



POINT CLEAR CEMETERY / CONFEDERATE REST

The Confederate Rest Cemetery is a section of the **Point Clear Cemetery** which is owned and maintained by the Point Clear Cemetery Association. Prior to 2007, the American Legion Post #199 of Fairhope, Alabama was the owner. It is located at the end of Confederate Rest Road off Scenic Highway 98, Point Clear, Alabama. The date of origin of the cemetery is unknown, but the Confederate Rest section began during the War Between the States. The north side of the Point Clear Cemetery is bordered by the Lakewood Golf Course, owned by the Grand Hotel.

During the War Between the States, the hotel was used as a Confederate Hospital and at that time was briefly known as the "Quarles Hospital," named for Brig. Gen. William Andrew Quarles. The hospital received many wounded and sick from the Siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi in 1863. Many of those who died here are buried in Confederate Rest. The hospital was damaged following the Battle of Mobile Bay in August 1864. Although patient records were kept, a fire in 1869 destroyed most of the hotel including the hospital's records. The hotel was rebuilt in the 1870's and has continued to expand and flourish to this day (Buchanan Camp Cdr. Larry McAdams' great grandfather was a carpenter on the rebuilding effort).

With many of the graves unmarked, Past Commander Alex Smith and members of the SCV Adm. Franklin Buchanan #1574 along with Compatriots John Ellis and John Rather of Adm. Raphael Semmes Camp #11 made arrangements in 1999 for a ground scan radar survey of Confederate Rest to locate unmarked graves. During their search, three previously unknown parallel burial trenches, two (6 feet by 50 feet) and one (12 feet by 50 feet), were discovered. These burial trenches are believed to hold 138-263 Confederate soldiers. Forty-six soldiers have been identified through arduous research and appropriate markers have been placed and dedicated. Confederate Rest, its total restoration and identifying all veterans who are buried there, were the projects of the Adm. Buchanan Camp. They added decorative cannons, placed headstones, and replaced the chain around the perimeter of the grounds.

An annual Confederate Memorial Service is conducted at the cemetery each spring. The Sons of Confederate Veterans of Baldwin County, Fort Blakeley Camp #1864 and the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Charles S. Stewart Chapter #2390 currently coordinate this service.

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