decatur and Stone Mountain. Sometime prior to the summer of 1864, Cross Keys was re-established at a point between Chamblee and Doraville.

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The original church property including the cemetery is divided by the railroad and faces what is now Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. The Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist Church faces Eighth Street in Chamblee.

Most of the landmarks associated with Old Cross Keys and its pioneers who farmed the valleys of Nancy's and Peachtree Creeks are gone. However many of the place names associated with the early house sites, settlements, and roads are preserved in the badly vandalized and grown up pioneer cemetery associated with the original Nancy's Creek Church. Twelve of the original 74 DeKalb County Historical Markers concern events, people, and places that are connected with this old church cemetery. Development of modern industrial plants, transportation systems and subdivisions has altered the terrain so that preservation of the cemetery may well be the only way that a semblance of the historical context representing these original pioneer settlements can be retained for the educational benefit of future generations.

Historic Sites Committee Report
DeKalb Historical Society, Inc.
Fall Meeting 1979

The Nancy Creek Cemetery will be maintained on a permanent basis with several community groups taking the responsibility for specific sections. The sections were staked out on September 26, 1979 by Mrs. Anne Aaron, Mrs. Alice Hooper, Mrs. Nancy Chandler, and Mr. Gordon Midgette.

A board composed of a Chairman from the Historic Sites Committee of the DeKalb Historical Society and a representative from each of the community groups will advise and work on the project.

Mrs. Chandler has agreed to draw a detailed map of the cemetery marking each grave. This will be our working map. An overall plan for the beautification of the cemetery will also be developed. The upkeep and beautification of the Nancy Creek Cemetery offers the community groups an excellent opportunity to take part in the conservation and historic contests both in the state and in the nation.

The 4-H Club under the excellent leadership of Ms. Holly Holst, has not only helped in the clean-up of the cemetery, but has also successfully carried out several money-raising projects. They are entering the National 4-H Club contest based on their work in the Nancy Creek Cemetery.

The Habersham Society of the Children of the American Revolution won the state conservation award for 1978-79 for their work in the cemetery.

Plans for fencing the cemetery are underway. Donations of approximately one thousand dollars have been received. Another thousand has been promised for use in the cemetery project.

Valuable records were found this summer (1979) by Mrs. Sherri Matthews, a member of the Nancy Creek Committee. These are the records of the Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist church established in 1824. These records are now being copied for the DeKalb Historical Society.

Plans are under consideration for foot-paths through the cemetery with markers telling of the early settlers and their contribution to their community.

We would like to think of the Nancy Creek Cemetery as a place for community use... a place for a quiet stroll in the afternoon, a learning center where children may come for historical information, a thread of continuity which forms a living link between yesterday and today.

Submitted by: Mrs. Anne Aaron
Project Co-Chairman

To: Mrs. Ruby Zumbrook, Chairperson
Historic Sites Committee



STATE OF GEORGIA,

DeKalb County.

THIS INDENTURE, made this Fifteenth day of January
in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety five between
E. S. Luckie
of the County of DeKalb of the first part, and W. B. Cox

of the County of Jefferson of the second part,

WITNESSETH: That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of
Five hundred Dollars,

in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,
has granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey
unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, all that tract or parcel of land,

lying and being in The Eighteenth District of DeKalb
County Ga containing seventy nine (79)
Acres more or less being so much of
South half of Land lot No two hundred
and seventy seven (277) with a reserve of
Five acres (5) which has been deeded to
Maneys creek Church for church purposes
Also a reserve of the rightaway of the Atlanta
and Charlotte air line R R Bounded on
the North by H H Walker on East by G L
Humphreys on South by James Polk
on West by G W Garrison Roswell road
being west line. This deed being made to
fully secure the payment of Five (5) promissory
notes bearing date January 5th 1896
due Jan'y 15th 1896

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said bargained premises, together with all and singular the rights,
members and appurtenances thereof, to the same being, belonging or in anywise appertaining, to the only proper
use, benefit and behoof of him the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns
forever, in fee simple.

AND THE SAID party of the first part, for himself
heirs, executors and administrators, will warrant and forever defend the right and title of the above described
property unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, against the claims of all
persons whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said party of the first part has hereunto set
hand and affixed his seal, the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

W. B. Cox (Seal.)
Justinian Evans TP (Seal.)

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E. S. Luckie
W. B. Cox*

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Early settlers' graves moved for MARTA Descendants being sought to OK gravesite relocations

By David Corveth
Staff Writer

MARTA rail construction into Chamblee will require the relocation of 63 gravesites from the Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist Church cemetery, including the grave of a woman who may have given her name to Nancy Creek.

MARTA spokesman Mac Gebrewit said transit officials have hired two genealogists to trace the descendants of people buried in a section of the cemetery near the Southern Railway line, where the MARTA tracks will be placed.

The cemetery is on Peachtree Road at 8th Street.

MARTA needs the relatives' permission in order to move the graves — some more than a century old — to another section of the cemetery, he said.

"They are going about it in the legal way," said Dorothy Nix, director of the DeKalb Historical Society. Genealogists have been poring through records at the society headquarters in Decatur, researching the history of the cemetery, she said.

The first burial at Nancy Creek cemetery was recorded in 1826, a good 20 years before interments began at the historic Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta. Through the years, some of DeKalb's most prominent citizens have been laid to rest in the

cemetery near Nancy Creek, Mrs. Nix said.

"I had always heard that the stream was named after Nancy Evans," who is buried there with her husband, DeKalb pioneer John L. Evans, she said. "But in the early records it's spelled 'Nance's Creek' and some other people think that's the last name of someone else who settled there."

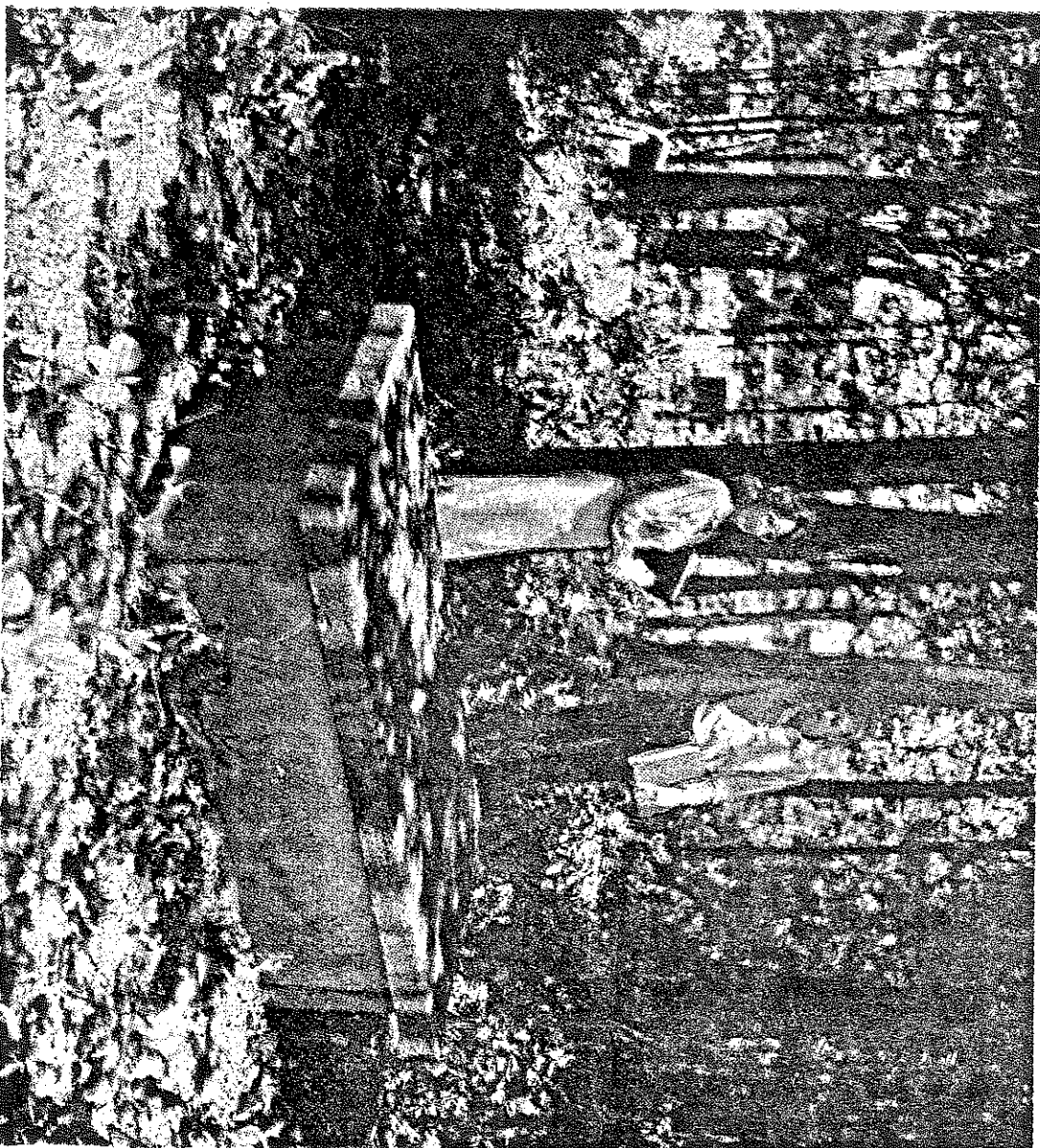
The cemetery, overgrown with brush and weeds on a hilly site bisected by the railroad in 1869, holds the remains of other prominent DeKalb families, she said. Solomon Goodwin, whose house near Peachtree Road is thought to be one of the oldest standing in north Georgia, was buried there in 1850.

The roughly carved stone grave of Goodwin, who came to DeKalb in 1825 from South Carolina in search of gold, is inscribed simply "SOLOMON GOODWIN," in large block letters.

Other inscriptions, though, are more elaborate. The tomb of Uri T. Sentell, born June 13, 1874, died Feb. 3, 1893, is marked:

*Dearest Uri we have laid thee
In the peaceful graves embrace
But thy memory will be cher-*

*ished
Till we see thy Heavenly place.*



See Nancy, Page 4

Genealogists Joel Wells and Nancy Cornell the county the Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist Church cemetery (Photo — Billy Downs)

Nancy From page 1

Genealogists Joel Wells and Nancy Cornell have been studying these inscriptions on the tombstones for six weeks. They say they have about six more weeks of work before they finish.

"There's a lot of history here," Ms. Cornell said. "I've heard people say this is one of the oldest cemeteries in DeKalb."

But vandals and vibrations have taken their toll on the graveyard. Wells has to use a small tree sapling as a lever to right some of the toppled tombstones.

"We took that pole over there and worked (the tombstone) up brick by brick. That's not something anybody should do in warm months; cemeteries are noted for snakes," Wells warned.

"We as genealogists are concerned that it's not being cared for," Ms. Cornell said. "We hope that with MARTA going about this the way they are, it will generate the interest in caring for it."

They have had trouble locating the relatives of six of the people buried at Nancy Creek. Wells said he is looking for information concerning:

William Johnston, born 1789, died 1855.

William Roland Wells, born 1847, died 1902.

Susan Altherah Wells, born 1856,



Nancy Evins' grave being moved

died 1931.

Ruth Wells, dates unknown.

Fransco A. Holbrook, born 1860, died 1893.

Susan H. Spruill, born 1858, died 1943.

"We would like to hear from anybody who knows anything about the ones on our list or about any unmarked graves out here," Wells said. Information can be sent to Wells at P.O. Box 895, Hampton, Ga. 30228, or by calling 404-478-9263.

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SEPARATION RECORD

Date

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Description of Item

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Initials

December 4, 1979

Dear President:

Enclosed please find information pertaining to our forthcoming project at the Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

I will be contacting you soon to discuss your part in this very exciting project.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Troxler

Katherine Troxler
(Mrs. Wayne Troxler)

DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs
Historic Preservation Chairman

KT/bd

cc: Mrs. Anne Aaron
Mrs. Ruby Zumbrook
Nancy Creek File

State of Georgia DeKalb County

This indenture, made this 11 day of Oct in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and 19 between J.K. Cowan, J.W. Weldon, E--. Copeland, as Trustees of New Hope Reform Presbyterian Church of the state of Ga and county of DeKalb of the first part and J.D. Jordan & J.P. Ball, as Trustees of Nance's Creek Primitive Baptist Church of the state of Ga and county of DeKalb of the second part,

WITNESSETH: That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Five hundred & fifty DOLLARS, in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns, all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the (18th) Eighteenth Dist of DeKalb County, Ga. & being part of Land Lots (366 & 376) three hundred and sixty-six & seventy-six bounded as follows. commencing at the right away of the Roswell Railroad where it crosses the original L.L. North of said Land Lot running South 100 feet thence east 210 feet thence North 100 feet, thence west 210 feet to starting point also another lot in part of Land Lot (376) three hundred & seventy-six commencing at the right away of the Roswell Railroad Co at the crossing of the original line of said land Lot & running along said right away 100 feet North thence East along a man's line 210 feet thence South 100 feet to original L.L. thence West 210 feet ~~thence South 100 feet to original L.L. thence West~~ to starting point, containing one Acre more or less, reserving all rights of Simitary that belongs to said church property.

They HAVE AND TO HOLD the said bargained premises, together with all and singular the rights, members, and appurtenances thereof, to the same being, belonging or in any wise appertaining, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of themselves said parties of the second part, successors and assigns forever in FEE SIMPLE. And the said parties of the first part for New Hope Reform Church will warrant and forever defend the right and title to the above described property unto the said parties of the second part, Trustees of Nance's Creek Primitive Baptist Church, against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, The said parties of the first part has hereunto set their hand and affixed their seal, the day and year above written Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of

A.W. STAPP
W.F. STEWART
Justice of Peace

J.K. COWAN (Seal)
J.W. Weldon (Seal)
E ? Copeland (Seal)

My Commission Expires Jan 1st, 19??

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Part I Revived Nancy's Creek Church Has Started New Home

by Martha Frances Brown

A little church believed to be the oldest on Peachtree Road, which almost died and actually suspended services for a while, is coming back to life.

Nancy's Creek Primitive Baptist Church, constituted in 1824, has torn down its old, delapidated building and has under construction a new building at the same location. The building now actually faces Eighth Street in Chamblee, but its property, including the little church cemetery, fronts on what is now Peachtree Industrial Boulevard.

Hidden from view of most of the traffic, and closed most of the time, the little church, unlike most of North DeKalb, had not grown for many years. Instead its members were dying, and several years ago it reached a low of three female members, all elderly, and none able to attend services. Worship in the little building was suspended.

But Nancy's Creek Church dates back to the earliest history of North DeKalb, and there were many friends who did not want to see it die. Among those were members of Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church near Norcross.

That church was constituted in 1827, an arm extended from Nancy's Creek Church to the community in Gwinnett County. Bethlehem too, was growing smaller. Its 16 members decided to sell their property where Peachtree Road forks from Buford Highway to go into Norcross. They voted to merge with Nancy's Creek Church, and use the money they had received to build a new Nancy's Creek building.

Primitive Baptist members do not believe in evangelization,

nor in Sunday School. As one member explained it, "We have preaching, praying and singing, at our services." The church does not use musical instruments. It is noted for its foot-washing ceremony, which along with communion is held twice yearly.

The members of the renewed Nancy's Creek - Bethlehem church are enthusiastic about plans for their congregation. Temporarily without a meeting place, they are holding services only once monthly over at Ebenezer Primitive Baptist Church in Dunwoody.

This temporary move to Dunwoody is not the first time the church has had to move. During World War I Camp Gordon was built all around the church, and for security reasons the congregation was asked to vacate temporarily. Then, too, the Dunwoody church invited its sister group to worship in its building, and the Chamblee members accepted. They returned home when the war was over and the camp vacated.

The new building now under construction is believed to be the third occupied by the church on the same property. Earlier pioneer settlers had built a log church building and worshipped there for a number of years until they became more affluent and were able to build a finer sanctuary.

When their next building is ready for occupancy, church members expect to have services more frequently, and hope to not only beautify the area around the church, but to clean up the cemetery.

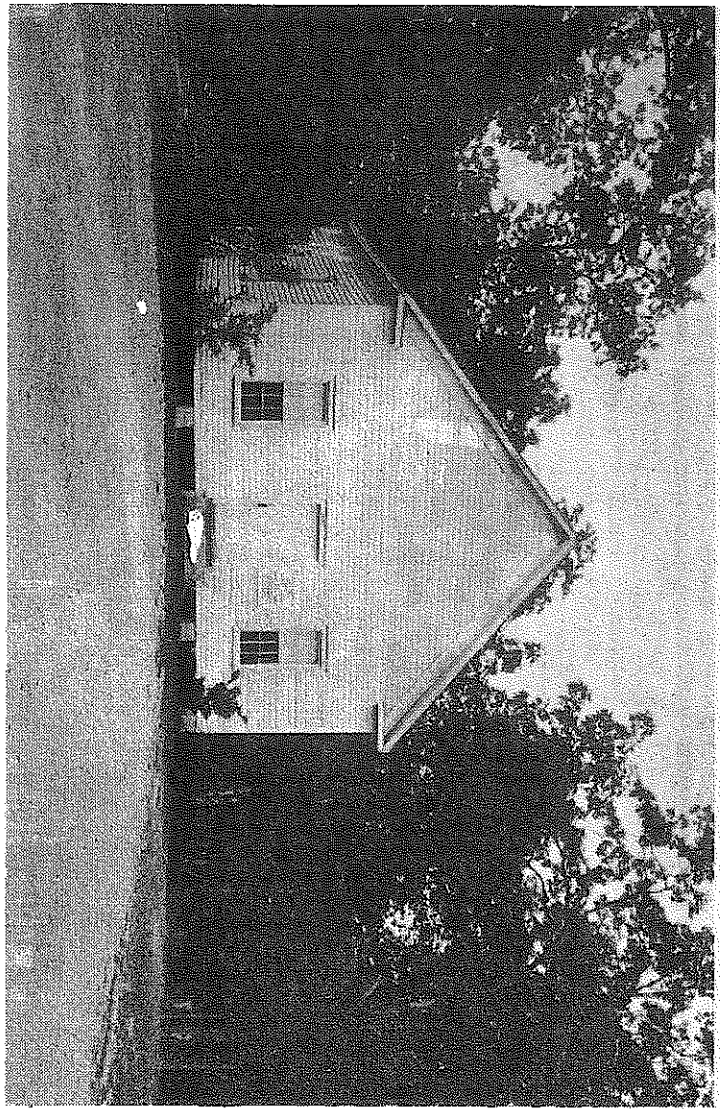
Nancy's Creek Cemetery is one of the oldest in the county, and was begun even before the railroad was laid, for half is

on one side of the Southern Railway Line, and half on the other. Old graves date back more than 100 years according to stones in pretty good shape. Other stones, evidently much older, are falling and hard to read.

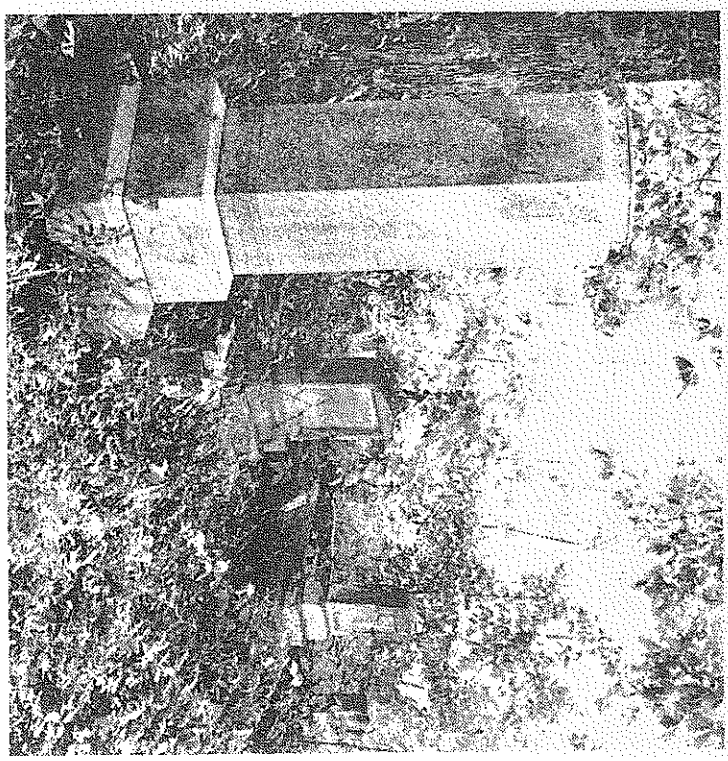
Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Coker of Tilly Mill Road, Doraville and Mrs. Turner of Brookhaven are among members who are trying to rebuild the little church which is located at the Eighth Street Crossing off Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. They say visitors are welcome, and they hope that others will join in the efforts to restore what may be one of the oldest, and most historical churches in DeKalb County.

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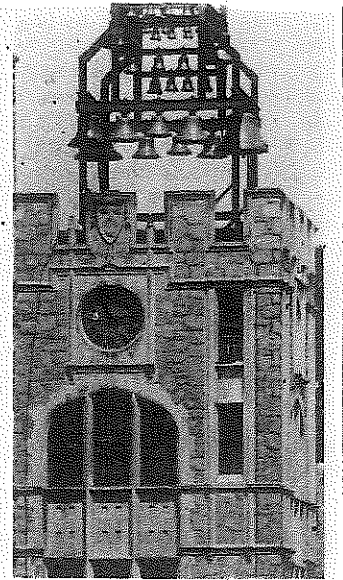
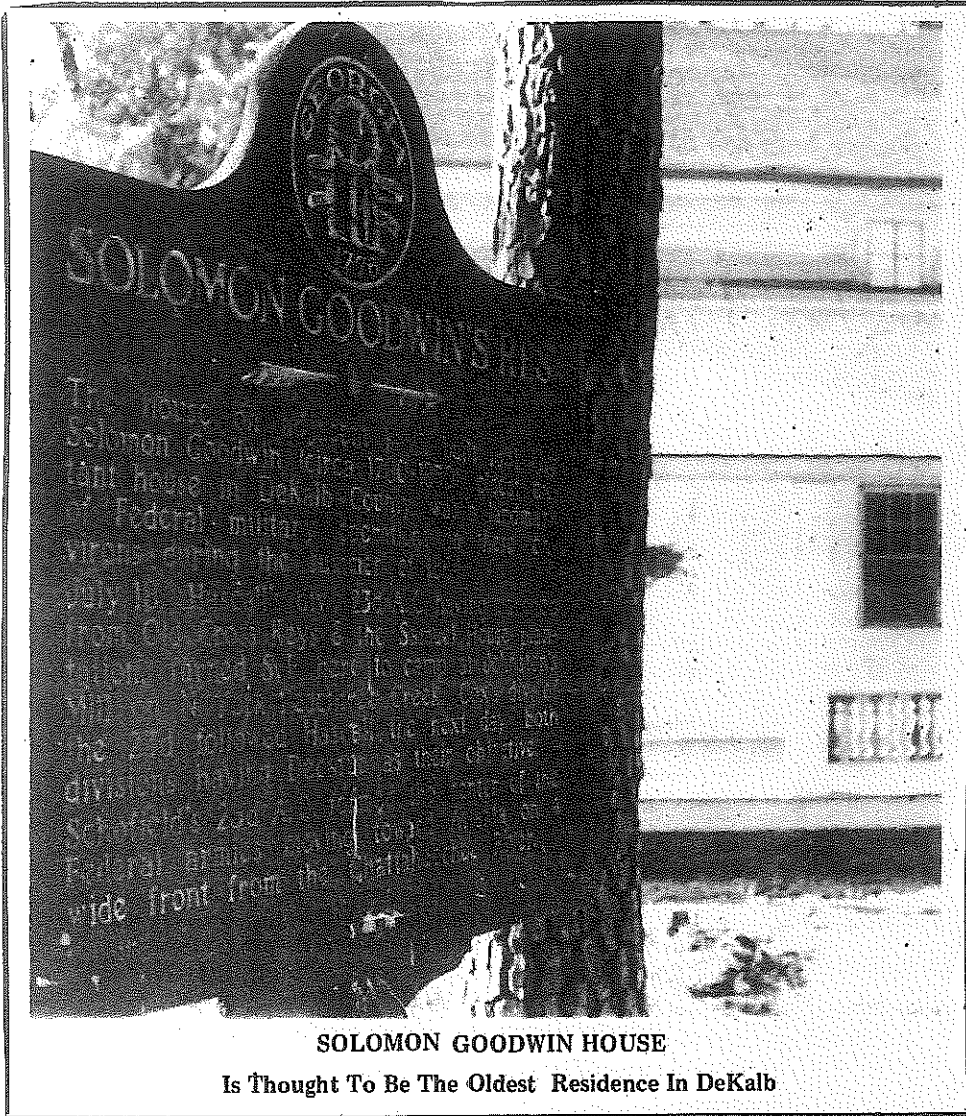
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ONE OF COUNTY'S OLDEST CEMETERIES NEEDS ATTENTION



OGLETHORPE ON TOUR

Four Familiar North DeKalb Sights On

By VIVIAN PRICE

Iowa's champion hog caller.

Four familiar sights in North DeKalb will be the subject of a tour sponsored by the DeKalb Historical Society on October 18.

The Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist Church cemetery, Oglethorpe University, the old Brookhaven School and the Solomon Goodwin house will be toured on the latest in a series of tours of historic places sponsored by the society.

Buried in the Nancy Creek cemetery are many of the shapers of the area, including Nancy Ewins, for whom the creek was named, John Blake who built Blake's Mill on the north fork, of Peachtree Creek, Solomon Goodwin, members of the House family, James Reeves, first merchant and postmaster of Old Cross Keys, and James K. Polk, cousin of President J.K. Polk are but a few of the early pioneers from the immediate area who are buried there.

THE CHURCH, believed to be the oldest in DeKalb, is on Eight Street in Chamblee at what was the Echoata Indian Trail and is now Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. Constituted in 1824, the church has suspended meeting several times, twice because of wars (the War Between the States and World War I). The first log meeting place is believed to have been destroyed by Sherman's army during the occupation of Atlanta.

The Crypt of Civilization at Oglethorpe University undoubtedly will attract much attention at the historic school.

Dr. Thornwell Jacobs, then president of the university, conceived of the "time capsule" idea and set about gathering items that would tell about life on the earth on and before the year 1940. Opening of the sealed room is scheduled for the year 8113.

The crypt is located in Phoebe Hearst Hall on campus and is a room 20 feet long by 10 feet high and 10 feet wide. Resting on a bed of rock and with two feet of stone above it, the crypt is lined with porcelain enamel plates imbedded in pitch and closed with a great stainless steel door welded in.

Included in the crypt are the recorded voices of President Franklin Roosevelt, King Edward VIII, Mussolini, Stalin, Hitler, the Emperor of Japan, the president of China and

THERE ARE foods, drinks, chewing gum, models of cars, factories, trains and the U.S. capitol, microfilm of the Bible, the Koran and "Gone With the Wind," miniature dolls dressed in popular fashions, aluminum foil, a knife, fork and spoon, toys, dentures, scarves, screwdrivers, an ink well, dental floss and dozens of other items.

In addition, Oglethorpe is historically significant, because of its prestige as an institution of higher learning. One of the first universities in the state, it was located originally in Milledgeville.

Many of the state and nation's leaders have degrees from Oglethorpe, and poet Sidney Lanier is probably the most prominent figure in the arts to have attended there.

Tourists will be served complimentary refreshments during their stay at Oglethorpe. The Solomon Goodwin house in Brookhaven is said to be one of the oldest in North Georgia.

THE HOUSE has seven rooms, three upstairs and four on the ground floor, with a wide verandah across the entire front. It is built of logs hewn from the heart of virgin pine. The floor is of

boards 20 inches wide. About 1850 the house was covered with boards on the outside and inside, making the walls now about 12 inches thick.

Soloman left South Carolina in 1825 in search of Dahlonega gold. Gold he did not find, but he found DeKalb County and returned there in 1831 to what is now Brookhaven.

Native Indians help to build his home and were frequent guests in Mr. Goodman's kitchen. Mr. and Mrs. Goodman are the only members of the immediate family to be buried in Nancy Creek cemetery; others are buried in a small family plot in front of the house.

The Civil War took several members of the Goodwin family, bringing to an end the Soloman Goodwin branch of the family. Some time later the building of the railroad took the home's kitchen and dining building. Even later development of the point formed by Peachtree and North-Druid Hills roads forced the house to be moved.

THE HOUSE survived frontier hardships and Sherman's occupation. One legend has it that the Goodwin's left two servants in the house while they escaped the war to south



Oldest Graves In Nancy Creek Cemetery

Georgia. Only the tears of the former slaves convinced federal troops not to burn the house, although evidences of vandalism still remain.

However, Merle Arnold, who manages the antique shop that now occupies the house, tells another story.

"I have always heard that Union soldiers were ransacking the house and found a Masonic apron. The commander turned out to be a Mason and told the soldiers to put all the stuff back and leave the house," she said.

"There is a man who lives

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p on Lake Lanier who came down here once and told he has that Masonic apron. I just tell tourists to come here from out of town to pick which story winds best to them to tell when they get back home,"

The old Brookhaven School, now owned by the Brookhaven Boys' Club, also will be on the tour. The facility was the first one built during the long career of former DeKalb School Superintendent Jim Cherry.

Druid Hills Road, is scheduled to be torn down to make way for a new boys' club facility. Tickets for the tour will cost \$3.50 each. For more information phone the historical society at 373-1088.

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