

**HENDRY CEMETERY, ALSO KNOWN AS 'BOWMAN SPRINGS'
THE JOSEPH BOWMAN FAMILY OF GREENE COUNTY, TN**

No one living today in Greene County remembers the Bowman Family who once lived in North Greene County. When Buford Reynolds and his team of volunteers surveyed Greene County Cemeteries in the 1960's, the Cemetery was recorded as the 'Hendry Cemetery'. However, the Civil War Tombstone Applications for brothers Elias (1838-1877) and Leonard Rhea (1840-1870) who have Union tombstones there stated their burial site as "Bowman Springs Cemetery". Because there were no other Bowman Families in this part of Greene County, I believe this graveyard was on the farm of Joseph Bowman. It is likely, Joseph's first wife, Honor Newman, was buried there.

According to Find-A-Grave information, Joseph Bowman (1791-1872), had twelve children with his first wife, Honor Newman, and nine children with his second wife, Elizabeth Keller Carter. The family lived in North Greene County until their migration to Sullivan County, Missouri sometime shortly before 1850. Honor Newman Bowman is buried in an unmarked grave in Greene County.

The 1850 schedule of Slave Owners in Sullivan County, reveals Joseph Bowman held six slaves, three adult males and three male children. By 1860, he was shown with Real property valued at \$3,000 and Personal property valued at \$7,500.



Joseph Bowman 1791-1872

Because Sullivan County, Missouri, overwhelmingly supported the Union cause, and two of Joseph's sons Captain John Maloney Bowman and Henry Bowman were Confederate Soldiers, either during or shortly after the Civil War, Joseph Bowman moved to Carroll County, Arkansas.

Joseph and his second wife, Elizabeth Carter Bowman, and several children are buried in the Bowman Family cemetery located near today's Beaver Dam in Carroll County, Arkansas. Graves in the Bowman Cemetery were relocated in the early 1960's to Union Chapel Cemetery when Beaver Dam was constructed.

Twenty-three graves were relocated.