

## Burial Site of my Great, Great Grandparents

Louis Condra – Born 1805 or 1806

Catherine Condra – Born 1811

Coordinates N 34° 43.836

W 088° 15.821

Readings Taken 3/14/2002

This site is west of Midway on county road 364 approximately ¼ mile off road behind R.M. Barnett, 253 Highway 364. The site is actually owned by Braxton Hester, 243 CR 364. Drive up in R.M. Barnett driveway to side of carport and tell him you are related to him, who you are and where you want to go. The Old Sunken Road to Jourdan Spring will be visible on your right. Go north and cross fence, pass old log barn, bear right to coordinates. When I was a little boy, Louis, Catherine, and a child had grave markers. They cut the timber and in March 2002 could only find Louis Condra grave marker. Others could be broken off and lying nearby. House was North and West of graves. It was in this house that federal troops approached and requested drinking water. Catherine and Rebecca ( born 1845 and my great grandmother later) waved a white apron and told them that they had a girl inside with “the fever” and they were welcome to all the water that they wanted but did not want them to be exposed to “the fever”. The federal troops expressed appreciation and asked where they could get drinking water. Catherine told them about Jourdan Spring just down the road at the bottom of the hill (East of the house and graves-old road barely visible now). The federals left and that night the girl (may have been Harriet) died and they dug a shallow grave between the house and barn (Northeast of house) and buried her and planned to move her later. They feared the federals would be back, not find a sick girl and burn the house. They put the extra dirt in the storm house cellar and put leaves over the grave to hide it. I do not know if this girl was ever moved, but the federals did not return.

Louis’s father was Benjamin Elijah Condra or Condrey (spelling not consistent) and his mother was Christiny. Benjamin was born in Chesterfield County Virginia in 1763 and died in 1832 in Jefferson County Alabama. Christiny was born in 1763 in Tennessee and married Benjamin about 1794 in Grainger County Tennessee.

*The above information was submitted by TCHGS member, Gene Jourdan, Jan 2007 and transcribed by Christina Goss.*

Below is the survey that was conducted in 1996 for the Tishomingo County Cemetery Book:

Survey from November 5, 1996 by Cindy Whirley Nelson and Bobby Wimbish.

**Condra**, Daughter, No monument, died about age 11

**Condra**, Louis, 4/4/1806 to 12/18/1881

**Condra**, Mrs. Louis, no monument