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📄 by **Andra Watson** » Tue Feb 26, 2008 12:35 pm

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ran out of daylight and were in need of lodging that others would send them to David Smith's to spend the night because he was known to help people out. That's a nice legacy to have. Another story she told me was that during the Civil War one of Aunt Nicey's brothers did not want to fight for the Confederacy. Aunt Nicey would ride through the woods real fast on her horse to warn him the soldiers were near. It is said that they finally caught him and took him. I do not know his name.

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ATTACHMENTS





Re: Little Indian Cemetary



by **Michael Hill** » Wed Feb 27, 2008 6:31 pm

Thanks for sharing your recollections, information, and pictures, Andra. I'll take a look at that census page you mentioned and either correct or annotate the web page.



Michael Hill

Posts: 35

Joined: Wed Jan 25, 2006 10:35 am

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Re: Little Indian Cemetary



by **wyattmtthws** » Fri Jun 13, 2008 3:02 am

Those are nice pics and I was just inspired with you people working out on your genealogy and giving honor to your ancestors. I just find it great...well i hope to see more threads and try to look at your site...

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Re: Little Indian Cemetary



by **rugerott6** » Sat Mar 07, 2009 4:42 am

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How very nice to read your letter. I am the son of Guy Smith who's

grandfather was DZ Smith. There are many members of the Smith family scattered throughout the country who find this forum to be not only informative but quite refreshing. You bear a striking resemblance of Ruth (Smith) Maddox.

Robert Smith



Re: Little Indian Cemetery



by **smiths** » Thu Mar 07, 2013 11:35 am

Short note about the Alexander & Patsy Smith marker. I was told by Guy Smith that this marker, when it was placed approximately 15 years ago, was put there not because it was known that Alexander and Patsy Smith are buried there, but more as a placeholder on an assumption. In fact, there is good evidence that Alexander and Patsy Smith left Morgan Co AL between 1850 and 1860 to go to Titus Co, TX. Martha (Patsy), 60 years old, is found in the household, in 1860 of her daughter Sarah Smith Ryan. (1860 Dangerfield/Precinct 9/Titus, TX-Harris Ryan) Have heard of but not verified that Harris Ryan, Alexander's son in law, paid for property taxes for Alexander in Texas.

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