
 RUTH "KNOTTS" PYNES 

1780 — 1856

WIFE OF DANIEL



PYNES



DANIEL 1780 - 1830

RUTHA "KNOTTS"

1780 - 1856

CHILDREN

JAMES 1801 - 1873

FAIR 1804 - 1853

NANCY 1806 - 1832

BENJAMIN 1808 - 1879

WHITE 1811 - 1882

MARY 1814 - 1858

DANIEL PYNES FIRST  
CITIZEN OF GORDON 1818



### Notes for DANIEL PYNES:

By 1825 settlers were moving into the Gordon area to stake out land holdings. A polling place was set up at Big Pond (The early Gordon Name). Documents indicate 38 year old Daniel arrived in 1818, concurrently with the forming of Henry County. He had migrated with his family from the Darlington District of South Carolina to this new frontier. On a high bluff, less than a mile from the river at 172 feet above sea level, he built his family a home and staked his claim. Daniel was a hat maker by trade and in a short time after arriving had established the only commercial head attire business in the entire area. With the new settlers moving in the hat business was very lucrative for him right up until his death in 1830. County land records indicate his Son's James and Fair Pynes were the executors of his sizeable estate recorded in 1831. The first known citizen of Gordon Alabama is noted as being Daniel Pynes. Also erected in the Gordon Cemetery is a large commemorative monument honoring him as being the first Citizen of Gordon. He is not buried in Gordon Cemetery, his death was prior to the cemetery being established. He was interned on his plantation nearby.

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