

George 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 part of three hundred acres, more or less, one part of which was granted to Polly Hancock and the other part to William Devoraux from the State of Georgia. Polly and William conveyed this land to William M Farmer Sr after 1839 and it became known as the “Mill Tract” due to a mill pond and water powered mill that he caused to be built there. In 1851 the legal heirs of William M Farmer Sr sold this “Mill Tract” to Allen Acre and Ray Whitfield. It appears that Allen Acre and Ray Whitfield then sold this tract of land to Benjamin F Reynolds. In 1889 Benjamin sold seventy six acres of the “Mill Tract” including the mill to his daughter Elizabeth. Elizabeth and her husband William Crawford Farmer raised their family, two daughters and six sons, here. George Farmer, their seventh child, gained possession of this property sometime after he and his wife Viola, daughter of Clayton Sanford and Lucy Cash Stephens, moved in during a dispute and separation of William and Elizabeth. William and Elizabeth never lived together here again. At the time of acquisition by the federal government, George Farmer was in possession of this property.



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