

"Powder Springs" Below Bradley Still Retains Popularity As Place To Visit

Many mineral water springs have the name "Powder Springs", if the water is predominantly sulphur, but to the people of the southwestern section of Greenwood county and on down into McCormick county there is only one "Powder Springs" and that is the one right down on the banks of Hard Labor creek where for well over one hundred and fifty years people have gone not only to quench a natural thirst but also to find a mineral water that seemed in some cases actually to restore health.

The spring today is easily reached, for the roads have been greatly improved.

An easy ride from either above or below can be had over the top soil highway built a few years ago from Bradley to Callison. From Greenwood the way to go, is down the paved highway towards McCormick and right in the town of Bradley turn to the left, by the Baptist church, and on down the top soil road which runs very near the spring. One should remember not to take the first left hand dirt road in Bradley, the one noted just after crossing the bridge over the railroad, but it is the one right in town.

You turn into this road in Bradley between the home of Mrs. Mattie Bradley on the left corner and the Baptist church on the right corner.

About four miles down this top soil road, after you have crossed first Hard Labor creek and next the small Cunningford creek you come to the first residence on the left after crossing these two streams. Directly opposite this residence you will notice a sign "Powder Springs" tacked on a stout stick. Turn directly to the right and a short distance down, you will reach the famous old spring. It is possibly a little over a quarter of a mile down to the spring. The road is in excellent condition or was a few days ago.

The land around here including the site of the spring is owned by Eugene Greer, of Belton. It is part of the old Bannister lands and the house on the left of the highway, just opposite the sign pointing down to "Powder Springs" is also owned by Mr. Greer. About half a mile down the highway on the left also is the home of John Bannister. Not very far from the highway and close to the residence now owned by Mr. Greer though not on the highway proper is the home of C. K. Dalton.

All around the spring has been well cleaned off and the spring itself is enclosed in a large terra cotta pipe, a regular culvert size affair, and the water runs out through a concrete base. It might be well to carry your own drinking cup along as there might not be one handy.

It is said that when this new terra cotta affair was being put in place it was necessary to dig down quite deep and there many feet under the ground was found a large wood barrel like unto no modern or other barrel that any

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