

Rocky Grove Cemetery is located a mile south east of Malone. There are 171 headstones with only 9 dating before 1900. According to information extracted from archival interviews, the cemetery was loaded with graves in the early 1900's. This is an indication perhaps one half of the interments have been lost with no existing records. No land records have been located to establish a date of deed to the community. Land records do indicate the two acre Cemetery plot is located on land purchased by Israel Baxter in the 1850's. Perhaps Israel and family members are buried in some of the many lost graves. The remains of Rocky Grove Baptist Church is presently in a non reparable condition. It hasn't been used in over 40 years. It was originally constructed as a one room typical country church. Old time heart pine lumber was used to build it. Perhaps it would not be standing today if lumber of modern times had been utilized to construct it.

NOTE: (Documented in 1982) ---- In an interview with Mrs. Hatcher who was born after the turn of the century and raised near the cemetery, she stated: When I was 10 or 12 years old a herd of very large hogs literally destroyed Rocky Grove Cemetery. She remembers most of the headstones being uprooted and damaged with many being completely destroyed. She remembers several piles of headstone pieces. When ask what became of the broken piles she stated: I assume the chain gang convicts hauled them away when the cleaned up the mess the hogs made. Israel and spouse "Mary Ann Futch" does not have a marker in Rocky Grove, perhaps they were included in the debris which was hauled away. Mary Ann is alleged to have been the first interment in Rocky Grove.



