

THE GREENS

How is your history? Think of your school days and the Revolutionary War. Do you recall “The Stamp Act”? Cornwallis? Patrick Henry? George Washington? The Thirteen American Colonies officially started their independence at Lexington, Mass., on April 19, 1775. In this general period of time and activity, Able Green acquired a State Land Grant for this acreage in 1787. Able Green is listed in the Hillsborough District of Chatham County in the 1st Federal Census of 1790 which indicates that he had 6 sons, 2 daughters and no slaves. He was born (app) 1753, died and buried here 1807.

A son, John Green (b. 10-4-1780) worked this acreage and later named it “Beaumont Farm”. On August 17, 1806 John married Hannah B. Thompson (B. 1-5-1783; d. 9-16-1861). Hannah buried here in 1861 and John buried 4-26-1863. Two daughters of John and Hannah Green buried here also: Mary A. Green (b. 7-5-1814; d. 11-12-1840) and Frances E. Green (b. 9-19-1807; d 7-19-1851). While John and Hannah lived and worked this farm, they had 4 daughters and 2 sons.

Robert Nathaniel Green (b. 11-19-1810)
Married: Prudence N. Ward (b. 4-24-1811)
Children: 6 boys & 3 girls
Co-Founder of Pleasant Hill Meth. Ch. 1850
Active in Beaumont Masonic Lodge #160 1854
Representative N.C. General Assembly 1858
Died: December 24, 1896
Buried: Pleasant Hill United Meth. Church

John Marion Green (b. 8-27-1824)
Married: Mary Alston Goldston (b. 3-13-1830)
Children: 5 boys & 6 girls
Captain in North Carolina Militia 1848
Active in Beaumont Masonic Lodge #160 1854
Postmaster, Beaumont Post Office 1851
Died: January 13, 1908
Buried: Parks Crossroads Church

To prevent the free roaming cattle from tramping on their parents’ and sisters’ graves, Robert N. and John M. Green built this rock wall around them in 1863. On the west and north side of the walled area are graves of family slaves.

The walls of Green Cemetery on the slope of River Hill, at Beaumont are moss covered, and the stones that marks the final resting places are eroding with the years. However, a precious gift still remains—The Memory and the Proof of Our Ancestors.

“Shall we grieve about their absence,
No, ‘twill not be very long,
‘til we join with them and others
Who compose the happy throng.”

**Transcript of text on plaque at Abel Green cemetery, J56.2, in Chatham County, NC.*