

OLD FLAT SHOALS OR MORRIS FAMILY CEMETERY.

Location: Flat Shoals Road a short distance north-west of Panola. Land Lot #15, 16th. District, DeKalb County. M^E Williams District.

Recorded April 21, 1932.

Morris,	James	No inscribed marker.
Morris,	Nancy.	No inscribed marker. Wife of James Morris.

Nichols,	A. J.	In Memory of A. J. Nichols Born Jan. 22 1862 Died Dec. 23 1881.
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Several other graves, some marked by large stone boxes - no inscriptions.

NOTE: This old burial ground had its inception as the Morris family cemetery - James having owned the land. Later the people who worked at the Panola Factory, nearby, started using the cemetery. A. J. Nichols was a Carpenter at the mill and was killed while working there. The mill was on South River

Old Flat Shoals Cemetery aka Morris Cemetery

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Site visit 7/23/04

Directions:

- Park at wide shoulder on the east side of Snapfinger Road a short distance north of the intersection with Panola Road. The pull-off here has been used as a trash dump.
- Standing in the center of the pull-off a wire fence will be on the left. An opening between trees will be on the right, just left of a tree with a "No Trespassing" sign. Large stones have been piled in the passage between the trees. I leaned a Goodyear tire up against the rocks.
- Standing at the opening in the trees and looking northwest (downhill) you will see a grassy glade surrounded by trees. A number of trees are set within the glade as well, including a row of oaks. Stand so that the oaks are lined up and you can only see the closest one.
- Look to the left of the oaks into the woods at the other side of the glade. (If you have a compass, look at 310 degrees.) An orange plastic construction fence runs across your line-of-sight. Just beyond that fence stands a tree with a pink tape running vertically down it. Walk across the glade to that tree (approximately 500 feet). The cemetery is just ahead of you to the left.

Nine granite grave sheds are found within this cemetery, three of them child-sized. There are also a number of graves marked only with fieldstone. An old wire fence surrounds several of these graves. I saw only one inscribed marker (A.J. Nichols January 22, 1862 – February 23, 1881). The boundaries of the cemetery are not obvious.

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