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# Venable family moved to Hall from Virginia

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In Block 2 of Alta Vista Cemetery is the headstone marker with inscription: "Gen. Richard Venable Attorney at Law age 28 yrs. 10 months 13 days died Nov. 21, 1829".

## Hall County History

The Alta Vista Cemetery was not in existence in 1829; therefore, the body of Gen. Richard Venable must have been relocated from one of the numerous cemeteries located near the town square of Gainesville. The date of death is more than likely correct since the will of Richard Venable is recorded in the Hall County Courthouse.

"Ga., Hall County. WILL OF RICHARD VENABLE. (dated)

14 November 1829. I will and bequeath to my brother: Robert Venable, four Negroes, my plantation, a lot of land adjoining the town of Gainesville...To Robert Mitchell, all the tracts of lots or parcels of land which I own in Village of Gainesville, together with Negro man, Peter; also my books of every kind...(signed) Richard Venable. Executors: Brother, Robert Venable and Robert Mitchell. WITNESSES: P.P. Murray, Norman L. Chester, James Law. Probated: 4 January 1830. George Hawpe C.C.O."

The brother, Robert Venable, left a will recorded in Jackson County. "Jan. 3, 1832...Executors shall be: wife, Isabella Venable, and James M. Cunningham...To wife, all of plantation, tools, horses and farm where Henry Mann now lives. At end of year 1832, my Negroes shall be sold and also property owned near Gainesville in Hall County shall be sold at public outcry or at best private sale.

"The money received to be lent at interest until children become of age (children not named). (signed) Robert Venable. WITNESSES: M.

Montgomery, Thomas Shockley and Jesse Murphey...William Cowan C.C.O."

Also, buried in Alta Vista Cemetery are: (probably a son of Robert, or a kin) Capt. John M. Venable (born in Jackson County) Civil War Veteran born March 24, 1827 died April 6, 1910.

Mrs. Mary Venable, wife of John M., born Sept. 13, 1837 died Aug. 5, 1920.

William J. Stewart states in the publication "Gone to Georgia," that Abraham Venable emigrated to Virginia

in 1680 and that the family has since scattered widely over the eastern part of Virginia (particularly in Prince Edward County), and in southside Virginia, and then to Surry County, N.C., South Carolina and Georgia.

Robert Venable was living in Jackson County on Mulberry Fork, in Capt. James Moore's district, in 1803. In 1805, Abraham, C.N., (probably Charles and Nathaniel), Robert and William were in the lottery list. Robert was in Cochran's

Mulberry district in the 1807 lottery list, and in 1809 Charles obtained headright land.

A Nathaniel and William Venable are listed in the military at Fort Daniels in 1814. In 1820, besides John Venable, Nathaniel Venable, Charles Venable and Thomas Venable were enumerated in Jackson County. Robert Venable was enumerated in Hall County.

A favorite name that has come down through the family has been that of Abraham. One Abraham Venable signed a

bond to buy land on Fishing Creek, Wilkes County in 1787.

John Moore Venable of Jackson County married Sarah Clower, daughter of Daniel Clower. Sarah Clower was born 1787.

Thomas Shockley, a witness to the will of Robert Venable dated 1832, is buried in Hall County off State Highway 52 out from Lula. The SHOCKLEY family was also from Virginia and the VENABLE and SHOCKLEY families may have had some intermarriages.