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FRADY BRANCH TRAILS

Historic Sites Legend

Site 1: Marion Edmonds House Site

Marion Edmonds (1848-1930), Civil War Veteran, lived at this site and died here a respected citizen. All that remain at this house site is the chimney rubble, however, at 3 other locations in the LRWMA, full chimneys still stand at similar sites!

Site 2: Lathan-Edmonds Cemetery

This is one of the oldest cemeteries in the LRWMA. It contains 41 graves, most marked only by simple brown stones. Only 4 of the graves have headstones identifying who was buried there.

Site 3: John Lathan House Site

W. W. Watkins lived here from 1910 - 1915. The Lathan family then lived at this site until it became federal property. The cemetery nearby carries the names of both the Edmonds and Lathan families.

Site 4: Still and the Rock Quarry

Follow the arrows to see the remnants of the liquor still, and then continue up the stream near the waterfall to a quarry of unknown origin. Look closely and see the drilled blasting holes.

Site 5: Mary Steele Waterfalls and Joanna Gibson house site

Joanna Gibson was accidentally shot here in her home by a friend on Christmas Day, 1917. She subsequently died of her injuries and was buried in the Lathan-Edmonds Cemetery not far from here but her headstone bears no name.

Mary Steele was raised in the area that now comprises the Lake Russell Wildlife Management Area. She spent countless hours going through these woods telling of the lives of the people who lived here and provided much of the information that has allowed for the mapping and protection of over 240 historic sites. Without Mary's help, this area and its treasured sites would have slid into oblivion. This was her favorite spot to rest.

Site 6: Farabrew Cemetery

Alias Farabrew has the only named grave with a very prominent stone over his grave. Since that stone was the only one with a name on it, the cemetery was named Farabrew Cemetery. It has also been called the Frady Cemetery.

Protecting Heritage Sites

The past belongs to all Americans. When looters and vandals destroy archeological and historic sites, part of the Nation's heritage is lost forever. Sites on public lands are protected by the Archaeological Resources Protection Act and other statutes. Report vandalism to the Chattooga District Office (706) 754-6221 or the USFS Office in Gainesville (770) 297-3026.

Be a Steward of the Past:

- Treat remains of past cultures with respect.
- Tread lightly when visiting heritage sites.
- Leave artifacts where you find them.
- Help preserve the past by volunteering your time and talents through historic preservation programs.

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