

BURIALS FROM THE FAIRFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE

By Linda Mullen



Located near the headstone of Rebecca Graves in the Fairfield City Cemetery, is thought to be the graves of several girls who died during their stay at the Fairfield Female College (1859-1870?). They are thought to have passed away during an epidemic, possibly in 1865 at the same time as Mrs. Graves.

John Ross “Rossie” Pye reported that in the past the rocks were spread out individually and in more recent times were heaped in a pile. He learned this from his father, Monore Pye, who was very familiar with the layout of the cemetery, as he was caretaker for many years. Also Monroe’s grandfather, Archibald F. Pye’s Confederate Veteran marker, along with his father and mother’s graves, are adjacent to these burials.

Rossie Pye stated that Fuller Huckaby also told him this same information. Sadly, the names of these girls are not known and the rocks seem to have been fashioned into the shape of a single grave to the left of Mrs. Grave’s marker. On the right, is another iron ore rock.

HEADSTONE READS:

**To the Memory of Rebecca W. Graves
1812-1865
Wife of Dr. Henry Lee Graves
Who was the First President of Baylor
University “Old Independence” Tex 1846-1851.
President of “Fairfield Female College”
Fairfield, Tex. 1859-1870. Buried, Brenham Tx. 1881.**