

Old Green / Glasscock Cemetery, Chilton County, Alabama

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The **Old Green / Glasscock Cemetery** is located 850 feet east of County Road 51, north of the Jemison I65 exit in the NW1/4 of the SE ¼ of S5 T23N R14E.

All the graves listed in the Cemeteries of Chilton book are Glasscocks, so the name "Old Green" was initially a mystery. Once the exact location was known, a check of the tax and BLM records solved that mystery - in 1872 the tax was paid by "A. S. Green, estate" and in 1873 by A. S. Green and in 1880 by J. J. Green. The land was originally obtained from the BLM by John Vest in 1839. Soon Bryant Rushing owned it and Andrew S. Green bought it from him in 1842. By 1895 the property was owned by W. C. Shelby (Sen. Richard Shelby's ancestors) who is buried in the Cobb Cemetery a mile to the north.

Andrew Green was the grandson of Jonathan Clower, a Revolutionary War veteran who is buried just to the north in the "Caviness Gardens" cemetery, on the former property of Andrew and Lurana Caviness. Lurana was the daughter of Jonathan Clower.

Andrew S. and Nancy Green and other family members apparently moved west to Mississippi about 1860-1861 (judging from Census birth states) and he died there in 1891. His son John J. Green stayed in Chilton Co. and died here in 1903 and is buried in Rocky Mount Cemetery.

The oldest grave listed in the book is that of Burton Glasscock in 1869. He married Elizabeth M. Vest on 8 Jan 1840 in Shelby Co (Baker/Chilton was not created yet). Glasscock was buried on land his father-in-law initially obtained from the U. S. Government in 1839. By the time of Burton Glasscock's burial in 1869 the property was no longer owned by Vest, so it is probable that there was already a cemetery in use, perhaps the Vest family. However, no evidence of such early graves has been found.