

Marcus Cemetery, Chilton County, Alabama

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The **Marcus Cemetery** is the resting place of the Daniel and Elizabeth Marcus and related families. It sits on a hill just above a bend in Yellow Leaf Creek just under a mile from the site of the old Mims / Plier Mill. In the late 1800s the cemetery was called the **Stephens' Cemetery**, likely named for the Jefferson M. Stevens family, an earlier owner of the property.

In the *Chilton View*, March 7, 1895, the death of Mrs. Nancy A. Dickey (whose headstone is in the cemetery) was mentioned and it said that she was buried in the "**Stephens' Cemetery**." It states that she was the mother of Jef Stephens' wife, whose name was Martha.

Even earlier (1870s), the land that the cemetery is located on was owned by William Vines. William was the father-in-law of Susan Marcus Vines, daughter of Daniel & Elizabeth Marcus. The next owner around 1883 was Jefferson M. Stephens followed by his sister, Mrs. Eliza L. Stephens Dobbs. It hasn't yet been found that the Marcus family ever directly owned the property, so it is possible that this cemetery was originally begun for the Vines family and later used by the Stephens family.

In 1909 the Chilton Deaths book lists the death of William Marvin Noah and that he was buried in Marcus Cemetery although no stone is presently visible. His wife Savannah Vines was a daughter of B. F. Vines and her stone is in the cemetery.

Known families buried here and their relationships:

- Marcus family. Daughter Susan married James Vines.

- Dickey/Stephens/Stevens/Dobbs families. Jef M. Stephens owned property after Wm. Vines.

- Vines/Noah family. Early owner. Vines daughter Savannah married Noah.

- Osteen family? (no relation yet found)

- Farley family? (no relation yet found) - markers with matching information found in Clanton Cem., cenotaph or moved?