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BURIALS

TEACHERS

1. Bonnie Donaldson Lee (1901-1969)
2. Estella Manning Lee (1897-1986)

MINISTERS

1. Elder Washington Hodges (1851-1924)
2. Rev. Sam Jones (1904-1986)
3. Rev. Lausie Lee (1899-1950)

MILITARY

1. Henry A. Hodges (1896-1962) WWI
2. Ezekiel Jackson (1921-2001) WWII
3. George Lee (1919-1984) WWII
4. Jack Johnson Lee (1953-1975) Vietnam
5. Solomon Lee (1892-1964) WWI
6. McArthur Jones (1960-1986) US Army

"IF THESE CEMETERIES
COULD TALK"

Hodges Cemetery
Banks Creek Primitive Baptist Church
1901 Banks Creek Church Road (Portal, GA)

Saturday, September 14, 2019
9:00 AM



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Willow Hill Heritage and Renaissance Center
4235 Willow Hill Road, Portal GA

Commemoration of 400 years of African American History
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Hodges Cemetery

Hodges Cemetery, also known as Banks Creek cemetery, located in Portal, Bulloch County, Georgia is historic and has been the burying ground of the Hodges Family since the 1870's. Hodges Cemetery is located in the Lockhart district on, Two Chops Road, an unpaved dirt road which is one of the early major roads in Bulloch County History. The cemetery is located near the Banks Creek Primitive Baptist Church, the oldest Black Primitive Church in Bulloch County established in 1879.

The Hodges Family patriarch and matriarch Thomas and Fannie Hodges were initially members of the white church, Nevils Creek Primitive Baptist Church, the oldest Primitive Baptist Church in Bulloch County and one of the oldest Primitive Baptist Churches in the state of Georgia. Thomas died in 1872 while still a member of Nevils Creek, seven years before the establishment of Banks Creek by Aaron Munlin also of Nevils Creek and four other members (Lucinda Groover Munlin, Martin and Dinah Munlin Hodges and Moses Parrish). Fannie became a member of Banks Creek.

The Hodges purchased land near Banks Creek on Two Chops Road around 1871, just after the great surrender, and part of that land became the burying ground for the Hodges Family and is the origin of the Hodges Cemetery.

There are at least ninety known persons buried in the Hodges Cemetery, of which thirteen are our slave ancestors located mostly in unmarked graves in the oldest part of the cemetery.

1. Thomas Hodges (1810-1872) slave ancestor grave site unknown
2. Fannie Hodges (1810-1910) slave ancestor grave site unknown
3. James Hall (1835-1898) slave ancestor. Dirt grave with headstone
4. Susan Riggs Hall (1846-abt1915) slave ancestor grave site unknown
5. Martin Hodges (1853-??) slave ancestor grave site unknown
6. Dinah Munlin Hodges (1853-??) slave ancestor grave site unknown
7. Thomas Hodges, Jr. (1841-1878) slave ancestor dirt grave with headstone
8. Gracie Munlin Hodges (1850-1926) slave ancestor grave site unknown
9. Elder Washington Hodges (1851-1924) slave ancestor in unmarked dirt grave, site known
10. Eliza (Saturday) Riggs Hodges (1851-1910) slave ancestor in marked dirt grave with headstone
11. Wallace Hodges (1852-1936) slave ancestor in unmarked dirt grave, site known
12. Lucinda Cowart Hodges (1840-1927) slave ancestor unmarked dirt grave, site known
13. Shepherd Hodges (1840-1892) slave ancestor unmarked dirt grave, site known