



Auburn Heritage Association

Pine Hill Cemetery Lantern Tour

The only remaining marked grave in the old north part of Pine Hill belongs to **Gatsy Rice**.

She was born a slave, and **her marker now represents all those buried here** before Baptist Hill cemetery on Dean Road was opened as an all-Black cemetery in the 1870s.

After Gatsy was freed, she worked as a seamstress and ran her own boarding house downtown. She came to own property in both Auburn and Opelika and earned a reputation as a solid business woman.

The college boys back then had to wear military uniforms, and they provided her plenty of sewing and cooking business. Someone erected her gravestone sometime after her death.

Hopefully, we will see Gatsy tonight!