

SARASOTA COUNTY: WHITAKER CEMETERY

This family cemetery was copied by James D. & Elizabeth J. Waldron, 20001 Island Road, Miami, Fla. 33189. It is located 200 yards east of North Tamiami Trail on 12th Street, Sarasota, Sarasota County, Fla.

Historical Marker located on corner of North Tamiami Trail & 12th St.:

200 yards east of this highway is the Tomb of MARY WYATT WHITAKER born at Tallahassee, Florida April 11, 1831, daughter of WILLIAM WYATT, member of the Convention which gave the State of Florida its first constitution.

Mother of the first white child born in what is now Sarasota County, April 19, 1853.

300 yards west of this highway stood her home which was burned in 1856 by Indians, from whom she fled for safety with the child to a palmetto log Fort on Manatee River.

This marker was erected in 1936 by the Sara de Sota Chapter, DAR.

PIONEER WHITAKER CEMETERY ESTABLISHED 1879

DWIGHT ABBE WHITAKER July 13, 1886 - Jan. 22, 1975  
HAZEL WILEY WHITAKER Aug. 18, 1884 - Nov. 13, 1948  
Dr. FURMAN CHAIRS WHITAKER Mar. 4, 1856 - Mar. 8, 1945  
NELLIE LOUISE ABBE WHITAKER Apr. 21, 1861 - Nov. 12, 1918  
T. GILMOR EDMONDSON 1885 - 1942  
LOUISA A. EDMONDSON 1853 - 1940  
ROBERT B. EDMONDSON 1881 - 1883  
T. GORDON EDMONDSON 1845 - 1890  
CHARLOTTE R. ABBE Feb. 10, 1838 - Mar. 5, 1909  
STUART WHITAKER Feb. 1, 1891 - Apr. 28, 1896  
Baby GRACE SAWYER June 1907 - August 1908  
MARY J. WHITAKER Apr. 11, 1831 - Mar. 6, 1908  
WILLIAM H. WHITAKER Aug. 1, 1821 - Nov. 18, 1888  
(WILLIAM H. & MARY J. WHITAKER are buried in tomb in the center of the cemetery)  
1 large unmarked grave  
1 medium unmarked grave  
FLORENCE OXFORD WHITAKER Mar. 25, 1880 - May 21, 1912  
CHARLES VALENTINE WHITAKER 1886 - 1961  
FURMAN HARPER HELVESTON July 7, 1875 - June 2, 1941  
NANCY WHITAKER HELVESTON Apr. 19, 1852 - Apr. 21, 1945  
JOHN HELVESTON Oct. 11, 1852 - Apr. 17, 1910  
FANNIE MARSHALL Nov. 2, 1877 - Feb. 10, 1963  
WILLIAM H. WHITAKER, Fla, S/C US CG Res, WWII  
Dec. 3, 1897 - Oct. 23, 1948  
WILLIAM R. WHITAKER Nov. 10, 1860 - June 8, 1948  
MATTIE MAE wife of WILLIAM R. WHITAKER Sept. 8, 1886 - Jan. 9, 1971  
HARPER E. WHITAKER, JR. July 28, 1919 - July 11, 1974

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JOHN DOUGLAS 1828-c1883

John Douglas was born in Appling County, Georgia in 1828, son of Eaton and Maria (Branch) Douglas. His grandfather, William Branch, was a Revolutionary Soldier from North Carolina. John's parents moved to Lowndes County about 1837 settling in that portion which was cut