

Today [WHO: Jan 9, 1993], I went out to Lovein Funeral Home. Mrs. Ruby Wetherington (90) died Thursday. Funeral today. Mrs. Wetherington & her family lived on our farm for a few years. When her husband went to do defense work, they moved. His health was not good for farming. They were living on our farm in 1941 [WHO: should read: 1942] when a plane got in a storm & crashed from Moody Air Force Base. A pilot & chaplain were killed. We thought lots of the Wetherington family. Mrs. Wetherington called us the night the plane fell. At that time we were living in Lenox, Ga, where my husband W.H. Outlaw, was principal of the school. Mrs. Wetherington's son went out to feed the mules. Instead of opening the gate, he climbed the fence & spotted something (plane) in the old cucumber patch. Cukes were finished & the patch was grown up in weeds. The weather was real bad [so] they did not hear the noise. She went out & discovered it was a plane & notified the Sheriff's office. This was late one Friday afternoon. We came down Saturday. You have never seen so many people. Moody closed the roads & guarded the area until all remains etc. were gathered. Several wanted my husband to file suit, which was the least of his thoughts. We were very sorry it happened. Moody filled the hole & replaced the fence that was destroyed. We did not ask for this. Two men were dead & plane was gone.

Later the men's families came to see where they died.