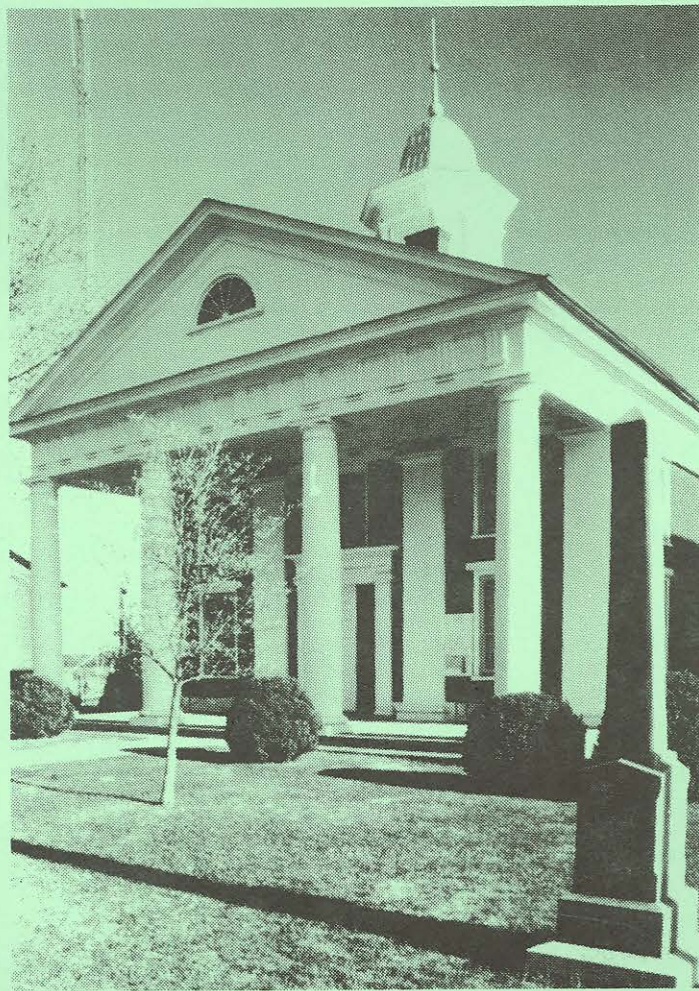

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Greene County Graveyard Survey



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GREENE COUNTY GRAVEYARD SURVEY

Since the inception of the Greene County Magazine in 1979, a number of graveyards have been identified and recorded in the magazine. In 1995, our historical society decided to begin an in-depth survey of Greene County farm graveyards or burial grounds and church cemeteries. The first graveyards recorded under the current research project were by Wayne Sullivan and Earl W. Estes, Jr. on March 30, 1995, by using maps and a computer program. All of the graveyards are roughly located in Greene county and a copy of the cemetery survey is displayed in the Greene County Clerk's Office. Eugene Powell, Roger Powell, Barbara Zorn, Earl Estes and others have contributed. To date, approximately 130 graveyards and 15 church cemeteries have been recorded. There are still a large number of graveyards to visit and record.

The following pages represent three family graveyards located in Greene County and surveyed by teams of volunteers led by Earl W. Estes, Jr.

The three graveyards are of:

CAPTAIN JOAB EARLY

THE MOYERS FAMILY

UPPER POCOSIN EPISCOPAL MISSION

EARLY FAMILY GRAVEYARD

Capt. Joab Early

NAME: EARLY Tax Map 57-A-41 **LOCATION:** On Route 604 0.75 miles from its intersection with Route 648.
HIS. OWNER: Captain Joab Early
DATE RECORDED: 3/30/95- **PRESENT OWNER:** David and Linda Moore
GRID MAP #: T-36 **COMPILER:** Wayne Sullivan & Earl W. Estes,

TOMBSTONES

- 1: (TI) Capt. Joab Early, son of James & Elizabeth Early, Born March 23, 1792, Died June 27, 1845
- 2: (TI) James P. Early, Born July 12, 1868, Died August 23, 1884
- 3: (TI) Ann E., Consort of Dr. T. M. Shearman, Born July 8, 1820, Died March 30, 1868
- 4: (TI) Annie Norwood Early, beloved wife of E. T. Early, Born December 12, 1873, Died September 14, 1904
- 5: (TI) Nathaniel E. Early, Co. F, 13 Va Inf, CSA
- 6: (TI) Joab Early, Jr. on tombstone and there is a foot stone
- 7: (TI) 1842 scratched on fieldstone
- 8 (TI) Sarah A. Stephens, Born March 11, 1817, Died February 11, 1898
- 9: (TI)* To the memory of my beloved sister, Sallie H. Stephens, Born March 17, 1815, Died July 13, 1907

FIELDSTONES There is a head and foot stone grave beside the grave of James P. Early. There are two children field stone graves nearby. There appears to be a depression grave near one of the large trees. One fieldstone grave, head stone only. Near the lower end of the graveyard, there is one head and foot stone grave and two head stone only graves.

NOTES The graveyard, approximately 60'x 57', is surrounded by a stacked rock wall. The graveyard contains periwinkle, day lilies and three large trees, probably oak. There are approximately eight depression and field stone graves, possibly slaves, outside and below the walled graveyard. Joab Early lived on his farm named, "Buffalo", and his brother, James Early, lived across the river from him. Margaret Woods Hampton in her book, "Descendants of John Early of Virginia, 1729-1774" states that Edward Thomson Early, the husband of Annie Norwood, is also buried at Buffalo Farm.

*The birth date for Sallie H. Stephens needs further clarification. The "1" in the "15" was routed into the stone as the other numbers were; however, the angle line to form a "4" out of the "1" was marked but was never cut by the stone mason. Was she born in 1815 or 1845?

MOYERS FAMILY GRAVEYARD

NAME: Moyers Tax Map 37 - A - 5

LOCATION: left side of Rt. 33 just west of Stanardsville; between old Rt. 33 and the new Rt. 33 By-pass.

HIS. OWNER: Moyers Family

DATE RECORDED: 10/5/1997 & 12/21/1997

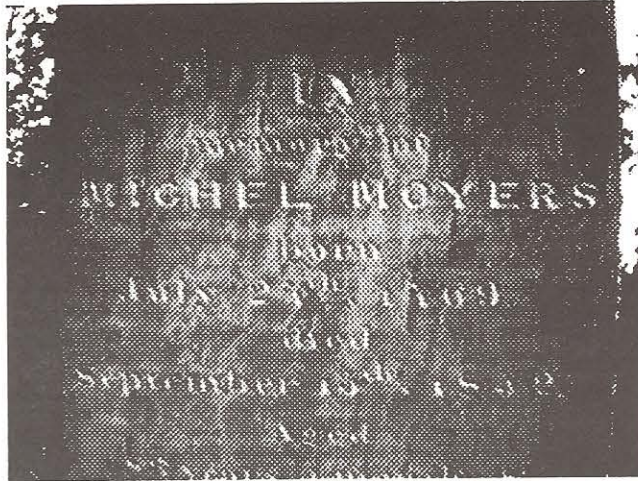
GRID MAP #: B - 27

PRESENT OWNER: (?)

COMPILER: Roger Powell & Earl W. Estes, Jr.

TOMBSTONES

- 1: Clenora Kenedy - 10/18 1876 - 5/17/1895
- 2: Henery G. Smith - 9/9/1849 - 9/12/1908
- 3: Mary E. Mayers - 1/3/1826 - 12/8/1912
- 4: John M. Moyers 9/18/1821 - 3/23/1920
- 5: Andrew J. Moyers - 12/3/1841 - 7/11/1894
- 6: Sarah F. Moyers - 9/2/1844 - 11/30/1902
- 7: Jennie A. Moyers - 4/11/1848 - 10/18/1904
- 8: James D. Mayers - 1850 - 1917
- 9: John Michael Moyers Jr. - 1852 - 1945
- 10: Ocie Ola Moyers - 4/18/1857 - 5/17/1927
- 11: Anna Belle Moyers - 11/23/1879 - 5/21/1924
- 12: M. Price Moyers - 12/28/1812 - 6/5/1884
- 13: Susan Moyers - 10/21/1809 - 6/6/1877
- 14: Wm. H. Mayers - 4/1/1796 - 1/10/1885
- 15: Lurena Mayers - 5/12/1794 - 12/18/1874
- 16: Sarah Moyers - 8/20/1776 - 3/21/1835



17: Michel Moyers - 7/27/1769 - 9/15/1852, Age 83 years, 1, month & 18 days

18: John Moyers - I/I/ 805 - 9/9/1826

19: Michael Burre was born 6/25/1840 and died 5/3/1847, Broken tombstone

FIELDSTONES: There are approx. 20 fieldstone graves and one depression grave. At one location there is a cluster of four small children. There is one tombstone that is difficult to read. The name appeared to be Michael Burrel (?) Dallas Moyers.

NOTES: In the past it was grown up with trees but it is now being cleared. It was previously enclosed by a cable with unusual metal posts. It is approximately 90'x 100' in size. This is an excellent old family graveyard with an early birth date of 8/20/1776 and the last burial in 1945.

MOYERS FAMILY GRAVEYARD

Location in county: Coordinates - N 38* 17'45" - W 78* 27'05"



UPPER POCOSIN EPISCOPAL MISSION GRAVEYARD

NAME: Cemetery Tax Map - 7 - A

LOCATION: Follow Rt. 637 to SNP gate and hike up Pocosin Road into Shenandoah National Park to ruins of Upper Pocosin Mission

HIS. OWNER: Upper Pocosin Episcopal Mission

DATE RECORDED: 3/17/97

PRESENT OWNER: Shenandoah National Park

GRID MAP #: U- 12

COMPILER: Nelson Lamb, Roger Powell, Hal Slover,
and Earl J. Estes, Jr.

TOMBSTONES

- 1: (CI) "Ceb" or "Seb" Samuels - father of Cisero Samuels
- 2: (CI) Joe Samuels - brother of Ciscro Samuels
- 3: (CI) Child of Sewell Samuels
- 4: (CI) Mrs. Florence Taylor, Died 4/3/1922 - She was the wife of Charlie Taylor
- 5: (CI) Willie Bee Samuels died 5/9/1923 following complications from water burns. He would have been three years old the latter part of May. He was the son of Sewell Samuels & grandson of Cisero Samuels.

FIELDSTONES: There were no tombstones; however, there were 11 fieldstone graves; at least two of them were for children.

NOTES: The graveyard was approximately 30'x 42' and there were several daffodil plants and a number of trees. The graveyard was near the trail leading toward South River Falls. Info re Mrs. Florence Taylor was obtained from an April 1922 copy of the Greene County Record. Info re Willie Bee Samuels was from an obit in a copy of the 5/17/1923 issue of the Greene County Record.