

Harmony Grove, Arkansas

When this Ouachita County community was first settled its area laid along a rather serpentine road that was known as the Princeton Road. This is the same historic route that Major General Frederick Steele used when his Union troops departed Camden after an eleven-day occupation of the city in 1864. Today, that artery of travel is Highway 7, which transverses the state from north to south.

Despite its rural location, or in the era in which the community was born because of it, Harmony Grove grew to become an area of importance. Without question, with its Ouachita River bottom land it offered a siren call to those who sought an agrarian way of life. In that reality, some of the most distinguished surnames in the history of the county first called this area home.

The families who originally settled the area reads like a "Who Was Who" in Ouachita County history: Boddie ... Broadnax ... Ritchie ... Dickson ... Gaughan ... Lide ... Martin ... Morgan ... Moseley ... Newton ... Proctor ... Rumph ... Stone ... Leaders in education, legal practices, wholesale groceries, department stores, hardware, politics, furniture stores, and mortuaries all traced their genealogical roots to this area of the county.

Today, Harmony Grove remains the residence of choice to many citizens of Ouachita County, and it offers an excellent school for the education of their children. Also, the Harmony Grove Methodist Church is one of the most historic places of worship in the county.