

William Garner Cemetery, Chilton County, Alabama

By Derric Scott, Aug 1, 2024 from various sources.

The **William Garner Cemetery** is located about 575 feet west of AL Hwy 155, about 1.9 miles south of the Chilton/Shelby County line, Section 19, T24N, R13E. It is directly on the east side of the old Jemison road bed. In more recent years the cemetery has been called the Mary Sue Moore Cemetery by some, as she was likely the last family member to own significant property in the area (up through the 1950s).

William Garner moved from South Carolina to Alabama around 1840. He was granted many land patents in the early 1850s in Shelby County, which later became the northern part of Chilton County. At their peak, William Garner and his descendants owned several thousand acres in the vicinity.

Garner's daughter, Nancy Caroline, married John Moore and another daughter, Mary Jane Garner, married Reason Lewis Woolley. The burials in the cemetery are almost all from these Garner, Moore, and Woolley families. The Moore family owned the property around the cemetery for over a century.

There are at least 3 Confederate Civil War Veterans in the cemetery (one is likely a cenotaph). Those known include two sons of William Garner and a son-in-law.

The first known burial is in 1861 of William S. Garner (perhaps it is a cenotaph?) who died of disease in Virginia in the CSA Army. The last known burial was Sam Curry Moore in 1941.

The grave listing of the William Garner Cemetery from the *Cemeteries of Chilton* census:

Last Name	First Name	Birth	Death	Comment
Garner	William	1811-11-7	1883-6-25	Age 71Y, 7M 18D, B Pendleton District SC
Garner	Elvira Mahan	1813-9-1	1885-4-17	Our Mother. B Cocke Co., TN
Garner	Margaret J.	1856	1924	Known as "Aunt Mag".
Garner	William S.	1840-9-4	1861-12-17	Age 21Y, 3M 13D
Woolley	Reason Lewis	1845-8-23	2/9/1925	[CSA] Pvt, Co A & E, AL
Woolley	Mary Jane Garner	1848-9-16	10/9/1924	Our Granny.
Woolley	Pearl	1877-9-16	1/11/1924	
Garner	J. M.	1844-6-24	4/21/1909	1 of 2 on one stone
Garner	Sarah	1845-12-2	2/20/1913	W/J. M. Garner. 2 of 2 on one stone
Garner	William Shelby	1873-6-25	5/11/1908	
Garner	B. W., Rev	1879-2-23	2/13/1903	
Abercrombie	Mary	1883-8-31	7/3/1907	Dau/R. L. & Mary J.
Woolley	Elvira	1872-6-26	1896-2-16	Dau/R. L. & M. J. Woolley
Moore	Chrissy	Illegible	Illegible	Son/J. B. & Nancy Garner
Moore	Ella A.	Illegible	1883-7-1	Dau/J. B. & N. G. Moore
Moore	John B.	1832-3-5	1891-9-27	
Moore	Nancy Garner	1846-5-15	2/15/1912	Mother
Moore	Sam Curry	1876	1941	
Moore	John Bennington	1872-9-1	2/15/1935	
Moore	Marvin S.	1892-2-3	8/19/1909	
Moore	Lottie	2/8/1904	8/12/1904	Dau/W. S. & Mollie Moore