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We have had three major desecrations over the last 12 years that were devastating. About 150 headstones and slabs have been badly broken. The big unbreakable ones have been pushed over, sometimes breaking the slab as they fell. The landmark statue of Mary, "The Mother of Jesus" was broken beyond repair and has been replaced. We also have installed three wrought iron gates in the concrete wall openings with the name "COON HILL" above the Entrance gate. About 100 headstones and slabs and 73 new markers have been replaced or repaired. We are proud of this Historic cemetery and sometime in the future there may be a need to open a new section for burials.

Alvin H. Enfinger

For Coon Hill Burial Association Trustees

# Coon Hill Cemetery

By Anne Williamson / Tri City Ledger

In the year 2007, about the only thing Coon Hill is known for is an almost abandoned cemetery in the middle of nowhere - a cemetery where teenagers pull pranks on other teens, where paranormal investigators run experiments, and all too often, where vandals destroy the remaining headstones of some of the pioneers to the Northwest Florida and Southwest Alabama area.

Nearly 200 years ago, as the United States was in its infancy, people began to slowly migrate to this region. The towns of Century and Flomaton did not become bustling communities until the beginning of the 1900's. But, according to the book Santa Rosa Cemeteries, it is believed that people buried at Coon Hill "represent the original founders of this area, mostly of Scottish descent."

The original Coon Hill area, though now located in a desolate area in the middle of timberland and hunting clubs, was a real community, with real people, who came to this unsettled area to make a home.

The community, which lies on the edge of the Escambia River on what is now Santa Rosa County, was connected to the Escambia County side of the river by ferry and by an old wooden bridge. Both the bridge and the ferry have long been gone.

Some family members eventually moved to the Escambia side, while others stayed in Santa Rosa County. The cemetery at Ray's Chapel Baptist Church in Bogia, on the Escambia County side of the river, is home to many of the brothers and sisters to those settlers buried at Coon Hill.

In the 1800s and early 1900s Coon Hill was a small logging community, even before Florida became a state. Timber Explorer E.F. Skinner operated in the area from 1874 to 1908. The town had a post office, hotel, church and many homes. One resident, Edward Campbell, was born in Scotland in 1757. He originally settled in Marion County, South Carolina. Following the death of his wife, Mary McClellan, he moved



to Escambia County, Fla., which was ruled by Spain. Edward Campbell was one of the petitioners who in 1821 appealed to Congress to settle land claims.

Most of the people who lived in the area are also buried there. Although the deed is 20 acres, only 1 or 2 acres is fenced in by a concrete wall.

Most graves at Coon Hill Cemetery range from 1836 to the early 1900s. Only a few people have been buried in the cemetery since the 1960s.

The list of names of those people there reads like a Who's Who in area history. The cemetery has two senators, E.V. McCaskill and Neill McMillan; a circuit rider Methodist minister, Sharrod Lewis Hart; a tax assessor and tax collector, Charles Edward Campbell, who also served in the Florida Militia during the Civil War.

Another resident of Coon Hill and one-time postmaster was William Larkin Williams, the man for whom Williams' Station (now Atmore) was named. The oldest grave in the cemetery is that of his first wife, Margaret McMillan Williams, who died March 19, 1836. His second wife, Mary McMillan Williams (sister to his first wife - both daughters of Duncan McMillan and Mary 'Polly' Wilkinson McMillan) are also buried at Coon Hill, plus many of Williams' children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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One of those children was Wiley Q. Williams, who was appointed second postmaster in 1854. After this the post office was moved to Chumuckla Springs where water supposedly flowed from the legendary Fountain of Youth sought by the Spanish Conquistador, Ponce de Leon.

Miss Mary E. Williams, daughter of Wiley J. and Margaret McDavid Williams who died Sept. 27, 1877, of typhoid fever, when she was only 17 years old, is buried at Coon Hill. Sabra Williams (daughter of William Larkin Williams and Margaret McMillan) along with her husband Joel Alexander McDavid, are buried in Coon Hill. Joel's parents, Richmond Terrell McDavid and Sarah McCaskill, lived in Coon Hill and are buried there.

Sabra and Joel and their children, Margaret, Clementine, Albert, Beauregard, David, Mamie, Ida, Fannie, Wiley, Allie and Walter, all lived in Coon Hill. Many of their descendants still live in the Jay and Century areas.

Descendants from these early pioneers still live and prosper in the south Alabama, northwest Florida area. Some of the surnames of those descendants include: Miller, Lambert, Crumbley, Slade, Severson, Brooks, McCaskill, Harrison, McDavid, McArthur, Stanton, Davis, Holland, McMillan, McDaniel, Byrne, Savell, Reynolds, Wilkins, Penton, Griffin, Magaha, Jenkins, Smiley, Wilkinson, McKinnon, Campbell, Ezell, Hart, Mims, Diamond,

Middleton, Johnson, Mayo, Pearson, Pyburn, Enfinger, Rutherford, Lee, Jernigan, Howell, Salter, Cartwright, Grimes.

Even though the Coon Hill area is no more than an echo from the past, it is one of the roots to the area's foundation. It is where our ancestors carved out a place to work and to live, to make a home and build a new state.



Many of those in the photograph lived in the Coon Hill area and are buried in the cemetery there. These residents now have descendants living not only in this region but across the country.

This list gives the following identification.

Top row: Willie Bond, Roy Diamond, Harry McDavid, Wiley J. McDavid, Dade McDavid, Angus McMillan, Beare McDavid, Laura McDavid, Terrill Williams, [name marked through], Mollie Laskey, Ida McDavid McDaniel, Marian McMillan, John McDavid, Joe Reynolds, Jim Diamond, Dave McDavid.

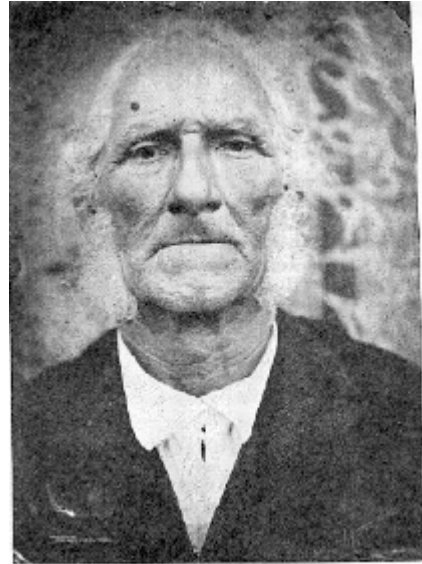
Second row: Will Williams, Wiley Williams Jr., Albert McDavid, Rab Williams, Taylor Williams, Malvina Golay Caro, Sabra Collins, Molly Williams, Mary Lovelace, Fannie McDavid Harrison, Dell Williams McLeod, Lilly Diamond (Penton), Maggie Williams, Anna McDavid, Maggie McDavid Diamond, Mrs. Leiza Williams, Rebecca Hobby.

Third row: Walter McDavid, Howard McDavid, Joel A. McDavid, Sabra Williams McDavid, Margaret Williams, Wiley Williams Sr., Rebecca Golay, Wm. L. (Uncle Bud) Williams, Mrs. Fannie Williams, Mrs. Catherine McMillan, Sallie Williams, Annie McMillan, Mrs. Taylor Williams, Willie May Pou Williams, Fannie Reynolds, Lizzie McMillan, Ida Jones, Cuyler McMillan, Gladys McMillan (Gunn).

Bottom row: Mamie Stewart, Dodie Nicholson Stewart, Earl Williams, Lena Williams (Edwards), Philip Golay Caro, Becky Diamond, Cella Reynolds Gardner, Anna Runyan Barnes, Albert McDavid Jr., Cleve Lidell, Allie McDavid Caro, Chipley Diamond, Edward McDaniel, Mamie McDavid, May Swaine (Reira), Cuyler McMillan, Mollie Diamond (Cleghorn), Dell Diamond (Campbell), Lucille McDavid (Mizell), Daisy McDavid, Annie McDaniel (Stewart), Fannie Diamond (Brewton)

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How "Williams Station" was Named  
Excerpt from the Tri-City Ledger  
August 12, 1999  
By Anne Anderson



William Larkin Williams, known as "Uncle Bud," was born February 18, 1807 in Bullock County, Georgia and moved to Escambia County, Florida in 1819. He died July 8, 1900, in McDavid, Florida, at the age of 93 years, 4 months and 20 days. He is buried in Coon Hill Cemetery in Santa Rosa County, Florida, near Chumuckla Springs.

On either side of his are buried two of his three wives, Margaret and Mary McMillan, both daughters of Mary [Polly] Wilkinson McMillan and Duncan McMillan. He married Margaret McMillan on March 5, 1829, in Santa Rosa County, Florida. After Margaret died, he married her sister Mary.

Upon Mary's death, June 28, 1887, Williams married [third] Fannie Bellah on May 4, 1889. She was born February 8, 1846. A little math shows he was 82 years old and Fannie was 42.

When Williams moved to Escambia County, Florida, to live at a place known in recent years as Reuben Herman Place in Walnut Hill, 2 ½ miles west of McDavid Station. Williams would ride his pony from Walnut Hill to the railroad [to the north], presumably to get supplies, tie the pony to a tree and then flag down the train [to go to Mobile or Montgomery]. He'd catch the next train back.

This particular tree became know as "Williams Station," and its locality is now known as Atmore, Alabama. Family folklore states that he eventually build a little shelter to house his horse while he was gone, but no one knows for sure.

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The first structure in what is Atmore was a small shed built along the railroad at which supplies were left for William Larkin Williams who had a logging operation ten miles down in Florida. In 1866 the site was first called Williams Station, just a supply stop along the railroad.

By the 1870's there were several buildings; a railroad station, a store containing the post office, and one dwelling. Late in 1870 the first sawmill was put into operation.

In 1897 the name was changed to Atmore in honor of C.P. Atmore, the local General Ticket Agent on the Louisville Nashville Railroad.

<http://www.atmorechamber.com/hist.htm>

# Coon Hill

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In about 1820 settlers concentrated in an area alongside a creek with fresh water flowing from both sides, later named Diamond Creek. Coon Hill was chosen by a vote of the early pioneers over Opossum Hill. This was the first town in the area now known as northwest Santa Rosa County.

In 1838, President Andrew Jackson's army gathered the Indians and marched them to Oklahoma to be settled on a Reservation. The early pioneers now felt safe to move further out, but Coon Hill was still the headquarters to receive mail and to purchase equipment and supplies and other essentials of life. The post office was located there about 1845.

The Post Office was moved to Chumuckla around 1900 and located in a small building across the dirt road from the old cotton gin. The mail was still delivered by Pony Express. At about the same time, the last house in the Coon Hill Community was torn down and reassembled by the movers as they now began settling from the Alabama State line to the Wallace Community. The last building standing was the Methodist-Baptist Church which was later torn down and the lumber used to build the first parsonage at Elizabeth Chapel Church. All that remains of the Coon Community is the cemetery.

Buried in the cemetery are:

First Postmaster at Coon Hill: William Larkin Williams

Second Postmaster: William Larkin [Son of the first postmaster]

Third Postmaster: E. C. Severson

Neill C McMillan: elected to the Florida Senate in 1845, the year that Florida became a state.

Edward McCaskill: elected as a State Representative and later as a State Senator.

Two Santa Rosa County Tax Assessors:

William Larkin Williams & Charles Edward Campbell

Two Circuit Riding Preachers:

- Rev. Sharrod L Hart -1823-1859
- Rev. Robert Smilie -1827-1906

Fifteen Civil War Veterans: Campbell, Diamond, Mayo, McCaskill, and McMillan.

The oldest marker is dated 1836.

There were many early grave markers made of Heart Pine Boards. They are all gone, some were mapped and recorded and replaced and others were not. After the settlers moved out a wall was needed to protect the cemetery from fire and wildlife. The concrete wall was constructed about 1895-1900 with sand and gravel moved by slip-scoops pulled by mules from nearby Diamond Creek. The cement was supplied by William J Williams Hardware Store in Milton.

The cemetery was vandalized in: May 2000, May 2003 & December 2006. We are thankful to those who have made contributions of money and hard work to restore it to the current condition.

We thank you for taking the opportunity to visit this Historic Place and enjoying a meal with us.

I hope you enjoy the day,

Alvin H Enfinger, Trustee

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  - 15 Civil War Veterans
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  - 3 Postmasters
- Markers include ancestral names of Byrnes, Campbell, Davis, Diamond, Enfinger, Ezell, Hart, Howell, Lee, Magaha, Mayo, McCaskill, McDavid, McKinnon, McMillan, Miner, Pearson, Penton, Pyburn, Reynolds, Rutherford, Salter, Savell, Severson, Slade, Wilkinson, Williams, and others.
- Oldest Marker - Williams, Margaret - b. Dec. 22, 1802 d. Mar. 19, 1836  
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Donations may be mailed to: Alvin H. Enfinger

Coon Hill Burial Association Trustees, 9487 Chumuckla Springs Road, Jay, FL 32565

# Coon Hill Cemetery

## Grave Markers

1. Brooks, Albon - b. May 3, 1903 d. Nov. 22, 1918
2. Byrne, Minerva Mary – b. unknown d. Oct. 20, 1877 - Inscription: aged 19 yrs 22 days
3. Byrne, S.C. – b. unknown d. Apr 13, 1876 - Inscription: age 20 yrs 9 mos 26 days wife of W.P. Byrne
4. Campbell, A. Lucian - b. Oct 6, 1888 d. Nov 15, 1945
5. Campbell, Ann E. - b. Feb 14, 1931 d. Sep 7, 1931
6. Campbell, Cecil Rufus - b. Sep. 13, 1909 d. Jun. 12, 1918
7. Campbell, Charles B. - b. Jun. 5, 1907 d. Sep. 10, 1930
8. Campbell, Charles E. - b. Nov. 8, 1831 d. May 16, 1907
9. Campbell, Christian McMillan - b. Nov. 3, 1808 d. Jul. 7, 1873 - Inscription: my mother
10. Campbell, Daniel A. - b. Jan. 22, 1837 d. Oct. 2, 1905
11. Campbell, Pvt. Duncan, J. - b. Apr. 2, 1833 d. May 4, 1882
12. Campbell, E. [Bob] E. - b. 1886 d. 1959
13. Campbell, Franklin - b. Oct. 23, 1933 d. Nov. 19, 1967
14. Campbell, Infant - b. Sep. 13, 1893 d. Sep. 13, 1893 - Inscription: son of M.L. & B. Campbell
15. Campbell, Infant - b. Aug. 6, 1911 d. Aug. 6, 1911 -Inscription: daughter of Cuyler & Bessie Campbell
16. Campbell, Infant - b. Nov. 20, 1900 d. Nov. 20, 1900 - Inscription: dau of J.L. & B. Campbell
17. Campbell, Infant - b. Dec. 31, 1924 d. Dec. 31, 1924 - Inscription: son of Cuyler & Bessie Campbell
18. Campbell, Ira - b. Feb. 22, 1903 d. Mar. 20, 1924 - Inscription: son of Mr. & Mrs. M.L. Campbell



19. Campbell, J.D. - b. Apr. 2, 1833 d. May 4, 1882 - Inscription: father
20. Campbell, Jane A. - b. May 12, 1845 d. Jun. 9, 1936 - Inscription: wife of Charles E. Campbell
21. Campbell, John A. - b. Jun. 23, 1872 d. Sep. 15, 1906
22. Campbell, L.A. - b. Mar. 22, 1839 d. Dec. 15, 1909 - Inscription: mother
23. Campbell, M.L. - b. Feb. 16, 1843 d. Feb. 22, 1910
24. Campbell, Margaret - b. Feb. 4, 1854 d. Nov. 30, 1874 - Inscription: wife of M.L. Campbell
25. Campbell, Sallie O. - b. 1900 d. unknown - Inscription: dbl stone with E.E. Campbell
26. Campbell, Sarah A. - b. Jan. 2, 1841 d. May 19, 1923
27. Campbell, William A. - b. Jan. 30, 1835 d. Nov. 13, 1857
28. Cartwright, Mary E. - b. Aug. 17, 1875 d. Mar. 17, 1901 - Inscription: wife of J.F. Cartwright
29. Crumbley, Jackson N. - b. Mar. 7, 1868 d. May 24, 1914 - Inscription: WOW - DUM TACIT CLAMAT
30. Davis, Henry Grady - b. Feb. 29, 1890 d. Jun. 5, 1890
31. Davis, Herbert S. - b. Oct. 25, 1882 d. Aug. 26, 1887 - Inscription: son of J.W. & M.S. Davis
32. Davis, J.W. - b. Aug. 23, 1804 d. Dec. 24, 1881 - Inscription: born in S.C.
33. Davis, J.W. - b. Mar. 11, 1847 d. Jan. 13, 1910
34. Davis, Mollie S. - b. Oct. 10, 1857 d. Mar. 7, 1890
35. Davis, Rosa A. - b. Jul. 28, 1823 d. Mar. 29, 1892
36. Diamond, Adelia - b. May 27, 1873 d. Sep. 22, 1900 - Inscription: wife of J.A. Diamond
37. Diamond, B.W. - b. Aug. 23, 1857 d. Oct. 22, 1879
38. Diamond, Cecil Elmer - b. Sep. 19, 1915 d. Dec. 3, 1916
39. Diamond, Cora - b. unknown d. May 24, 1874
40. Diamond, E. J. - b. Feb. 4, 1834 d. Feb. 9, 1897 - Inscription: wife of J.C. Diamond
41. Diamond, Ethel Henrietta - b. May 8, 1897 d. Oct. 20, 1916

42. Diamond, Eugene T. - b. May 28, 1895 d. Jun. 21, 1895 - Inscription: son of W.L. & A.L. Diamond
43. Diamond, Infant - b. 1867 d. 1867 - Inscription: dau of W.M. & S.L. Diamond
44. Diamond, Infant - b. unknown d. unknown - Inscription: sons
45. Diamond, Infant - b. Dec. 22, 1903 d. Jan. 14, 1904 - Inscription: son of W.R. & MA. Diamond
46. Diamond, Infant - b. Oct. 3, 1907 d. Oct. 3, 1907 Inscription: Infant of L.B. & Lelia Diamond
47. Diamond, Infant - b. Jan. 9, 1900 d. Jan. 30, 1900 – Inscription: Infant of L.B. & Lelia Diamond
48. Diamond, Infant - b. Oct. 27, 1909 d. Dec. 7, 1909 - Inscription: son of W.R. & MA. Diamond
49. Diamond, Infant - b. Sep. 15, 1911 d. Sep. 28, 1911 - Inscription: son of E.D. & A.L. Diamond
50. Diamond, Infant - b. Jul. 9, 1905 d. Aug. 16, 1908 - Inscription: sons of J.D. & H.V. Diamond
51. Diamond, James - b. Nov. 8, 1872 d. Dec. 28, 1872
52. Diamond, James H. - b. Jul. 27, 1848 d. Oct. 17, 1928
53. Diamond, John - b. Jun. 16, 1814 d. Aug. 19, 1908
54. Diamond, John Allen - b. Jul. 3, 1862 d. Apr. 16, 1934
55. Diamond, John T. - b. unknown d. May 23, 1936 - Inscription: Texas Corp 143 Infantry 36 Div
56. Diamond, Lazarus B. - b. Jun. 14, 1869 d. Jan. 31, 1945
57. Diamond, Lelia P. - b. Mar. 9, 1875 d. Feb. 19, 1941 - Inscription: mother
58. Diamond, M.E. - b. 1831 d. Nov., 1888 - Inscription: widow of John Diamond
59. Diamond, Margaret M - b. Jul. 28, 1854 d. Dec. 6, 1937 -Inscription: wife of James H. Diamond
60. Diamond, Martha E. - b. Jul. 11, 1840 d. Jun. 21, 1902 - Inscription: mother
61. Diamond, Mary A. - b. Dec. 20, 1820 d. Oct. 3, 1871 - Inscription: wife of John Diamond
62. Diamond, Miles DeWitt - b. unknown d. Jun. 11, 1906 -Inscription: aged 4 months son of Y.W. & E.J. Diamond
63. Diamond, Ola Lee - b. Dec. 25, 1893 d. May 3, 1894 - Inscription: dau of W.L. & A.L. Diamond

64. Diamond, Samuel J. - b. Dec. 18, 1859 d. Dec., 1863 - Inscription: Son John & Mary A. Diamond
65. Diamond, Sarah L. - b. Mar. 8, 1843 d. Nov. 8, 1894 - Inscription: mother
66. Diamond, W. R. - b. Dec. 16, 1868 d. Sep. 27, 1925
67. Diamond, William R. - b. Feb. 6, 1838 d. Feb. 2, 1916 - Inscription: father
68. Diamond, Y. W. - b. unknown d. Sep. 26, 1906 - Inscription: aged 45 years
69. End, - b. unknown d. unknown
- 70 – Enfinger, Albert M. - b. 1886 d. 1968
- 71 – Enfinger, Alice R. - b. Nov. 22, 1880 d. Aug. 22, 1956 -Inscription: Our beloved mother
72. Enfinger, Annie Blanche - b. Jan. 11, 1911 d. Mar. 4, 1928 - Inscription: dau of E.M. & Bessie Enfinger
73. Enfinger, Bessie N. - b. 1886 d. 1969
74. Enfinger, James R. – b. Aug. 1, 1874 d. Sep. 16, 1925
75. Enfinger, Jessie S. - b. Jan. 14, 1901 d. Jul. 7, 1931
76. Enfinger, Lewis T. - b. Jun. 14, 1896 d. Oct. 14, 1963
77. Enfinger, Margaret E. - b. Dec. 2, 1874 d. Apr. 26, 1964- Inscription: Life is a voyage that is homeward bound
78. Enfinger, Peter David - b. Mar. 18, 1856 d. Sep. 6, 1954
79. Ezell, H.J. - b. Mar. 1, 1862 d. Jul. 5, 1898 - Inscription: wife of john L. Ezell
80. Ezell, Sarah M. - b. Jan. 7, 1868 d. Sep. 10, 1881
81. Gardner, Frances Marcella Reynolds - b. Apr. 30, 1876 d. Sep. 23, 1902 - Inscription: wed James C. Gardner Feb 19, 1895
82. Griffin, Nancy - b. Dec. 12, 1807 d. Feb. 28, 1901
83. Grimes, Nellie - b. Oct. 9, 1879 d. Sep. 28, 1909 - Inscription: wife of F.A. Grimes
84. Harrison, Emily Louise - b. Jan. 5, 1897 d. Nov. 19, 1907 - Inscription: dau of J.P. & Fannie Harrison

85. Hart, Purity - b. May 1, 1825 d. Mar. 30, 1903
86. Hart – Sharrod L. - b. Oct. 12, 1823 d. Aug. 20, 1859 - Inscription: F&AM
87. Henderson, Bryant - b. May 1, 1883 d. Jun., 1887\
88. Holland, Virginius Louise - b. Apr. 8, 1912 d. Apr. 11, 1912 - Inscription: dau of B.V. & Bessie Holland
89. Howell, Elo - b. May 10, 1898 d. Jun. 19, 1927 - Inscription: wife of J. I. Howell
90. Howell, Ida C. - b. Dec. 9, 1876 d. Apr. 30, 1958 - Inscription: wife of M. F. Howell
91. Howell, M. F. - b. Aug. 1, 1859 d. Apr. 21, 1940
92. Jenkins, Sarah - b. Dec. 31, 1823 d. Mar. 18, 1906 - Inscription: Sleep on Aunt Sallie and take thy rest.
93. Jernigan, Lawrence A. - b. Jan. 9, 1862 d. Jul. 10, 1890
94. Johnson, Elizabeth - b. unknown d. unknown
95. Lambert, J. M. - b. Feb. 16, 1876 d. Mar. 20, 1918
96. Lee, Vernon - b. Mar. 10, 1912 d. Jul. 28, 1916 - Inscription: son of Wiley & Kate Lee
97. Magaha, Caroline Vaughn - b. Feb. 4, 1850 d. Oct. 1, 1883 -Inscription: wife of John Magaha dau of J.W. Vaughn
98. Mayo, Allen - b. Apr. 3, 1879 d. Mar. 3, 1935
99. Mayo, Alton D. - b. Nov. 28, 1917 d. Mar. 20, 1975
100. Mayo, B. W. - b. Apr. 10, 1875 d. Nov. 1, 1922
101. Mayo, Benjamin Dixon - b. Jun. 11, 1906 d. Mar. 25, 1925 - Note: Son of Mr. & Mrs. B. W. Mayo
102. Mayo, Frederick B. - b. unknown d. unknown - Note: Co C 3 FLA CAV CSA
103. Mayo, Henry Monroe - b. Nov. 13, 1909 d. Dec. 30, 1923 - Note: son of J.E & L.N. Mayo
104. Mayo, Infants - b. Mar. 29, 1901 d. Mar. 29, 1901- Inscription: sons of James F. & Leila N. Mayo
105. Mayo, J. F. - b. Nov. 14, 1869 d. Jul. 10, 1942

106. Mayo, Larence C. - b. Dec. 30, 1904 d. Oct. 1, 1922 - Note: Son of Mr. & Mrs. B. W. Mayo
107. Mayo, Lillie A. - b. 1878 d. 1929
108. Mayo, Sam A. - b. Apr. 1, 1913 d. Jun. 23, 1944
109. Mayo, Viola - b. Aug. 27, 1881 d. Jun. 4, 1966
110. McArthur, Infant - b. Dec. 19, 1896 d. Dec. 19, 1896- Inscription: son of W.E. & E.O. McArthur
111. McArthur, L. F. - b. Oct. 17, 1855 d. Apr. 27, 1881 - Inscription: wife of W.F. McArthur
112. McCaskill, A. L. - b. Mar. 2, 1857 d. Jan. 27, 1901 - Note: F & AM
113. McCaskill, Allen - b. Jan. 17, 1795 d. Mar. 10, 1856 -Inscription: age 61 yrs 2 mo 3 days
114. McCaskill, Caroline - b. Mar. 20, 1850 d. Mar. 24, 1923 - Note: Wife of Hon. E.V. McCaskill
115. McCaskill, Edward D. - b. Apr. 18, 1863 d. Jan. 18, 1916
116. McCaskill, Edward V. - b. Mar. 11, 1837 d. Mar. 4, 1919Note: Age 81 yrs 11 mo 23 days
117. McCaskill, Elizabeth - b. Jun. 7, 1794 d. Jan. 2, 1884
118. McCaskill, Evander A. - b. Jul. 29, 1853 d. Jan. 21, 1927
119. McCaskill, Hattie Caroline - b. Jul. 7, 1908 d. Jan. 9, 1909 -Inscription: dau of Mr. & Mrs. N.B. McCaskill
120. McCaskill, Ida M. - b. Oct. 16, 1881 d. Dec. 2, 1900
121. McCaskill, Infant - b. Dec. 5, 1902 d. Dec. 5, 1902 - Inscription: dau of Jos. A. & Sallie McCaskill
122. McCaskill, Infant - b. Nov. 14, 1913 d. Nov. 16, 1913 - Inscription: dau of Edward & Lula B. McCaskill
123. McCaskill, Infant - b. unknown d. Jun. 5, 1882 - Inscription: son of E.A. & H. M. McCaskill
124. McCaskill, J. J. - b. Jun. 11, 1824 d. Mar. 18, 1880 - Note: F & AM
125. McCaskill, James Corrie -b. unknown d. Aug. 22, 1896 - Note: Age 14 yrs 5 mo 17 days Son A.L. & M.L. McCaskill
126. McCaskill, Lella M. -b. Oct. 12, 1886 d. Sep. 12, 1913 - Note: Wife of Neill B. McCaskill

127. McCaskill, Lizzie - b. unknown d. Mar. 27, 1902 - Note: Age 28 yrs 11 mos 19 days
128. McCaskill, Maggie H. - b. Apr. 18, 1855 d. Oct. 24, 1867
129. McCaskill, Margaret H. Mitchell - b. Apr. 15, 1862 d. Mar. 8, 1930 - Note: Wife of Evander A. McCaskill
130. McCaskill, Mary C. Bryant - b. unknown d. Aug. 27, 1907 - Note: Age 33 yrs 26 days
131. McCaskill, Mary J. - b. Jan. 8, 1829 d. Oct. 24, 1898 - Note: Wife of J.M. McCaskill
132. McCaskill, Neill -b. Jul. 26, 1860 d. Jul. 31, 1863- Note: Son of J.J. & M. McCaskill
133. McCaskill, William J. - b. Oct. 8, 1894 d. Mar. 31, 1895 - Inscription: son of E.A. & M.H. McCaskill
134. McDaniel, Joel Edward - b. Feb. 25, 1891 d. Oct. 18, 1902 - Inscription: son of E.L. & L.S. McDaniel
135. McDavid, Addie Davis - b. Nov. 27, 1851 d. Apr. 5, 1923
136. McDavid, Annie J. - b. Sep. 5, 1842 d. Jul. 13, 1918 - Inscription: wife of H.C. McDavid
137. McDavid, Arthur Marion - b. Dec. 18, 1876 d. Oct. 8, 1947
138. McDavid, Clyde - b. Mar. 29, 1878 d. Aug. 9, 1921 -Inscription: F&AM
139. McDavid, D. F. - b. Apr. 26, 1849 d. Feb. 26, 1909
140. McDavid, David M. - b. Apr. 9, 1842 d. May 22, 1910
141. McDavid, Georgiana Davis - b. 1845 d. 1883- Inscription: wife of John McDavid
142. McDavid, H. C. - b. Apr. 26, 1845 d. Feb. 16, 1933
143. McDavid, Infant - b. unknown d. Oct. 7, 1896 -Inscription: son of D.D. & Mattie McDavid
144. McDavid, Infant - b. Jan. 12, 1859 d. Jan. 12, 1859 -Inscription: son of Joel A. & Sabra McDavid
145. McDavid, Infant - b. unknown d. Oct. 7, 1896 -Inscription: son of D.D. & Mattie McDavid
146. McDavid, Ira - b. unknown d. Aug. 13, 1881 - Inscription: age 3 yrs & 8 mos
147. McDavid, James Exum -b. Feb. 10, 1835 d. Aug. 4, 1907
148. McDavid, Joel A. - b. Jul. 16, 1830 d. Jul. 16, 1907

149. McDavid, John C. - b. Jan. 13, 1861 d. Jan. 27, 1903 - Inscription: F&AM
150. McDavid, Leo - b. Sep. 15, 1869 d. May 23, 1875
151. McDavid, Lloyd Austin - b. Mar. 4, 1875 d. Jan. 27, 1942
152. McDavid, Margaret Cameron - b. unknown d. Jun. 27, 1862 -Inscription: aged 28 yrs wife of J.E. McDavid
153. McDavid, Oma J. - b. unknown d. unknown - Inscription: age 11 yrs & 11 mos
154. McDavid, R. T. - b. Dec. 3, 1805 d. Jun. 27, 1871 -Inscription: F&AM
155. McDavid, Richmond T. - b. Apr. 21, 1837 d. Jan. 8, 1874
156. McDavid, Sabra Williams - b. Sep. 17, 1834 d. Jan. 9, 1919 - Inscription: wife of Joel A. McDavid
157. McDavid, Sarah - b. Mar. 24, 1805 d. Jul. 4, 1879
158. McDavid, Sarah Ann McArthur - b. Nov. 18, 1849 d. Sep. 28, 1925 -Inscription: Wife of David McDavid
159. McDavid, W. C. - b. Jan. 6, 1850 d. Nov. 8, 1925- Inscription: F&AM
160. McKinnon, Allan - b. Aug. 15, 1814 d. Mar. 22, 1899
161. McKinnon, Catherine - b. Oct. 28, 1858 d. Feb. 3, 1873
162. McKinnon, Charley - b. Jun. 18, 1863 d. Aug. 21, 1854
163. McKinnon, Christian - b. Jan. 11, 1853 d. Jan. 28, 1873
164. McKinnon, Flora J. - b. Mar. 7, 1820 d. Dec. 13, 1895
165. McKinnon, John L. - b. Jul. 3, 1849 d. Feb. 1, 1904
166. McMillan, A. M. - b. Mar. 28, 1843 d. May 31, 1896
167. McMillan, Duncan - b. Feb. 13, 1852 d. May 24, 1877
168. McMillan, Elizabeth Wilkins - b. Aug. 1, 1797 d. Dec. 23, 1854- Inscription: born Richmond Co., N.C.
169. McMillan, Francis Marion - b. Sep. 4, 1871 d. Aug. 9, 1909

170. McMillan, James M. - b. Dec. 31, 1879 d. May 25, 1880-Inscription: son of A.M. & M.E. McMillan
171. McMillan, John E. - b. Oct. 31, 1830 d. Aug. 3, 1854 - Inscription: born Santa Rosa Co. Fl
172. McMillan, Maggie H. - b. Jun. 7, 1858 d. Jun. 28, 1863
173. McMillan, Malcolm - b. Jun. 28, 1820 d. Oct. 29, 1880 - Inscription: F&AM
174. McMillan, Mary Catherine - b. Aug. 1, 1857 d. Aug. 26, 1858 - Inscription: dau of Neil & Catherine McMillan
175. McMillan, Mary E. - b. Apr. 26, 1848 d. Mar. 14, 1880 - Inscription: wife of A.M. McMillan
176. McMillan, Mary Elizabeth - b. Sep. 1, 1850 d. Dec. 25, 1900
177. McMillan, Mary Jane - b. Aug. 29, 1822 d. Feb. 15, 1908
178. McMillan, Neill - b. Nov. 23, 1806 d. Mar. 20, 1874 - Inscription: F&AM
179. Middleton, J.F. - b. Nov. 11, 1836 d. 1867
180. Miller, Joseph - b. Jul. 15, 1852 d. Oct. 23, 1930
181. Miller, Julia - b. Dec. 5, 1855 d. Jun. 25, 1912 -Inscription: Wife of Joseph Miller
182. Mims, Margaret Campbell - b. Nov. 4, 1839 d. Sep. 7, 1876 -Inscription: our sister
183. Pearson, R.C. - b. Sep. 29, 1883 d. Dec. 7, 1889 - Inscription: son of R.J. & S.A. Pearson
184. Pearson, R.J. - b. Apr. 19, 1854 d. Jan. 10, 1886
185. Pearson, Sabra A. - b. Apr. 23, 1864 d. Jul. 10, 1898 -Inscription: wife of R.J. Pearson
186. Penton, Annie Dorie - b. Sep. 28, 1873 d. Aug. 28, 1904 -Inscription: aged 30 yrs dau of F.M. Mandy Penton
187. Penton, Infant - b. Dec. 31, 1899 d. Dec. 31, 1899 - Inscription: Infant of C.M. & Lillie Penton
188. Penton, Jimmie Frank - b. Oct. 11, 1903 d. Dec. 8, 1908 - Inscription: son of C.M. & Lillie Penton
189. Pyburn, Abie - b. unknown d. unknown - Inscription: aged 18 mos.
190. Pyburn, Dinah - b. May 15, 1835 d. Oct. 18, 1919
191. Pyburn, Florence - b. unknown d. unknown -Inscription: aged 10 yrs



192. Pyburn, John - b. unknown d. unknown - Inscription: aged 26
193. Reynolds, Frances C. Williams -b. Jun. 11, 1849 d. Apr. 17, 1909 -Inscription: married J.H. Reynolds Apr 17, 1870
194. Reynolds, Frances M. - b. Aug. 8, 1855 d. Apr. 4, 1909 -Inscription: born Adair Co, KY
195. Reynolds, Mary A. Rebecca - b. Jan. 3, 1873 d. Jan. 20, 1876
196. Rutherford, Laura Belle - b. Sep. 25, 1880 d. Nov. 18, 1891
197. Rutherford, S.R. - b. Sep. 13, 1849 d. Sep. 3, 1941
198. Rutherford, Sarah G. - b. Apr. 29, 1865 d. May 29, 1927 - Inscription: our mother
199. Salter, Lizzie Eva - b. Mar. 7, 1879 d. May 7, 1964
200. Salter, Thomas Louis - b. Aug. 3, 1872 d. Aug. 19, 1951
201. Savell, Oscar M. - b. Sep. 11, 1895 d. Oct. 14, 1895
202. Savelle, Ninna - b. Sep. 11, 1895 d. Jul. 29, 1913
203. Savill, Ella Minnie - b. Jan. 29, 1877 d. Jul. 14, 1885 - Inscription: age 8 yrs 6 mos 13 days
204. Severson, E.C. - b. 1843 d. 1912
205. Slade, Annie Mae - b. Feb. 8, 1878 d. Jul. 21, 1963
206. Slade, Ezekial - b. Apr. 7, 1857 d. Feb. 28, 1929
207. Slade, Mary Jane - b. Jan. 12, 1861 d. Sep. 14, 1947
208. Slade, Nellie Mae - b. Sep. 3, 1929 d. Feb. 8, 1930
209. Slade, Robert - b. Mar. 30, 1880 d. Jan. 14, 1946
210. Smilie, Robert, Rev. - b. Feb. 14, 1827 d. Dec. 13, 1906
211. Stanton, Ula Irene McDavid - b. May 8, 1876 d. Aug. 4, 1907 - Inscription: wife of C. E. Stanton
212. Wilkinson, Peter - b. unknown d. Jun. 6, 1846 - Inscription: aged 54 yrs
213. Williams, Daniel H. - b. Dec. 11, 1870 d. Nov. 12, 1873 - Inscription: age 2 yrs 11 mos 1day

214. Williams, Infant - b. Sep. 22, 1884 d. Sep. 22, 1884 - Inscription: son of W.R. & M.M. Williams

215. Williams, Lola Ethel - b. Sep. 6, 1885 d. Jun. 10, 1888 - Inscription: dau of W.R. & M.M. Williams

**216. Williams, Margaret - b. Dec. 22, 1802 d. Mar. 19, 1836 - Inscription: wife of W.L. Williams**

217. Williams, Margaret J. - b. Apr. 13, 1833 d. Aug. 6, 1924 - Inscription: dbl stone with Wiley Williams

218. Williams, Mary - b. Jun. 30, 1815 d. Jun. 28, 1887 - Inscription: wife of W.L. Williams

219. Williams, Mary Elizabeth - b. Sep. 14, 1860 d. Sep. 27, 1877 - Inscription: age 17 yrs 13 days

220. Williams, Nonie Rabb - b. Feb. 11, 1892 d. Sep. 1, 1907

221. Williams, Owen F. - b. Nov. 1, 1853 d. Jan. 14, 1889

222. Williams, Sallie - b. unknown d. May 27, 1910

223. Williams, Sallie Ella - b. Nov. 13, 1889 d. Jun. 16, 1892

224. Williams, Walter A. - b. Sep. 16, 1877 d. Feb. 20, 1894 - Inscription: son of O.F. & M.M. Williams

225. Williams, Wiley J. - b. Dec. 14, 1829 d. Apr. 19, 1920

226. Williams, William Larkin - b. Feb. 18, 1807 d. Jul. 8, 1900

227. Williams, Willie S. - b. Aug. 16, 1877 d. Jan. 28, 1893 - Inscription: son of O.F. & M.M. Williams

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**Oldest Marker - 216 - Williams, Margaret - b. Dec. 22, 1802 d. Mar. 19, 1836**

In the Tri-City Ledger, Jan. 4, 2007, Anne Stanton Williamson did a full page coverage on Coon Hill. One interesting fact she mentioned in her article follows:

"Florida became a state in 1845. Margaret McMillan Williams' grave and the town are dated prior to Florida's statehood, during the time of Spanish rule. In fact, her grave is recorded as having the oldest headstone in Santa Rosa County."

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## **Confederate Soldiers Buried at Coon Hill Cemetery**

Santa Rosa County, Florida

1. Campbell, Daniel A., 5th Sgt. Co. C, 3rd Bn. Fla. Cav. 1/22/1837 – 10/02/1905
2. Campbell, Duncan J., Pvt. Co. C, 3rd Bn. Fla. Cav. 4/02/1833 – 5/04/1882
3. Campbell, Malcolm L., Pvt. Co. C, 3rd Bn. Fla. Cav. 2/16/1843 – 2/22/1910
4. Carpenter, Charles Edward, no rank, Co. C, 3rd Bn. Fla. Cav. 11/08/1831 – 11/16/1907
5. Davis, J.W., Pvt. Co. C, 1st Fla. Reserves 8/23/1804 -12/24/1881
6. Diamond, James H., Fla. Home Guards 7/27/1848 – 10/17/1928
7. Diamond, John, McMillan's Fla. Home Guards 6/16/1814 – 8-19-1908
8. Diamond, William M., 5th Sgt. Co. B, 3rd Bn. Fla. Cav. 2/6/1838 – 2/02/1916
9. Mayo, Frederick B., Pvt. Co. C, 3rd Bn. Fla. Cav. 4/20/1831 – 4/07/1910
10. McDavid, James E., no rank, Co. D, 15th Confederate Cav. 2/10/1835 – 8/05/1907
11. McMillan, John E., Pvt. Co. B, 3rd Bn, Fla. Cav. 10/31/1830 – 8/03/1864
12. McMillan, Neill, Pvt. Co. E, 15th Confederate Cav. 10/23/1806 - 3/20/1874
13. Middleton, John F., Pvt. Co. K, 1st Fla. Inf. 1836 - 1867
14. Williams, William Larkin, Pvt. Co. H, 7th Fla. Inf. 2/28/1807 - 7/08/1900

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# The Brewton Standard

## Coon Hill was once thriving

This week I will conclude the information on the McDavid family (at least I think I will). I have one more source to go to before I quit and, if I find anything more, I will continue for another week.

I am still with the children of Richmond Terrell McDavid and Sarah McCaskill.

Daniel F. McDavid (26 April 1848-26 Feb. 1909) married 31 Dec. 1872, Addie Davis (24 Nov. 1851-21 May 1923). They are buried at Coon Hill Cemetery and they had Ula McDavid (8 May 1876-4 Aug. 1907) who married Riley Stanton; Roland L. McDavid who married Eva Suggs; and Byron McDavid (1888-1922) who married Florence Fillingim.

Mary Elizabeth McDavid (26 April 1848-14 March 1880), daughter of Richmond Terrell McDavid, married on 12 Dec. 1867 to Allen Marion McMillan (28 March 1843-31 May 1896), son of Malcolm McMillan and Mary McCaskill. They are buried at Coon Hill Cemetery and they had Dr. Daniel Walter McMillan (13 Jan. 1869-4 Aug. 1936) who married in 1929, Florence Rose. D.W. McMillan Memorial Hospital is named for him and he is buried in Birmingham in Jefferson County.

Other children of Mary Elizabeth McDavid and Allen Marion McMillan were Francie Marion McMillan (4 Sept. 1871-9 Aug. 1909); Sarah Adah McMillan (12 July 1874-9 Aug. 1916) who married John S. McMullen; Mary McMillan (23 Sept. 1876-14 Jan. 1946) who married on 19 April 1899, Dr. Felix I. Tarrant (6 Feb. 1863-13 Dec. 1943); and James McMillan (31 Dec. 1879-25 May 1880).

I was thinking when I started this that another James McMillan was the one mentioned above, but I realized that was not the case. I found a good write-up about one James McMillan, the son of Malcolm McMillan and Mary Jane McCaskill.

Most of us know the story of Edward Sylvester McMillan who was gunned down by Railroad Bill in 1806. He was the sheriff of Escambia County, Ala., at the time of his death, but there was another Sheriff McMillan who served Escambia County, Fla.

This is part of what is found in the Escambia County Archives Biographies. Additional Comments: "Memorial Record of Alabama", Vol. I, p. 984-986; Brant & Fuller (1893) Madison, Wis.

James McMillan, whose name appears at the head of this sketch, was born in Santa Rosa County, Fla., April 30, 1847, and received a limited education in the schools of his native town. Not old enough to enter the regular service at the breaking out of the Civil War, he nevertheless became greatly interested in the Southern cause, and for some years served in the state militia without taking part in any actual battles.

He remained under the parental roof until attaining his majority, and later entered the employ of his brother, Allen M. McMillan, who carried on the mercantile business at Pollard, Ala., for whom he clerked several years, and was also employed, in a similar capacity, with W. M. Carney, at Williams' Station.

In 1878, he removed to Brewton, and engaged in the general mercantile trade, which he carried on with varying success until 1885, at which time he disposed of his business, and the year following was appointed sheriff of Escambia County, to serve out an unfinished term, caused by the resignation of T. F. Owens.

He discharged the duties of sheriff in a manner so acceptable to the people that at the ensuing election he was chosen his own successor, and is now the incumbent of the office. "Jim" McMillan, as he is familiarly called, is one of the most efficient sheriffs Escambia County has ever had, and his name has become a terror to all law breakers in Escambia and adjoining counties.

On taking the office, there were on file a number of dead warrants against parties whom his predecessors had feared to arrest, but nothing daunted 'Jim.' He immediately set about to bring these lawbreakers to justice or drive them out of the county, which he succeeded in doing so effectually that none of them have been heard of in the county since. He has the reputation of being bold, and absolutely fearless in the discharge of his official duties, but, withal, is a man of fine feeling, and always tries to make better men out of the prisoners placed in his charge.

Politically, Mr. McMillan has always been an active member of the Democratic Party, and as such takes an interest in the deliberations of such in Escambia County. He is a member of the Masonic and the K. of P. fraternities, in both of which orders he has held important official positions, and with his wife, belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, being a steward and Sunday School superintendent in the Brewton congregation.

He was united in marriage June 22, 1873, at Pollard, to Anne, daughter of W. S. Penn, whose family are Alabama people."

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