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Pelham,

I wasn't able to pinpoint the Charnel Durham's grave location on topozone.com, however I can give you directions and I have attached some pictures that should help you find the grave without a problem. (This is general directions I wrote for the Durham family and relatives.) Pelham I have attached to pictures to this email. One is a map that gives the general location and the other is a picture we took standing about 40 ft. from the Cemetery if you print out this picture and take it with you. I doubt you will have a problem finding it.

Thankyou,

Donald Durham (Donny)

<http://home.sc.rr.com/ddurham4/index.html>

P.S. On my Genealogy page I added a picture of my wife and daughter reading the tombstones at Charnel Durham's Cemetery.

Charnel Durhams Cemetery near Ridgeway

Before reading the directions you need to be aware of a few things:

- 1- This is private property you must have permission from the property owner before entering the land.
- 2- This property is being used for game hunting. They have roads cut throughout the property, however if there are hunters here you should use caution. I would highly recommend wearing orange vests or hats or both so the hunters can see them well.
- 3- The descendants of Charnel Durham have a legal right to have access to his grave.
- 4- If the road is chained off and you have to walk on foot wear good walking shoes and carry a cellphone if you have one. (We called the property owner on the cellphone and he led us directly to it as we walked)

Directions:

1- From Hwy 21 in Ridgeway turn onto Hwy 34 West toward Winnsboro.

2- Turn Right onto Van Exam Road

3- Go Down Van Exam Road until you reach a White house on the left that has a road across from it. This road will probably have a chain across it. This road has gravel on it. Also you will see signs indicating it is some sort of game hunting area.

If you get the key to the chain you can drive directly to the cemetery otherwise you will have to walk I would say nearly a mile.

4- Go down road and cross the railroad tracks then turn left.

5- As you go down this road you will eventually come to a fork stay to the right (Do not go left)

5- Go down this road for about a half mile or less. As you are going down a hill on your left is the cemetery. (If you walk slowly down the hill and look carefully to the left side of the road you can actually see the tombstones for a brief moment.)

6- The cemetery is about 10 feet from the road and appears to be nothing more than a hill covered in pine straw. However when you get closer to it you will see some rocks sticking outside this hill which now looks more like an earthen wall rather than one constructed from rocks. (According to the other information I have received, this cemetery was located in the garden area of the Durham Plantation. At the top of the hill on the same side of the road is where I'm told the Durham house originally stood. I have been told by Richard Durham that you can actually still see some remnant wood from the house, unfortunately I didn't find out about this until after I returned from the trip.)

7- If you reach a wooden bridge crossing Dutchman's creek you have gone too far.

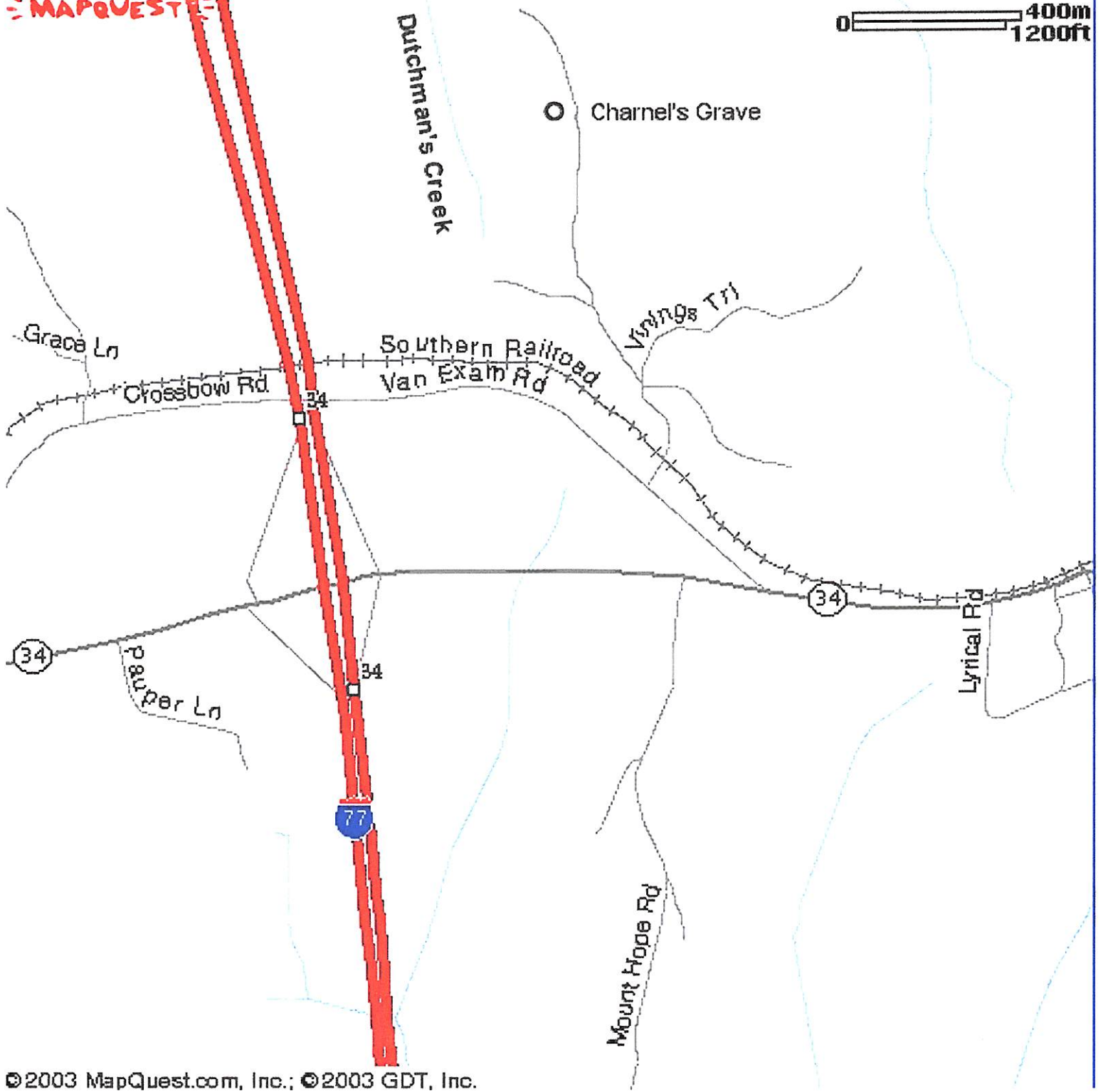


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Pelham,

Thanks for taking the time to help me in locating the Durham Cemeteries. We located Charnel Durham's grave! Also in this cemetery are Nancy Eckles Durham, Robert Winfield Durham and Joel R. Durham if you wish to update your records. I had time check out the William S. Durham grave at Blackcreek Babtist Church as well. I plan to make another trip their soon to visit the lady who is head of Genealogy. I'm having trouble getting the correct information on the last few generations of Durhams. I will update my website soon with instructions on how to find Charnel's grave however, I will have a note indicating that this is private property and that this property is used for hunting.

Talk later,

Donald (Donny) Durham

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