

A LETTER TO THE UCGA
From
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To UCGA Members:

First I wish to commend all of you who are responsible for the publication of the UCGA Bulletin. I read it from cover to cover upon receiving it. I have made three trips to Putnam and White County over the past three summers. I am researching the Mott, Tollison, Allison and Howell families. I attended the meeting and joined the UCGA in June 1992. My trip to White County at that time resulted in a great "find". I was in the company of two of my "recent found" second cousins, Mary Ann Mott of Nashville and Linda Tollison Billings of LaCross, Kentucky. We three obtained permission from the Martin family to go to the Kemp Cemetery which is located on their farm. This is off Boat Club Road. We were escorted personally by two small children, a boy and a girl, ages about 8 and 5 respectively. They were the Martin's grandchildren. They took us through a gate into a horse pasture. We walked about a quarter of a mile or less to a hill covered with trees. Under the trees we found many remains of burial stones. The one stone, lying flat and intact, was the burial place of my (our) great, great, great, great grandfather – John Allison Jr. He was born in Orange County, NC in 1762 and died March 28, 1842 in White County, TN. He served as a private in NC line in the Revolutionary War. He was age 71 years on 1832 pension list for White County, Tennessee. John married Sarah Tolar (Toler) on April 16, 1787. Sarah Tolar (Toler) was born in 1769 and died sometime after 1812. Children of John and Sarah Allison were: Grizzy, born Nov. 5, 1789 – Martha, born February 27, 1791 – Frances, born October 30, 1792 and Sarah, born July 29, 1794.

No dates of death are known for the above children. Parents of Sarah Toller (Tollar) were John Toller and Sarah Thomas.

There are other stones in this cemetery. Many are buried under years of composted leaves, tree limbs and horse manure. A fence crosses one side of the cemetery and we found one erect stone on the other side of this fence. The Martin grandchildren told us their grandfather had erected the stone and repaired it after it had fallen to the ground. This stone was the site of Mary "Polly" Roberts, my great great great grandmother, who was born September 26, 1800 and died May 24, 1857. The stone reads "Wife of Asa and Mother of A.T. Mott: A.T. was Amos Travis Mott. Asa and Mary Roberts were married in Greene County, Tennessee in 1817. We have no date of death for Asa, nor do we have a place of burial for him. We wonder if his grave maybe here in the Kemp Cemetery. Asa and Mary Roberts Mott had two children, Amos Travis and Rebecca. Amos Travis married Sarah Malinda Allison and they moved from

White County to Harrison County, IN prior to the Civil War. They had thirteen children, nine which were born in White County. The last three children were born in IN. Amos, Travis Mott and Sarah Malinda Allison Mott are buried in Mt. Tabor Cemetery in Harrison County, IN as well as more of their family members.

I write with this information on the Kemp Cemetery because I have not found any information on the family members buried there. I am new in genealogy research so there may be a book somewhere that I have not found as yet.

If and when I am in Putnam and White Counties, Tennessee again doing research, I hope to attend a meeting of the UCGA again.

Sincerely,
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History of White County Tennessee by W.H. Perrin, J.H. Battle & G.C. Kniffin –
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More than half of the County was granted to Revolutionary War Veterans to pay them what the Government owed them for services rendered during the war. Many never came to their grants. I list a few, but perhaps half are not now known here, being in forgotten graves. Benjamin Hickman, Elijah Weaver, Elijah Olverson, John Chism, William Lewis, Archibald McDaniel, William Greenfield, Abel Huston, John W. Simpson, Joh Templeton, Rev. James Hickey, Robert Cook, Elijah Williams, john Williams, Edward Harris; and the following who were living in 1840; Patrick Hewitt, John White, Turner Lane, John H. Miller, Edward Helton, Thomas Hill, Elijah Anderson, Thomas Crawley, Burgess Clark, George Alisworth, John Ditty, **John Elison**, Thomas Welch, Alexander Cooper, Samuel Weaver, Henry March, William Bertram, Isaac Graham, John Weaver, Henry March, William Bertram, Isaac Graham, John Weaver, Solomon yeager, Thomas Moore, Abel Pearson, Thomas Shockley, Jesse Hopkins, Samuel Moore, and Dudley Price.

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