

Snowden Family Holds Reunion

The Snowden families and friends met in their fifth annual meeting Sunday, Sept. 4, at Fellowship church, in Lauderdale county, with over 300 persons attending, representatives coming from several counties of the state, Alabama, Georgia, Texas and Ohio.

The occasion was of double interest to the relatives, being a reunion of the family and also a memorial service, unveiling a monument erected to the memory of James Snowden and his wife, Margraet Thames. James Snowden was born in North Carolina, December 21, 1791, fought in the

War of 1812, and married Mary Margaret Thames May 13, 1818. They moved to Florida and later to Kemper county, Mississippi, settling in what is now known as Shucktown. There Mr. Snowden opened a large plantation, on

which he spent the remainder of his life. After his death, March 12, 1852, his widow continued to operate the plantation until her death, January 17, 1892. Ten boys and four girls were born to the couple. Only a few of the couple's grandchildren are still living, but they have a large number of descendants in this section of the country.

The day's program was opened by the singing of two songs led by the Rev. C. E. Snowden, followed by an address by S. M. Graham, who paid tribute to the Snowden family. After the address the crowd moved to the cemetery, where the monument was unveiled in an impressive ceremony conducted by the Rev. C. E. Snowden, great-grandson of James Snowden. The closing prayer was said by Walker Broach, after which a bountiful dinner was spread. The afternoon was spent in social recreation.

The Rev. C. E. Snowden of Bailey is president of the organization, and Miss Iva Pope of Meridian is secretary.

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