

# Farmer House Site

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This house site is located within borders of “The Four Mile Purchase”, Cherokee land that the State of Georgia claimed and had issued land grants on. The Federal Court ruled that Georgia had illegally taken the land from the Cherokee. Georgia was ordered to return land to the Cherokee and remove all white settlers. An agreement was reached between the Cherokee and Georgia for Georgia to purchase the land. This allowed settlers to remain on the land. The Farmer family came to this area in 1839. Land records for the property, that this house occupied, indicate that it was a land grant from the State of Georgia to Enoch Brady in 1835. In 1851 Ray Whitfield obtained the property, J.B. Hulsey in 1854, James Farmer in 1855, W.V. Watkins before 1906 and Benjamin Franklin (Ben) Farmer in 1906. Ben was the grandson of the above James Farmer. Ben and his bride, Beulah Cash, probably rented this property from W.V. Watkins before purchasing it and moved here when they were married in January 1905. There were two houses on this site when Ben and Beulah lived here. One was a log structure and the other a board structure. They were living in the board structure house, with their first two children Burch and Bertha, when it burned down. After house burned they probably moved to the original log house until a new house was built, across Red Root Road, west of this site. No house was ever rebuilt on this site. The log house was eventually turned into a wagon shed and corn crib. Ben and Beulah’s other four children, Bea, Howard, Hubert and Ernest, were born in the new house. Ben Farmer sold this property to his brother Jake in 1920 but a deed was never recorded. Jake told Ben that he couldn’t pay for the property and gave the property back to him in 1922. In 1922 Ben sold the property to three of his brothers, J.H. (Joe) Farmer, J.M. (Messer) Farmer and George Farmer. In 1938, at the time of acquisition by the federal government, George Farmer was in possession of this property.

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