

fairfield genealogy

From: Fairfield County Museum [fairfieldmus@truvista.net]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 11:21 AM
To: 'Annelle Womack'
Cc: fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net
Subject: RE: From Annelle Gladden Womack

Annelle,

I did write and thank both Hartsell and Russ in the envelopes you so kindly provided. I also printed out copies of everything for them. I have regular conversations with Randy, and now George, so think they will likely keep me in the loop on further discoveries and connections. Randy is getting ready to do additional research on her family history that comes from that area of the county.

I am going to forward this question to the genealogy volunteers. We still don't have enough volunteers to do all of the work coming in, but it may be fairly easy to look at Kadena Woodward's compilation of Af. American cemetery listings to see, at least, when some of the earliest burials are listed. So often, white congregations in waning population areas and time periods gave their church properties over to the black people living in the area. It is entirely possible that some of the white graves are still in the black cemeteries, although knowing the race of the burial would be up to the family researchers who may have noted that ancestors may be buried there. It would take a lot of work, however, to try to find all of the white families who may have lived in those areas and see if there are documents to account for this. I know that Russ has spoken with a number of the black Gaithers and Halls who may or may not be blood related to the white families.

If they can find a listing of graves at this church, would you like to request printed copies of the graves shown?

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From: Annelle Womack [mailto:annellewomack@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 6:25 PM
To: Fairfield County Museum
Subject: Re: From Annelle Gladden Womack

Pelham, Thank you so very much for sending me the maps. However, it was not Mr. Moore or Randy that actually found the cemetery. Russ Hall and Hartsell Gladden found it, and Russ contacted Mr. Moore and he agreed to go there and take pictures. I am so glad he did and now there are two more cemeteries that Hartsell knows about and next week, he is going to try and find them. If he does, the cemetery will date back to 1821. I am really excited about this one, because some of my ancestors will be buried there. I only know that it is in Fairfield county. I will let you know the results. Thanks so very much.

By the way, do you have any idea when the Pleasant Grove AME church was founded? I noticed it on the map that you sent. It is a black cemetery. I am not sure if this was the first name of the church, it could have had another name before it was known as Pleasant Grove.

Thanks for all your help. I know how busy you are and I appreciate all you do. Annelle

Annelle, George, and Randy,

Here are scans of the information from the cemetery discovery last week. Annelle, Randy and I are old friends and she was in the other day!

I have located the approximate are of the site on the attached topographical map. I will put copies of everything in the Gaither file and reference it to the other named families in their files. I will also print copies for Mr. Hartsell Gladden and send them out to him.

Thank you all for your sharing efforts to save our heritage.

-Pelham Lyles

From: Annelle Womack [mailto:annellewomack@yahoo.com]
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To: fairfieldmus@truvista.net
Subject: From Annelle Gladden Womack

Pelham, if I have not given you my e-mail address change, here it is annellewomack@yahoo.com
Thanks for all your help. Annelle