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Mission Statement:

Our goal is to gather and collate data that will lead to a better understanding of ghosts and haunts. In the process of pursuing that goal, we also wish to aid any individuals having problems dealing with or understanding a situation. We hope to do this by educating them as to the true nature of their situation and giving them the information and understanding to create a livable resolution for the person and the spirit. We will also assist people who cannot live with their situations or put them in contact with trained professionals who can assist them. We are open minded to all theories and methods as this is still not an exact science. Everyone in the field of super-natural research learns as they go. Hopefully, in the end, we will collect the necessary proof and field-tested theories that are vital to bringing the subject of ghosts into the mainstream.

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Please be respectful of this location. It is an active church and graveyard.

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If you are to visit this place, please call the Pastor of the Church for permission before any investigation. You will be escorted out by the police. CCPS did lawfully gain access to this site with the permission of Pastor Richard Peacock.

Site Grid

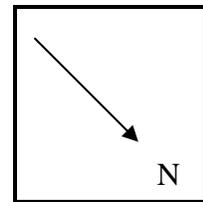
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Approximate Scale = _____



Investigation #2 - Tilley Bend Baptist Church

ACTUAL SPELLING: Tilley Bend

Aliases: Tiley Bend, Tilly Bend, Tillie Bend, Tily Bend

Location: Aska Road, Blue Ridge, Ga 30513

County: Fannin

GPS: 34.830063, -84.301178

Appalachian Mountains. The Toccoa River flows down from the high mountains and into Blue Ridge Lake. The Tilley Bend Settlement is nestled back in these mountains. You travel down a dense wooded one lane dirt road to reach the cemetery. Location can be reached from Dial Road or Aska Road.

Important Figures: Pollie Stanley-Long, Elizabeth Bradley, Mary Tilley-Bradley

Elizabeth Bradley: Died October 26, 1905. Creek. Assumed witch doctor for the Creek Indians. The whole settlement feared her. She had a daughter that married a Tilley and another daughter that married a Stanley. A family feud erupted in 1895 between the Tilley's and the Stanley's. The two sisters became enemies because of their family names. The feud escalated. On Sunday morning the Stanley's went to Tilley church and started shooting through the doors of the church. People were killed inside and outside the church in cold blood. Among the dead--the preacher (he was a Tilley), the one sister (Elizabeth Bradley's Daughter) who was also married to a Tilley, and several church members. The Tilley's did not let this go and one night they went to Stanley gap and killed some of the men while they were asleep. The sister that married a Stanley, her husband was killed that night. A few months later she died during child birth. Elizabeth Bradley vowed revenge on both the Tilley's and Stanley's for the deaths of her two daughters. After that, every baby born to the Tilley's and Stanley's died at birth. This is why there are several baby graves at the cemetery. After a year of this, the Tilley's went to Elizabeth Bradley's house and got her. She was then taken to the center of Tilley grave yard and hung from the old oak tree. They cut her down and buried her right where she fell. Right before they hung her she told them she would come back. Her tombstone is facing west. This is in disrespect to her because the settlement believed Jesus would come back through the eastern sky. That is why all graves are facing the East. People thought that Elizabeth Bradley died as a lost sinner. Therefore, she did not get the privilege of facing the East. After Elizabeth's death, a few months passed and then the babies in the settlement started dying at birth again. People in the Tilley settlement started claiming the witch had come back THROUGH another woman and taken up residence. This new woman was Elizabeth Bradley's sister in law, Mary. On the anniversary of Elizabeth Bradley's hanging, the men went and got Mary Tilley-Bradley. They hung her from the same oak tree. They would not bury her facing west because she was a Tilley and not thought to be at fault because the witch came back through her.

Pollie Stanley-Long: 1818-1888. Wife and mother. Member of Tilley Bend Church. Researched. No information to support she was a witch or died from

anything other than congestive heart failure in 1888.

Mary Tilley-Bradley: Died October 26, 1906. Elizabeth Bradley's sister in law.

History: It is thought that Benjamin M. TILLEY founded the Tilley Baptist Church at Tilley Bend in Fannin County, Georgia, in 1858. Benjamin Tilley was born in 1838 in Georgia. He would have been 20 years old when the church was established. It's possible that Benjamin M. TILLEY was too young to have founded the church and instead, his father Tillman TILLEY was the actual founder.

The church ground and cemetery sit on land that was once settled by the 1756 Creek Indians. The Cherokee did not get along with the creeks and forced them out of the area. The intermarried creeks did not leave and neither did their customs. In 1820 the Stanley's had formed a settlement over the mountain in a place known then as *Stanley Gap*.

Up until a few years ago the church was abandoned and in a state of disrepair. The structure was the original log walls and the doors were the original hand carved, very thick wooden doors. These doors had bullet holes that were perfectly round that went clear through.

Grounds:

- Exceptionally dark. No lighting provided on grounds.
- Field stones marking graves
- Numerous rows of baby graves
- Large Oak Tree in center of grave yard. This is the only tree that is in this grave yard.
- Elizabeth Stanely's grave is the only grave under the oak tree. Her grave is facing west. No graves are around hers. She is buried beside the statue of a monk or priest. The statue is thought by some to be the creepiest aspect of Tilley Bend Cemetery.
- Grave of Mary: The birth date is the same as Elizabeth and they both died on Oct. 26. Elizabeth died 1905 and Mary died 1906.

Alleged Reports:

- Sound of babies crying
- Mists appearing and disappearing
- Sightings of the witch at the Oak tree or walking through the graveyard.
- Sightings are during the day and night
- Cutting of any sort to the Oak tree will cause it to bleed or appear to bleed a red substance.
- Lights rising up from behind the church with no logical explanation as to where they came from or went.
- Strange blue lights have appeared hovering over tombstones late at night.
- Strong activity around the child grave of Keith Stanely. Tugging at the leg is reported by visitors. Silverware is allegedly found at the grave. A spoon, fork, and knife. These items will disappear once visitors walk away and reappear somewhere else with no logical explanation.

Warnings to Visitors and Thrill Seekers:

Location is somewhat monitored by the police department. Location has been

vandalized several times. Be aware this is a known thrill seeking location listed on many ghost hunting web sites. Allegedly, unstable people hang around this location and attempt to spook teens and visitors. Use caution in this location.

Other Unique On-Site Interests: Tombstone of A.J. Loggins. Born sometime around 1840 or 1890. No death date on tombstone--which is odd because the person would be 110 + years old. Inscribed at the bottom of his tombstone says "Im not dead, only in your imagination, Ill see you soon"

Tiley Bend Church: Pastor Richard Peacock