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## **VARIOUS LAURENS COUNTY CEMETERIES Recent Readings of 25 Laurens County Burial Grounds Surveyed 2000-2006 By Charles W. Hawkins**

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**"Thank you!"**

*-Sarah Jane Armstrong, President*

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**This book of cemetery surveys by Charles Hawkins has been "enhanced" with genealogical references from the files of Richard Fowler. Many of the persons listed here have been identified by their parents or other relatives. These identifications will be found in parentheses and italics, which are not included on tombstone inscriptions.**

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In transcription work of this type, copying errors are always possible. Many stones in cemeteries are difficult to read. We apologize for any error or omission. It is also advised to check more than one spelling, since inscribers often misspelled names on stones. Please join our effort in promoting proper preservation and care of the memory of our loved ones. Every attempt has been made to put MAIDEN NAMES in this work in italics. Richard Fowler has added genealogical notes to many of the names in this book. These are noted in small italics in the person's entry, but are not found on the actual cemetery marker.

### NAMES SOMETIMES CONFUSED OR SPELLED DIFFERENT WAYS

Barksdale-Barkstell	Chasteen-Chestein	Manly-Manley	Sumerel-Sumrell
Isabella-Isabeller	Coates-Coats	Owens-Owings	Sumeral-Summeral
Barnett-Barnette	Cook, Cooke	Power-Powers	Thompson-Tompson
Bramlett-Bramlette	Graydon-Grayden	Putman-Putnam	Vaughn-Vaughan
Burdett-Burdette	Guin-Gwin	Rhodes-Rhoades	Whiten-Whitten
Caldwell-Coldwell	Gwinn-Guinn	Riddle-Riddell	Wood-Woods
Canaday-Cannaday	Leopard-Leopard	Roberson-Robertson	Yeargin-Yeargan
Canady-Cannady	Leak-Leake	Rodgers-Rogers	

### SOME ABBREVIATIONS

<i>MM</i>	<i>Mortuary Marker</i>	<i>sis/o</i>	<i>sister of</i>	<i>PFC</i>	<i>Private First Class</i>
<i>c/o</i>	<i>child of</i>	<i>bro/o</i>	<i>brother of</i>	<i>Cpl.</i>	<i>Corporal</i>
<i>s/o</i>	<i>son of</i>	<i>USNR</i>	<i>US Naval Reserve</i>	<i>Sgt.</i>	<i>Sergeant</i>
<i>d/o</i>	<i>daughter of</i>	<i>S1 etc.</i>	<i>Navy Seaman grades</i>	<i>S/SGT</i>	<i>Staff Sergeant</i>
<i>f/o</i>	<i>father of</i>	<i>WW I</i>	<i>World War I</i>	<i>TSGT</i>	<i>Tech Sergeant</i>
<i>m/o</i>	<i>mother of</i>	<i>WW II</i>	<i>World War II</i>	<i>T2 etc.</i>	<i>Tech Sgt. grades</i>
<i>w/o</i>	<i>wife of</i>	<i>Pvt.</i>	<i>Private</i>		