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GILBERT FAMILY CEMETERIES IN GREENE COUNTY

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Members of the Gilbert family first settled in Greene County at a site north of Piney Mountain (Poindexters Mountain). They were the children of Thomas Gilbert, Sr. The two Gilbert cemeteries which have been identified to date were both established by sons of Thomas Gilbert, Sr.

Gilbert Family Cemetery #1 was established at the original Edward Gilbert homesite which was purchased by Edward Gilbert in 1841.¹ Since Thomas Gilbert, Sr. died in 1819,² research into Orange County records might reveal other earlier holdings. Edward Gilbert and his wife, Susan Sandridge are believed to be interred there. Since few markers other than fieldstone were used most of the graves must remain unidentified. The site of the Edward Gilbert Cemetery is on land inherited from Edward Gilbert by his daughter, Cornelia and son-in-law, Barnett Dickerson, Sr. In an effort to assure the preservation of the site, on January 3, 1900, Barnett Dickerson conferred to Charles E. Gilbert "thirty-five yards square of land including the family grave of the late Edward Gilbert deceased for a family burying ground."³

Gilbert Family Cemetery #2 was established on land which was inherited by Weston Gilbert in 1841⁴ or 1846.⁵ Although no further legal records of this cemetery have been found, family tradition indicates that Weston Gilbert and his wife, Malinda Pritchett (m. 1824)⁶ were buried there. Most, if not all, of the persons interred there are known to be descendants of Weston Gilbert.

Gilbert Family Cemetery #1

Survey conducted November 24, 1979 by Gerald Burnett. Location: Ruckersville District, Greene County, Virginia. Directions: One mile south of Va. 607, midway between Va. Rte. 644 and Va. Rte. 606 on knoll near old Gilbert home.

While the cemetery is fenced, at least eleven graves marked by fieldstones lie outside the perimeter of the fence. Very few of the

graves are marked to identify persons interred in them. Dense undergrowth made identification of probable graves difficult. Due to the extended tenure of the Gilbert family at this site, and in light of the recollections of children and grandchildren of H. G. W. Gilbert to whom I have talked, it is likely that this cemetery contains many now undiscernable graves dating from around 1800. There are thirty-five identifiable graves.

Names of persons identified by inscription:

Dickerson, B. S. (Barnett, Sr.)

Dickerson, Parmelia W.

Estes, Nancy Gilbert

Garnett, Cary E.

Harlow, Catlette C.

Harlow, Lizzie I. Daniel

Gilbert, A.J.

Gilbert, Martha Twyman

Inscriptions:

B. S. Dickerson
Co. F
13 Va. INF.
C.S.A.

Cary E. Garnett
Born Feb. 24, 1886
Died Sep. 14, 1903
Gone but not forgotten

Parmelia W. Dickerson
Beloved Daughter of
Barnett & Alease Dickerson
1915-1922

Catlette C. Harlow
When the roll is called
up yonder I'll be there.
May 3, 1879
Sept. 11, 1916

Nancy Gilbert
wife of
Geo. W. B. Estes
Aug. 8, 1823
Apr. 30, 1906
Gone but not forgotten

HARLOW
May he rest in peace

A. J. Gilbert
Co. F
7 Va. INF.
C.S.A.

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Lizzie Daniel
wife of
Julius J. Harlow
May 7, 1877
Jan. 16, 1919
Her life was beauty, truth, goodness
and love.

Martha Twyman
wife of A. J. Gilbert
Born Feb. 8, 1836
Died Nov. 12, 1901

Gilbert Family Cemetery #2

Survey conducted November 24, 1979 by Gerald Burnett. Location: Ruckersville District, Greene County, Virginia. Directions: From south end of Va. Rte. 644, 80 yards. Southeast to site on hillside facing east; on or near Greene-Albemarle County line. Cemetery is .5 miles west of Gilbert Family Cemetery #1.

Forty-one grave sites were identified, other graves probable. Cattle have run on the site and several stones are broken or damaged. Markers include 12 cut and inscribed marble or granite; two concrete, primitive with scratched lettering; four cut soapstone; 23 fieldstone; and one iron cross CSA marker.

The impression on viewing is that the oldest graves are at east-west center with more recent graves at east and west ends. The dimensions are approximately 50'x50'.

Names of persons identified by inscription:

Gilbert,

Beverly	Pearle L.
Elbert	Robert J.
Martha Virginia	Theron O.
Mattie Eheart	Thomas W. ₁
MRW	Thomas W. ₂
Mildred Salmon	Vera

Powell, Joel P.

Thomas, William E. & Children

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Inscriptions:

BEVERLY GILBERT
Beverly Gilbert
July 19, 1831
Feb. 22, 1882
Asleep in Jesus

ELBERT GILBERT
Elbert Gilbert
Aug. 23, 1915
June 23, 1917

MARTHA VIRGINIA GILBERT
Daughter Martha Virginia
Daughter of Thos. W. & Mattie Gilbert
Aug. 12, 1906
Feb. 4, 1928

MATTIE EHEART GILBERT
Mother
Mattie Eheart Gilbert
June 12, 1870
Dec. 15, 1950
At rest

MRW GILBERT
In memory of MRW
Infant son of RW & MA Ehart
Born Apr. 15, 1850
Died Sept. 1851
(Illegible lines)

MILDRED SALMON GILBERT
Mildred Salmon
Wife of Beverly Gilbert
Nov. 14, 1834
Feb. 24, 1921

PEARLE L. GILBERT
Pearl L. Gilbert
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Gilbert
Born Mar. 23, 1899
Died July 16, 1899
Asleep in Jesus

Robert J. Gilbert
Robert J., Son of
Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Gilbert
Born Mar. 23, 1899
Died Jan. 22, 1914
Robert has gone from our home
but not forgotten

THERON O. GILBERT
Theron O.
Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Gilbert
Born Sept. 1, 1889
Died Jan. 16, 1913
Theron has gone from our home
but not from our hearts.

THOMAS W. GILBERT
Thomas W. Gilbert
CO. D
3 VA. RES.
CSA

THOMAS W. GILBERT
Thomas W. Gilbert
Mar. 17, 1861
Oct. 22, 1932
At rest

VERA GILBERT
Vera Gilbert
May 7, 1921
July 21, 1921

JOEL P. POWELL
Joel P.
Infant son of N.J. & Luke P. Powell
June 8, 1917
Oct. 15, 1917
Gone so soon

WILLIAM E. THOMAS
At rest with Our Father
William E. Thomas
May 25, 1843
Aug. 27, 1886
Also Children of W. E. & H. A.
Thomas
Gone but not forgotten

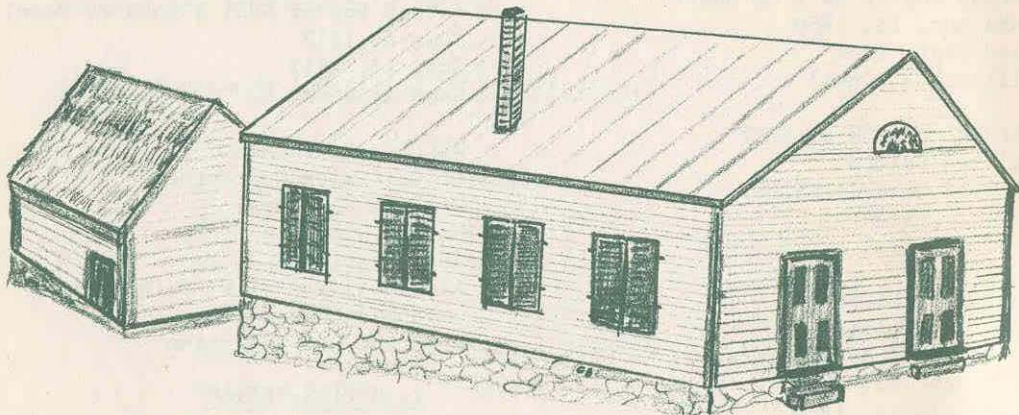
Iron Cross 6"x6"

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C S A
'6
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Drawing of Spring Hill Baptist Church as it appeared upon completion in August 1883. The small log structure on the left depicts the original church building (ca. 1850).