

I. Introduction

- A. Nanny Orchard Cemetery aka Benjamin Pearce Cemetery (RPU)
- B. 166 Clyde Pearce Rd, Zebulon, Franklin County, NC (Coordinates: 35d 53m 18.9s N; 78d 17m 17.3s W)
- C. Origins of the cemetery
- D. Surveyed by Steve Stallings in August 2010. His findings are on [Cemetery Census](#).
- E. RPU background recap of Nanny Orchard cemetery:
 1. Somehow over the 1975 – 2015 time period, and despite many trips to Franklin County, the significance of this cemetery escaped me. Now after a review it seems hugely important. The Government Stone for Benjamin Pearce in the cemetery shows his birth as 11 Nov 1818 and death as 30 Aug 1904. This Benjamin Pearce was one of several heirs of John Pearce, II, (b. 10 Nov 1787), who received land based on a January 1864 survey of the 2166 acres involved. The detailed land map most likely reaches the Benjamin Pearce cemetery on Clyde Pearce Road – it is imperative that more study be done.

The western terminus of Clyde Pearce Road is at William-White Road (SR 1730). On the west side of SR 1730 lies the 100 acres Nathan Upchurch, I received in 1794, while to the north and west of this 100 acres lies the tract owned by Richard Upchurch, III at his death in 1817.

In the NE corner of the above intersection lies the Clyde E. Pearce, Jr Store.
 2. Notes from 20 Dec 2013 when Tony B. Pearce led RPU and Monk Perry to the Benjamin Pearce Cemetery:
 - a. Tony owns the Claude E. Pearce Jr store, which Jr built. Claude E. Pearce, Sr – his father and Tony's ancestor were brothers. The wife of CEP, Sr was Lisa Pearce. Tony inherited his store and another 11 acre strip nearby. Tony says there was Upchurch land on Clyde Pearce Road. Some have William Pierce and John Pearce (oldest son) involved
 - b. John Pearce and Clara Frances Upchurch, daughter of Benjamin Upchurch.
 - c. A great revelation occurred when Tony showed us the Benjamin Pearce cemetery on the south side of Clyde Pearce Road. Tony says his home probably across the road in a present-day gravestone for Benjamin (Government Stone):
 - i. Benjamin Pearce CO H 95 NC INF CSA - 11 Nov 1818 – 30 Aug 1904Side story regarding Stephen Pearce had 2 families. No. 2 = Stallanze – Bryant + _____.
 - l. Benjamin Pearce – had 3 wives and son = John Eli Pearce; other children John, Barrett, and Archibald. Jane Pearce and John Calvin.
- F. Evidence of burials without monuments – by stones or personal information

II. Listing of Individuals Interred at this cemetery

| ENTRY | NAME AS FOUND IN GRAVEYARD | MEMORIAL NUMBER | BIRTH DATE | DEATH DATE | RELATIONSHIP | FULL OR MAIDEN NAME LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE | NICKNAME | COMMENTARY |
|-------|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---|----------|---|
| 1 | Alford, Cherrie P. | 73196577 | 1861 | Jan. 8, 1903 | D/O 15; W/O 2 | Pearce, Cherrie | | |
| 2 | Alford, John | 73196467 | 1850 | Oct. 14, 1922 | H/O 1 | | | |
| 3 | Alford, Ora Alice | 73196372 | Oct. 12, 1890 | Nov. 4, 1970 | D/O 1 & 2 | | | |
| 4 | Bunn, Inf Dau of | 76082535 | | Feb. 28, 1929 | | | | Infant daughter of Mr & Mrs Froy Bunn |
| 5 | Denton, Alex | 73202266 | Oct. 3, 1888 | Sep. 30, 1958 | H/O 7 | Denton, Alexander | | |
| 6 | Denton, Alva Macon | 73202320 | Jun. 29, 1924 | Aug. 21, 1934 | D/O 5 & 7 | | | Killed by lightning |
| 7 | Denton, Hattie L. | 73202239 | 1882 | Jan. 22, 1944 | D/O 1 & 2 | Alford, Hattie L. | | |
| 8 | Denton, James Charlie | 76098706 | Jul. 22, 1874 | Sep. 7, 1950 | | | | |
| 9 | Denton, Sarah Denton | 73202500 | Feb. 6, 1874 | Nov. 26, 1943 | | | | |
| 10 | Denton, Tenutha | 73202016 | Apr. 6, 1849 | Jan. 6, 1919 | | Jeans, Tenutha | | |
| 11 | Kelbaugh, Charles Alvis | 73202577 | Apr. 3, 1939 | Jul. 22, 1999 | | | | |
| 12 | Marsh, Anna B. | 76495491 | Mar. 2, 1918 | Nov. 29, 1980 | | | | |
| 13 | Pearce, Arch C. | 73202355 | Mar. 31, 1863 | Jan. 11, 1925 | S/O 15 | Pearce, Archibald Crudup | Arch | |
| 14 | Pearce, Gus F. | 73197317 | Apr. 27, 1867 | Feb. 28, 1942 | S/O 15 | Pearce, Augustus Fenner | Gus | |
| 15 | Pearce, Benjamin | 73195943 | Nov. 11, 1816 | Aug. 30, 1904 | S/O A | | | |
| 16 | Pearce, Geneva D. | 73201980 | Nov. 25, 1877 | Feb. 10, 1957 | W/O 14 | Denton, Geneva | | Daughter of Tenutha Jeans Denton |
| 17 | Pearce, Joseph J. | 73202987 | Feb. 26, 1876 | Sep. 13, 1929 | | | | |
| 18 | Pearce, Marcia L. | 73203047 | Mar. 25, 1882 | Sep. 12, 1964 | W/O 17 | | | |
| 19 | Pearce, Mary Privette | 73202620 | Jun. 23, 1933 | Dec. 23, 2009 | | Privette, Mary | | |
| 20 | Pearce, Aileen | 73202718 | Nov. 4, 1914 | Nov. 27, 1999 | D/O 14; W/O 23 | Pearce, Aileen | | |
| 21 | Privette, Gary Wayne | 73202810 | Aug. 5, 1966 | Jul. 16, 1989 | | | | |
| 22 | Privette, Inf Son of | 73202537 | | Jul. 19, 1940 | | | | |
| 23 | Privette, Willis Brodie | 73202762 | Feb. 26, 1911 | Dec. 24, 1980 | H/O 20 | | | |
| 24 | Privette, Willis Grady | 73202859 | Dec. 19, 1935 | Dec. 19, 1989 | | | | |
| 25 | Ray, Bud | 73196307 | Jul. 31, 1891 | Jan. 11, 1962 | H/O 26 | | | |
| 26 | Ray, Frankie A. | 73196265 | Nov. 16, 1887 | May 25, 1951 | W/O 25 | | | |
| 27 | Ray, John Burton | 73202936 | Dec. 21, 1917 | Jan. 16, 1971 | | | Sweet | |
| 28 | Ray, Linster Curtis | 73196214 | Oct. 26, 1913 | Jul. 14, 1961 | | | | |
| 29 | Unknown | | | | | | | Unmarked grave beside Benjamin Pearce |
| 30 | Unknown | | | | | | | Unmarked grave b/w Benjamin Pearce & Linster Ray |
| 31 | Unknown | | | | | | | Unmarked grave b/w John Burton Ray & Joseph J. Pearce |
| 32 | Unknown | | | | | | | Unmarked grave(s) b/w Marcia Lewis Pearce & end of cemetery |

III. Listing of individuals not interred here, but who serve to show relationships – shown as A, B, C, etc.

A. John Pearce, II

IV. Family sketches: Brief sketches will be provided for selected families represented in the cemetery shown as A, B, C, etc. In some cases a link may be provided to family trees maintained by Allied Families on Ancestry.com.