

MCINTOSH COUNTY

GEORGIA

CEMETERIES

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Dear Sirs:

This McIntosh County Cemeteries list is the result of several years research and labor. It has been very rewarding, not just for the information gained but, also, the contacts with many of our McIntosh County residents who have so willingly shared the history of our people.

Although a good number of these cemeteries are neglected and no longer used, they are the resting places of McIntosh Countians. The Official code of Georgia §Title 36 Chapter 72 which became effective April 11, 1991 says, specifically,

§ 36-72-1 :

(a).....The General Assembly declares that human remains and burial objects are not property to be owned by the person or entity which owns the land or water where the human remains and burial objects are interred or discovered, but HUMAN REMAINS AND BURIAL OBJECTS ARE A PART OF THE FINITE, IRREPLACEABLE, AND NONRENEWABLE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE PEOPLE OF GEORGIA WHICH SHOULD BE PROTECTED.

§ 36-72-3:

Provides that counties and municipalities are authorized to preserve and protect any abandoned cemetery or any burial ground which the county or municipality determines has been abandoned or is not maintained.

§ 36-72-4:

No owner or occupier of land shall knowingly disturb burial grounds, cemeteries,

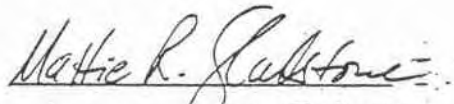
human remains, or burial objects thereon unless the owner or occupier first obtains a permit from the governing authority of the municipality or county where the cemetery or burial ground is located.

The remainder of this Georgia law, as well as House Bill 457 dealing with Indian burials, gives the procedure to be followed in this permitting process and the governing authorities responsibility to see that this is properly executed.

These details are included so that any who read this will be aware of the Georgia law.

We have an unrenewable, inestimable historic and cultural heritage in our McIntosh cemeteries. We ask that you help us to protect and preserve these resting places. Many of the individuals buried in them fought and some gave their lives so that we might have a free Country. Surely, this is the least that WE can do !

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mattie R. Gladstone".

Mattie R. Gladstone, Chairman

Lower Altamaha Historical Society Cemetery Committee
McIntosh County Historic Preservation Commission

cc: Darien City Council
McIntosh County Inspector
McIntosh County Zoning Board

McINTOSH COUNTY CEMETERIES

All measurements are from the Darien Post Office

* "L.U." = Location unknown. Anything above ground which indicated a cemetery was obliterated in the past and location is lost.

CLOSED = cemeteries are no longer in use but have some marked graves or grave wares.

1. ANDREWS
US Hwy. 17 North, go 15.2 miles. The Cemetery is on the left within the fenced areas in the clearing.
2. ARDOCK
US Hwy. 17 North, go 6.9 miles, turn left on Ardock Rd. Go 0.8 miles and the Cemetery is on the right about 100 ft. down the entry lane. The North-west section is on Griffin Rd. about 250 ft. and to the right in the woods.
3. ARDOCH PLANTATION
US Hwy. 17 North, go 6.9 miles, turn left on Rosa Jenkins Rd. and go to the dead end. The cemetery is about 500 ft. on the right in some oak trees near I-95 fence. No headstones but about ten Unmarked graves. Dates from late 1700s - later 1800s.
4. ATWOOD
US Hwy. 17 South, go 0.1 mile, turn left on Hwy. 99 (Ridge Rd.) and go 9.2 miles. Go 0.2 mile and the cemetery is on the right.
5. BAGGS
US Hwy. 17 North, go 18.8 miles and turn left on the Jones Rd. Go 0.5 miles past the Jones Community to a small, old dirt road to left Union Camp Co. land, need permit and guide. CLOSED.
6. BAILLIE
US Hwy. 17 North, go 11.5 miles. In Eulonia, past food store and behind the brick house in the pasture. ~~Closed~~
7. BAKER
US Hwy. 17 North, go 19.2 miles turn right on the Harris Neck Rd. Go 3.3 miles, turn left on Private Rd., go 0.5 miles to end, keeping left.
8. BAXTER
Old Baxter Estate on Young Mans Rd. *L.U.
9. BEHAVIOR
Sapelo Island, west side. Inquire at Sapelo Island Visitors Center near Meridian or Ben Hall on Sapelo Island for accessibility.
10. BELLEVILLE
US Hwy. 17 South, go 0.1 mile, turn left on Hwy. 99. Go 12.3 miles to Crescent and turn right on Susan Baker Rd. Go 1.2 miles. The cemetery is on the left.
11. BELL MARSH
Sapelo Island, mid-west side. Contact Cornelia Bailey.
12. BOGGY GALL
US Hwy. 17 South, go 0.1 mile, turn left on Hwy. 99. Go 5.2 miles (Carneghan), turn left on original Cowhorn Rd., then 0.1 miles, turn left on Boggy Gall Rd. Go 1.3 miles to

- young oak at edge of road on right. The cemetery is in the woods about 100 yds.
13. BUTLER
US Hwy. 17 South, go 0.1 mile and turn left on Hwy. 99. Go 0.8 miles. The cemetery is on the left.
14. BUTLER'S ISLAND
Original slave cemetery. L.U.
15. BUZZARD'S ROOST
16 sailors who died of yellow fever. L.U.
16. CALDER
US Hwy. 17 North, go 13.4 miles. Turn right on Pine Harbor Rd. 0.1 mile then left on Young Mans Rd. Go 4 miles, keep right on Shellman Bluff Rd. Go 2.6 miles to forks, go left 0.7 miles to Kicklighter Rd. and go 0.1 mile. The cemetery is a small fenced family plot on the left. CLOSED.
17. CANNON/ FORBES
US Hwy. 17 North, go 13.4 miles and turn right on Pine Harbor Rd., then left on Young Mans Rd. Go 4 miles and take Shellman Rd. Go 0.7 miles, over White Chimney bridge. The cemetery is on the left under a large oak tree. 3 graves, 2 headstones. CLOSED.
18. CAULDER
US Hwy. 17 North, go 18.8 miles and turn left on Jones Rd. Go 6.7 miles to LeConte Rd., turn right. The Cemetery is on Union Camp land. Need permit and guide. CLOSED.
19. CEDAR POINT
US Hwy. 17 South, go 0.1 mile. Turn left on Hwy. 99 and go 10.3 miles. Turn right on Cedar Point Rd., go 0.5 miles, turn left, go 0.1 mile. The cemetery is near end, on the left. CLOSED.
20. CEYLON
US Hwy. 17 North, go 1 mile, turn left on Hwy. 251. Go 0.8 mile. The cemetery is on the right.
21. CHURCHILL
US Hwy. 17 North, go 8.1 miles and turn left on King (Ebenezer) Rd. Go 3.5 miles and the cemetery is on the right some few hundred ft. across from McIntosh County Landfill office.
22. CONTENTMENT
US Hwy. 17 North, go 13.4 miles and turn right on Pine Harbor Rd., then left on Young Mans Rd. Go 4 miles (Lockwood Marina) and go 2.6 miles on Shellman Bluff Rd. to crossroads. Go left 0.7 miles to Kicklighter Rd. Turn right, go to end and the cemetery is the tabby walled area on the right.
23. CUTHBERT
US Hwy. 17 South, go 0.1 mile and turn left on the Ridge Rd. (Hwy. 99). Go 5.9 miles, turn right on Hudson Place and go 0.2 miles. Cemetery is on right.
24. d'ANTIGNAC
US Hwy. 17 South, go 0.1 mile and turn left on the Ridge

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77. WAYFAIR / HARDSHELL BAPTIST

and turn left on dirt road. When road divides, take right fork and go to end.

US Hwy. 17 North, go 1 mile and turn left on Hwy. 251. Go 12.3 miles and turn right. The cemetery is 0.1 mile, on the right.

78. WHISPERING PINES

US Hwy. 17 North, go 1.5 miles and turn ^{right} ~~left~~ on Blount's Crossing. Go 0.7 mile. Cemetery on the left.

79. WINDY HILL

US Hwy. 17 North, go 1 mile and turn left on Hwy. 251. Go 3 miles, turn right on Fountain Trail and go 0.5 mile. Cemetery is North of road, in the woods. Rayonier Co. land. CLOSED

80. WOODVILLE

US Hwy. 17 South, go 0.1 mile, turn ~~left~~ ^{right} on Hwy. 99. Go 6.5 miles and turn right at Woodville (Buddy Beckham Rd.). Go 0.1 mile and the cemetery is in the woods to the right. Gignilliat Papers state that 1 acre was set aside for the cemetery.

81. YOUNGS ISLAND

US Hwy. 17 North, go 14.5 miles and turn left on Youngs Island Rd. Go 1.6 miles and turn left on Youngs Island Community Church Rd. The cemetery is 0.2 mile, on the left.

65. REYNOLDS CHAPEL

US Hwy. 17 North, go 12.5 miles. Turn left between houses and go to the end. Back in the woods to the left (SW). Union Camp land. CLOSED.

66. ROBSON

US Hwy. 17 North, go 1 mile, turn left on Hwy. 251. Go 5.1 miles, turn right toward Townsend and go 4 miles. Turn left on dirt road and go about 0.2 mile. Cemetery is on the left. Private Property.

67. St. ANDREWS

US Hwy. 17 South, go 0.1 mile, turn left on Hwy. 99. Go 1.5 miles and turn right.

68. SHELLMAN BLUFF BAPTIST CHURCH

US Hwy. 17 North, go 13.4 miles and turn right on Pine Harbor Rd. Go 0.1 mile and turn left on Young Mans Rd. Go 4 miles, keep right on Shell Bluff Rd. and go 2.6 miles to crossroads. Turn right, go about 0.1 mile. Cemetery is on right by church.

69. SNOW

US Hwy. 17 South, go 0.1 mile, turn left on Hwy. 251. Go 2.4 miles, turn right and the cemetery is behind the house near the garage. Private Property. CLOSED.

70. THE POINT

US Hwy. North, go 13.4 miles, turn right on Pine Harbor Rd. Go 0.1 mile, turn left on Young Mans Rd. and go 4 miles. Keep right on Shellman Bluff Rd., go 0.7 miles, turn right on Neal Blvd. And go 0.2 miles. Turn right on River Dr. Cemetery is 100 ft. on right.

71. THE RIDGE

US Hwy. 17 South, go 0.1 mile and turn ^{left} on Hwy. 99. Go 4.9 miles and the cemetery is on the right in the woods. (Turn right on Blue and Hall Rd., go to subdivision road on left and follow to the end. Cemetery is SW.)

72. THE THICKET

Slave cemetery South of and on line with slave cabins. L.U.

73. TOWNSEND FAMILY

US Hwy. 17 South, go 0.1 mile and turn left on Hwy. 99 and go 0.9 mile. Turn right on Murray Townsend Rd. Go to end of road. Cemetery is inside the fence and to the right.

74. TROUP

US Hwy. 17 South, go 0.1 miles, turn left on Hwy. 99 and go 12.9 miles. Turn right on Buccaneer Tr., go 2.5 miles and turn left. 2.4 miles on Johnson/Sapelo Rd. Walled cemetery on right just before Pelican Point Restaurant.

75. UPPER MILL

US Hwy. 17 North, go 0.1 mile and turn left on C.A. Devillars St. Go past Todd-Grant School and the cemetery is on the right.

76. WALLACE

US Hwy. 17 North, 13.4 miles and turn right on Pine Harbor Rd. Go 0.1 mile and turn left on Young Mans Rd. Go 3 miles, turn right on Belle Hammock Rd., go 1 mile

- Go 12.3 miles, turn right on Susan Baker Rd. and go 0.3 miles. Cemetery is behind church.
39. HUDSON
- US Hwy. 17 South 0.1 mile, turn left on Hwy. 99 and go 6.6 miles. The cemetery is on the right.
40. HUTCHERSON / LOTSON
- US Hwy. 17 South 0.1 mile, turn left on Hwy. 99 and go 6.9 miles. Turn left on Hudson Rd., and go 0.2 miles. The cemetery is on the right.
41. JONES
- US Hwy. 17 North, go 19 miles and turn left on Jones Rd. Go 6.6 miles, on the left across from the church.
42. JULIANTON PLNATATION
- US Hwy. 17 North, go 19.2 miles and turn right on Harris Neck Rd. Go 8 miles. Old Juliannton Plantation Cemetery is on private property.
43. KELL'S GROVE
- US Hwy. 17 South, go 0.1 mile and turn left on Hwy. 99. Go 0.9 miles, turn right on Murray Townsend Rd. and go 0.3 miles. The cemetery is in the woods to the right about 135 ft.
44. KENAN
- Sapelo Island, West side in Kenan Field near Lumber Landing. Contact Cornelia Bailey.
45. KING
- US Hwy. 17 South, go 0.1 mile, turn left on Hwy. 99 and go 5 miles. Turn left across from Emmanuel Baptist Church, and go 0.4 miles. The cemetery is on the right about 100yds., West of trailers and pond.
46. MALLOW
- US Hwy. 17 North, go 13.4 miles and turn right on Pine Harbor Rd. Go to the end of road, turn right and the Cemetery is about 0.1 mile on the right.
47. McINTOSH FAMILY
- US Hwy. 17 North, go 17.8 miles. The cemetery is on the left.
48. W.A. McINTOSH / TODD
- US Hwy. 17 North, go 13.4 miles and turn left on Pine Harbor Rd. Go 0.1 miles and turn left on Young Mans Rd. Go 2.9 miles, turn right and go to end of road. The cemetery is about 100yds. to the Northeast in a grove of oak trees near the marsh.
49. MILLER
- Sapelo Island. mid-east side. Contact Cornelia Bailey.
50. MINTON / O'NEAL / McCOY
- US Hwy. 17 North, go 17.5 miles and turn right on Minton Rd. The cemetery is on the left just before it dead ends at Young Mans Rd.
51. MORGAN'S CHAPEL
- US Hwy. 17 North, go 13.4 miles, turn right on Pine Harbor Rd., go 0.1 miles and turn left on Young Mans Rd. Go 2.3 miles and the Cemetery is on the right near the Church.

52. MINTS
US Hwy. 17 North, go 13.4 miles, turn right on Pine Harbor Rd., go 0.1 miles and turn left on Young Mans Rd. Go 4 miles, turn right on Shellman Rd. Just before White Chimney River, back in the woods but on private property. One headstone.
53. MUMFORD
US Hwy. 17 North, go 13.4 miles, turn right on Pine Harbor Rd., go 0.1 mile and turn left on Young Mans Rd. Go 4 miles, keep to right on Shellman Bluff Rd., go 2.6 miles. At cross roads turn right and go 0.7 miles. On left just before Sutherlands Bluff gate.
54. NELSON / MERINGO
US Hwy. 17 North, go 19.2 miles and turn right on Harris Neck Rd. Go 4.1 miles turn right on Young Mans Rd. and go 1.4 miles. Cemetery on left.
55. OAKLAND
US Hwy. 17 North, go 1 mile and turn left on Hwy. 251. Go 7.6 miles and turn right on Blues Reach Rd. Go 0.6 mile and the cemetery is on the left, next to Poppell/~~G~~ARDNER Cemetery.
56. OASIS / OSHIS
US Hwy. 17 North, go 1 mile and turn left on Hwy. 251. Go 6 miles and the cemetery is on the right about 200ft. down the firebreak and to the right. CLOSED.
57. O'BERRY
US Hwy. 17 North, go 1 mile and turn left on Hwy. 251. Go 16.3 miles, turn left on Miller Laked Rd. and go 1.9 miles. Turn right, go 0.2 miles. Remains of fence and sign. No markers. Paper Company land. CLOSED.
58. OLD CITY
Jefferson St. (across from Darien Post Office) Go 1 block from US Hwy. 17, on left.
59. OLD SAILOR'S BURYING GROUND
West of Marsh Landing, across from Sapelo. L.U.
60. ORLEANS
Sapelo Island. First slave cemetery on Sapelo. L.U.
61. PERU PLANTATION(Thomas Family)
Peru Plantation, north of Harris Neck Rd. (Harris Neck Wildlife Reserve). Including, Mrs. E. Clapp who was buried near her home. L.U.
62. PIGEON HILL
US Hwy. 17 North, go 13.4 miles and turn right on Pine Harbor Rd. Go 0.1 miles. turn left and go 4 miles, then right on Shellman Bluff Rd. 2.6 miles. At crossroads, turn left and go 0.2 miles. Cemetery is on the right.
63. PLUM ORCHARD
US Hwy. 17 North, go 1 mile. Turn left on Hwy. 251, go 13.7 miles to end of paved road. Turn left on first dirt road to left and go 1.5 miles. Cemetery is on the right.
64. POWELL
US Hwy. 17 South, go 0.1 mile, turn left on Hwy. 99. Go 2.5 miles, turn right. Go to forks, turn left through gate. The cemetery is on the left. Private. CLOSED.

- Rd. (Hwy. 99). Go 12.1 miles, turn right at big anchor. The cemetery is 100 yds. on the left. Private.
25. DAVIS/McDONALD
US Hwy. 17 North, go 18.8 miles, turn left on the Jones Rd. Go 2.5 miles and the cemetery is 0.1 mile on the right.
26. DEAN GROVE
US Hwy. 17 North, go 18.8 miles and turn left on the Jones Rd. Go 6.6 miles and the cemetery is on the corner of Jones Rd. and LeConte Rd. *Closed*.
27. DEVERGER/WALLACE
US Hwy. 17 North, go 13.4 miles and turn right on Pine Harbor Rd. go 0.1 mile, turn left on Young Mans Rd. Go 3 miles, turn right on Belle Hammock Rd. Go 1 mile and turn left on dirt road. When road divides take right fork and go to the end.
28. DOBOY ISLAND
1 known grave. L.U.
29. DUNHAM
US Hwy. 17 North, go 19 miles, turn right on the Harris Neck Rd. Go 6 miles to the Springfield Plantation Rd. Turn right, go 1 mile and turn left. The cemetery is on the left behind the water tank.
30. DUNWODY
US Hwy. 17 North, go 1 mile, turn left on Hwy. 251. Go 1.3 miles (over I-95) and the cemetery is behind the service stations (North).
31. EBENEZER
US Hwy. 17 North, go 8 miles and turn left on King (Ebenezer) Rd. Go 0.3 mile (over I-95 over-pass). The cemetery is just beyond on the right.
32. FAIRHOPE
A headstone was moved to Mallow Cemetery. One brick covered grave in original location. Remaining washed into river. *Private property.*
33. FORT KING GEORGE
US Hwy. 17 South, turn left on Ft. King George Dr. just before Darien River bridge. Follow the drive to the Fort. Cemetery is inside the gate to the right.
34. GARDNER / POPPELL
US Hwy. 17 North, go 1 mile, turn left on Hwy. 251 and go 6.5 miles. Turn right on Blues Reach Rd., go 0.5 miles. The cemetery is on the left.
35. GOULD
US Hwy. 17 North, go 19.2 miles, turn right on Harris Neck Rd. Go 6.7 miles to end of paved road the 0.6 miles on dirt road to end, on the left.
36. HIGH POINT
Sapelo Island—North end. L.U.
37. HOLLAND
US Hwy. 17 North 1 mile. Turn left on Hwy. 251 and go West 7.6 miles. Turn right on Blues Reach Rd. and go 1.7 miles, turn right, go 0.1 mile The cemetery is on the left.
38. HOPKINS / CRESCENT BAPTIST
US Hwy. 17 South, go 0.1 mile and turn left on Hwy. 99.