

PICKENSVILLE UPPER CEMETERY
OLD COLUMBUS ROAD
PICKENSVILLE, PICKENS COUNTY, ALABAMA

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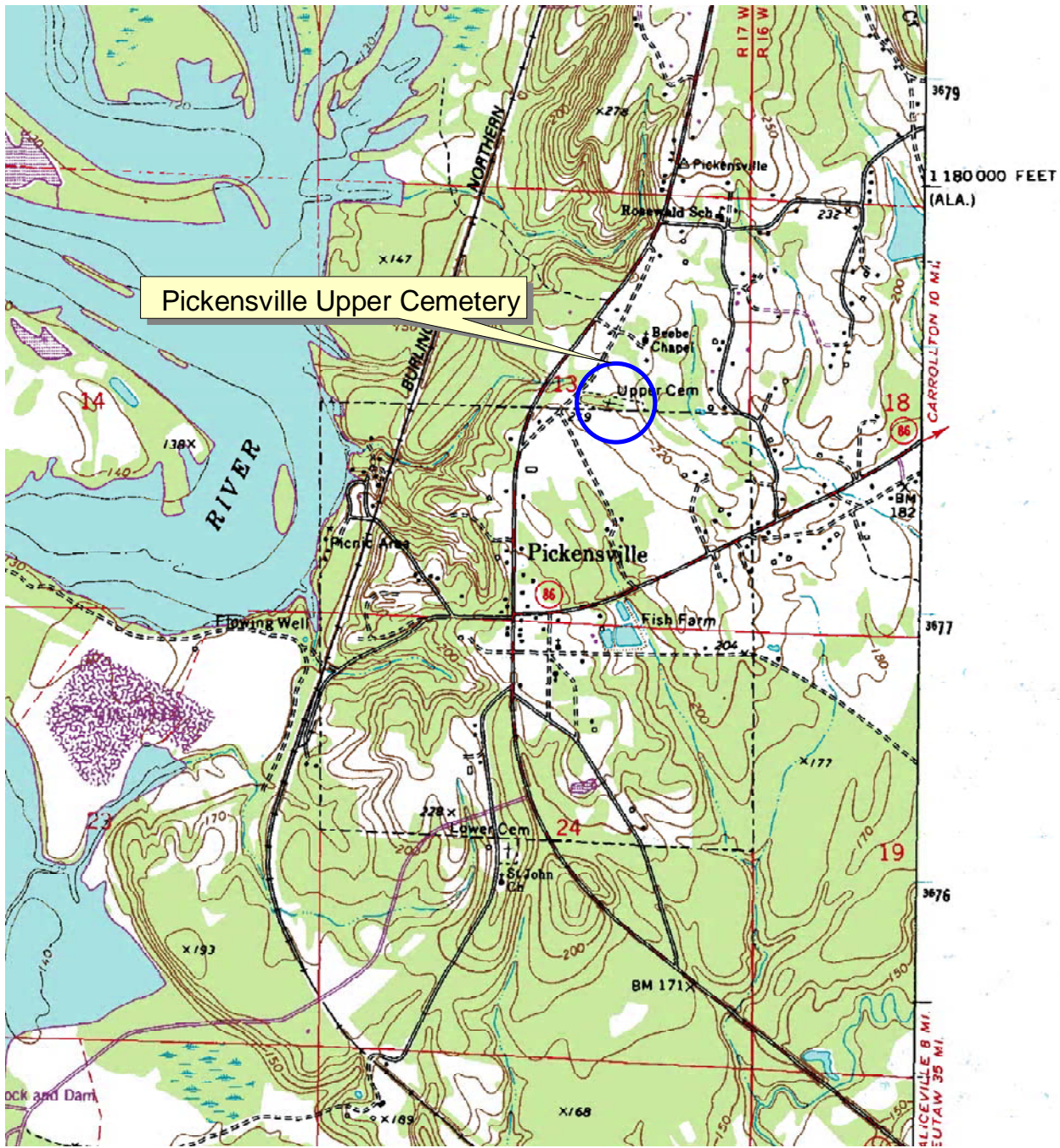
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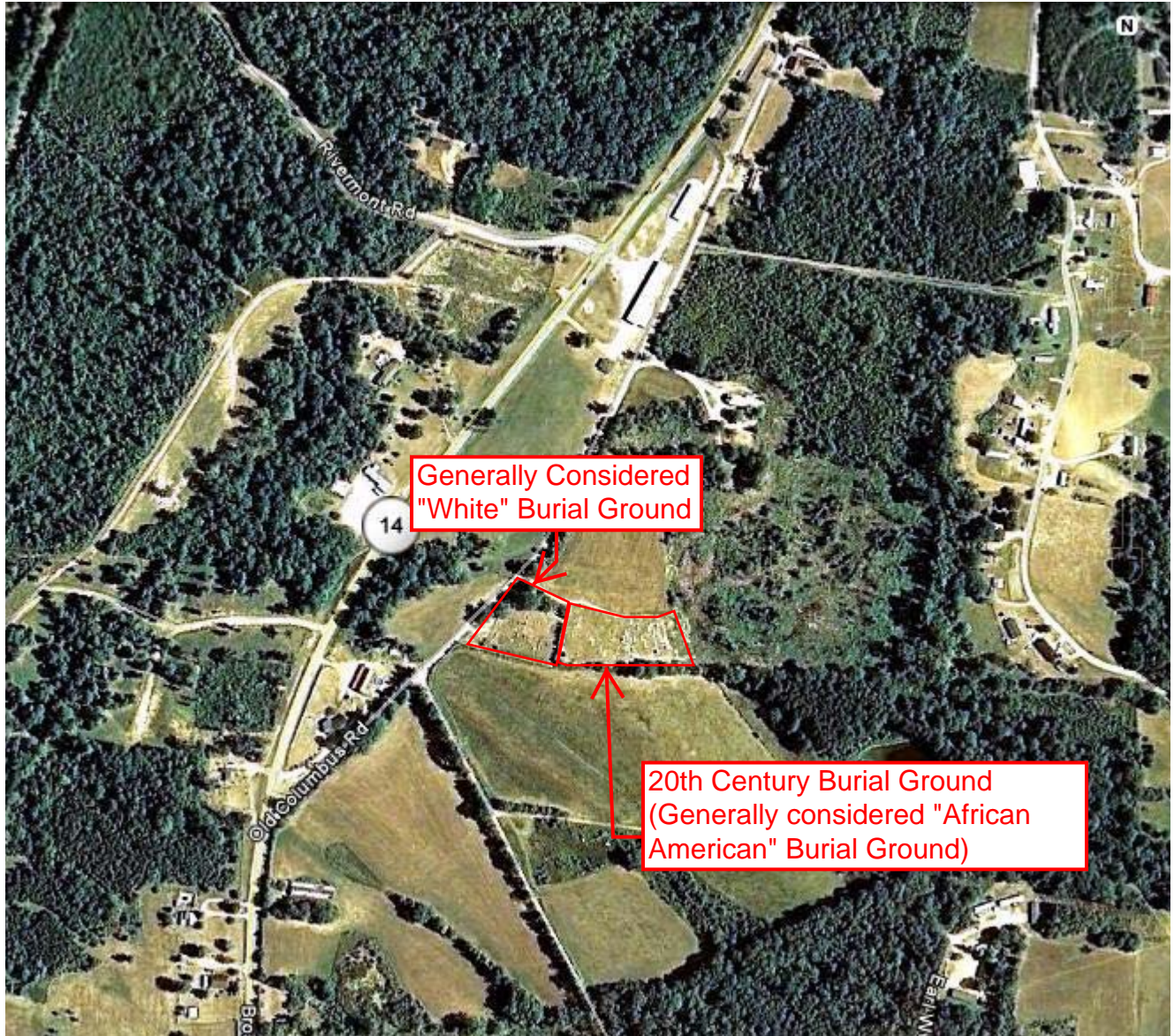
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Pickensville Upper Cemetery
 Old Columbus Road
 Pickensville, Pickens County, Alabama
 General Site Location



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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Pickensville Upper Cemetery is situated along the southeast side of Old Columbus Road, approximately ½-mile northeast of the center of the historic town of Pickensville in Pickens County, Alabama. The cemetery is separated into primarily two sections: the predominantly mid-19th to early-20th century on the west, and a later cemetery addition to the east. The eastern cemetery addition is historically considered an “African-American” burial ground; however, whether all of the burials are African-American in the eastern section is undetermined. Both sections of the cemetery consist of marble and

The historic western section of the Pickensville Upper Cemetery is separated and surrounded by a cast-iron gate designed by The Stewart Iron Works, Cincinnati, Ohio. The Stewart Iron Works was established approximately 120 years ago, quickly becoming known as the "World's Largest Fencemaker" and in 1904 at the St. Louis World's Fair, it was awarded the Grand Prize and Gold Medal Merit for iron fencing and lawn furniture.¹ It is likely that the cast iron fence was built near the turn-of-the-century. Individual family plots located within the western section of the Pickensville Upper Cemetery are also surrounded by fence work provided by The Stewart Iron Works.



The Stewart Iron Works
Historic “Shield”



Entry Gate of Pickensville Upper Cemetery

The earliest grave markers within the historic western section of the Upper Cemetery date to the 1840s. The most recent markers date to the 1990s. The majority of the burials in this section of the cemetery appear to date between 1850 and 1920 and gradually declining thereafter. Granite and marble markers in this section of the cemetery include obelisks, statuary, simple and decorative headstones, box tombs, and ledger stones. Many motifs are indicative of the mid-19th century to early-20th century including the weeping willow and cherub, a Bible, a three-dimensional motif of a sleeping lamb, “shaking hands”, traditional Masonic motifs, urns, dove motif, floral, pointing finger, and angels.

¹ The Stewart Iron Works Web Page, <http://stewartironworks.com/proudhhistory.html>

MOTIFS FOUND IN WESTERN SECTION OF CEMETERY



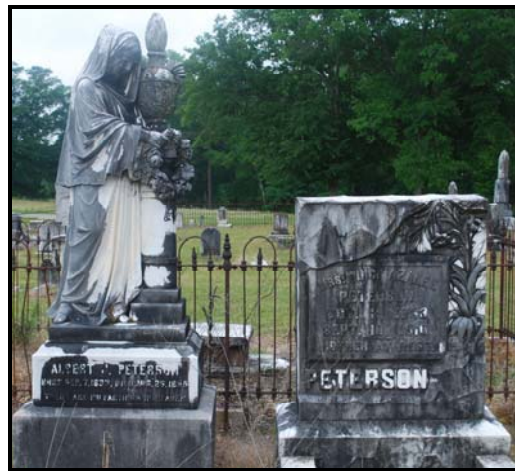
Weeping Willow and Cherub (1858 burial)



Angel Motif (1844 burial)



Pointing Finger Motif (1852 burial)



Grand Statuary and Decorative Headstones
(1895 and 1916 burials)

Many of the early settlers of Pickensville were buried in the Pickensville Upper Cemetery. Families include the Henleys, Stones, Shotwell, Chalmers, and Findley, among others. The burials of veterans of the Civil War, World War I and II are found within both sections of the Pickensville Upper Cemetery. The majority of Civil War soldiers being laid to rest in the western cemetery.

The eastern portion of the Pickensville Upper Cemetery contains grave markers dating from the late-19th century and continues to accommodate new burials. This section of the cemetery is historically associated with African-American burials; however, as previously indicated, this has not yet been determined. The oldest of the burials are located at the west end near the more historic western section with the most recent burials being primarily situated toward the east. Although some of the burials located within this section date to between the late-18th to early-20th century, the majority are mid-to late-20th century. World War I and II veterans are found throughout this section. The majority of the historic motifs identified in this section are Masonic. These include an upside down star, the “shaking hands,” a ladder motif, and the traditional carpenter’s t-square and compass.

The latter motif is used by Masonic societies that portray three elements to symbolize the ethics of their group: the letter "G" for "God" or "geometry" (the natural order of things); a carpenter's t-square (for measuring right angles and, via a metaphor, behaving justly); and the compass (used by architects to draw circles and create boundaries, leaving everything in its rightful place).



Unique “Ladder” Motif: Left - 1926 burial and Right – 1919 burial



“G,” Carpenter’s T-Square, and Compass (1932 burial)

STATEMENT OF NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY

The Pickensville Upper Cemetery is eligible for National Register listing individually or as part of a larger district that describes the early development of Pickens County and the town of Pickensville. The Pickensville Upper Cemetery has served as a burying ground since ca. 1844 is indicated by its earliest surviving grave marker. It is a key resource in understanding the development of Pickensville and Pickens County as a whole. Furthermore the early markers are decoratively carved displaying religious and social customs of the time. The surviving markers in both sections of the cemetery help to provide an understanding of cultural and social patterns of the mid-19th to mid-20th centuries. In addition, the cemetery is one of the earliest surviving cemeteries in the county.

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Western Section – Entry Gate



Photograph 002
Northeasterly View Toward Western Section



Photograph 003
Western Section – Southeasterly View



Photograph 004
Western Section – Southeasterly View Toward
Pedestal Statuary and Peterson Family Plot



Photograph 005
Western Section – Southeasterly View of Wilkins
Family Plot



Photograph 006
Western Section – Southeasterly View of Markers

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Photograph 007
Western Section – Southwesterly View from
Eastern Section



Photograph 008
Western Section – Southeasterly View



Photograph 009
Western Section – Southeasterly View



Photograph 010
Western Section – Southwesterly View



Photograph 011
Western Section – Easterly View



Photograph 012
Western Section – Northeasterly View Toward
Hildreth Family Plot

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Photograph 013
Western Section – Northwestern View of
Obelisk and Box Tomb



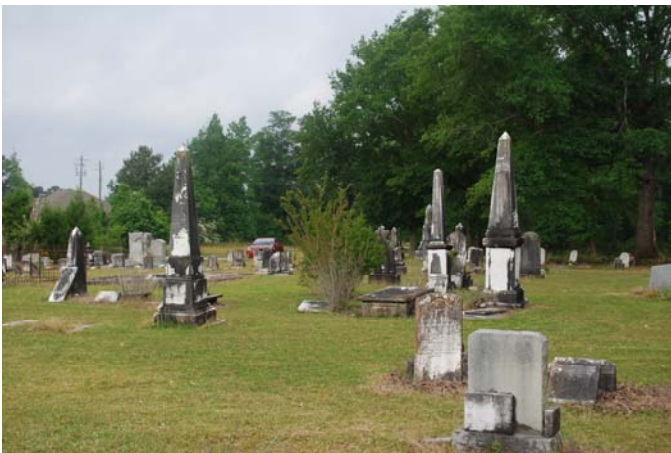
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Western Section – Southeasterly View



Photograph 015
Western Section – Southeasterly View
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Photograph 016
Western Section – Lang Family Markers



Photograph 017
Western Section – Westerly View



Photograph 018
Western Section – Westerly View of Peterson
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Western Section – Peterson Plot Statuary



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Western Section – Weeping Willow



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Western Section – Dove Motif (d.1867)



Photograph 025
Western Motif – Civil War Veteran Marker

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Western Section – Fallen Marker

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Western Section – Gate to Hildreth
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Photograph 042
Western Section – Easterly View



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Photograph 045
Northeasterly View Toward Eastern Section Entrance

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Photograph 046
Easterly View of Eastern Section



Photograph 047
Easterly View of Eastern Section



Photograph 048
Eastern Section – Westerly View Toward West Gate



Photograph 049
Easterly View of Eastern Section



Photograph 050
Westerly View of Eastern Section



Photograph 051
Eastern Section – Mausoleum located at SE Corner

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Photograph 052
Easterly View of Markers Along South Site of
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Northwesterly View of Eastern Section



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Eastern Section – Masonic “Ladder” Motif (d.1926)



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Photograph 058
Eastern Section- Masonic Motif



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Eastern Section – Upside Down Star (Masonic)
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Photograph 062
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Eastern Section – Modest Headstone (d.1905)