

Francis Marion Cheney  
Physician and Minister



Cheney, born on March 9, 1821, in Greene County, Georgia, moved with his parents to what is now Lavaca County, Texas when he was two years old. When it was time for him to enter medical school, he chose to study medicine at John Hopkins.

Before leaving for college, he purchased Lot 1 in Block 17 from Arthur Sherrill in August of 1847.

While traveling to John Hopkins, Cheney stopped in Georgia and Wilks Co. to visit with family friends. While there he met Eliza Ann, 14-year-old daughter of Enoch Calloway. Four years later after graduation, he returned to ask Rev. Enoch for permission to marry his daughter.

When the Rev. found out that Cheney planned on returning to Texas, the father objected saying that Texas was too wild and dangerous for his daughter.

So, to appease the Rev., Dr. Cheney purchased a farm near Covington, Georgia and was then allowed to marry Elizabeth Ann “Eliza Ann” Calloway on January 29, 1852.

The Cheney family remained in Georgia until Dr. Francis’s death on August 1, 1874.

In an odd twist, after Cheney's death, his wife, Eliza, and all their children, except for one married daughter, moved to wild and dangerous Texas locating in Corsicana, Texas.