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## **Smith & Wetsel Cemeteries**



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## SMITH AND WETSEL CEMETERIES

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When the new world was settled, there weren't, obviously, any cemeteries, and in the beginning, no churches. When a death occurred among the pioneers, they had to bury their dead on their farms and homesteads. Later, even after churches became prevalent, roads were inadequate and it was easier to inter the dead at home rather than make the long, often arduous, trip to public burying grounds.

As a result, the practice of keeping family cemeteries was established early, and only in this century has it become customary to use public facilities. Consequently, family farms are dotted with cemeteries. Almost every old established farm has one--some more than one, since it was the custom to bury servants in plots to themselves.

Small cemeteries are scattered around Greene County, on farms, beside roads, and in other out-of-the-way places. Some of these are so old that no one living remembers who were buried there. Resting among these unknown and sometimes unidentified graves may be the missing link in someone's genealogy search. This is the reason that the Greene County Historical Society feels that it is important to research and publish accounts of these cemeteries wherever we find them, even with some of the graves unidentified.

The two following accounts of cemeteries have been carefully researched. Not all the graves have been identified, but with the assistance of Cecil Wetzel, a descendant of the original owner, we were able to identify some

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Following are graves recorded by row in the Wetsel cemetery:

1 Jon W. Wetsel  
Pvt. U.S. Army  
World War One  
born 1896 - died 1979

Julius Wetsel  
born Dec. 12, 1799  
died Feb. 9, 1857

unmarked  
Mary Lucas Wetsel

Mary Wife of  
Julius Wetsel  
born Jan. 10, 1798  
died April 18, 1875

unmarked  
James 'Jim' Wetsel

Here we find 15 graves with  
rock markers. According to  
Cecil R. Wetsel these are the  
graves of relatives named  
Diehl, but he was unable to  
identify any of the graves.

unmarked  
Blanche Mitchell Wetsel

In Memory of (double stone)  
Laura Sarepta Wetsel J. T. Wetsel  
wife of J. T. Wetsel born April 15, 1878  
wife's bro. died Aug. 7, 1887  
Bridgewater, Va.  
Let Me Go for the day breakth'

2 Crouch (double stone)  
Eugene Morgan Crouch  
Aug. 3, 1863  
Mar. 16, 1941

Infant daughter of  
J. T. and B. M. Wetsel  
1902

Emma Estelle Wetsel  
May 10, 1870  
Jan. 4, 1952

Gilbert (double stone)  
Charles E. Cornetia C.  
Jan. 7, 1853 July 31, 1854  
Mar. 12, 1942 Oct. 7, 1952

He that believeth on the Son  
hath everlasting life.  
John 3:36

our Sister  
Mary F. dau. of  
Thomas A. and Anne  
Gilbert  
born May 5, 1850  
died July 30, 1919

3 urns.  
John A. Hampson  
1900-1978

Louella Hampson

Anne B. Wife of  
Thomas A. Gilbert  
born Aug. 6, 1824  
died Apr. 29, 1911  
The golden gates were open wide  
A Gentle Voice said Come  
and angels from the other side  
Welcomed our loved one home

Virginia Rhyan

Mother Ella L. Walsh  
Jan. 20, 1862 Dec. 14, 1895

Three unmarked graves that  
contain Root infants

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A. Wetsel  
Nov. 30, 1874  
Apr. 3, 1875

From Mother's arms  
to the arms of Jesus.

Baby Wetsel  
Nov. 3, 1874

Laura M. Durrer  
Dec. 12, 1876  
Jan. 10, 1967

John C. Durrer  
July 28, 1858  
Feb. 25, 1937  
In silence he suffered  
In patience he bore  
Until death caused  
him to suffer no more

Hannah D. Diehl  
Wife of J. C. Durrer  
born July 14, 1848  
died Mar. 31, 1915

John H. Durrer  
Late son of  
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Durrer  
born June 2, 1886  
died Aug. 15, 1886

3 Richards (double)  
William I. Verna Root  
Aug. 26, 1887 May 31, 1888  
June 1, 1942 July 22, 1982  
Blessed are the dead which  
die in the Lord.

William Henry Root  
1855 - 1923  
His wife  
Frances Elziria Wetsel  
1864 - 1945

Florence S.  
wife of C. C. Harlow  
Oct. 12, 1890  
Oct. 25, 1908

David D. Dickerson  
May 25, 1865  
Feb. 8, 1949  
Come unto me all ye that  
labor and are heavy laden  
and I will give you rest.

Lutie D. Carpenter  
Wife of  
David D. Dickerson  
Nov. 28, 1878  
May 5, 1917

Infant of  
D. D. and L. D. Dickerson,  
still born

Lourene (Infant)  
dau. of D. D. and L. D.  
Dickerson

Infant  
still born  
D. D. and L. D.  
Dickerson

Infant Still born  
D. D. and L. D.  
Dickerson

4 Forest L. Root  
June 9, 1895  
Dec. 15, 1956

Josephus Dickerson  
1856 - 1939  
his wife  
Linda Wood

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Mary A.  
Wife of J. C. Dickerson  
born Sept. 21, 1826  
died Mar. 3, 1902

C. S. Dickerson  
born June 9, 1860  
died Dec. 1, 1882

Son of  
W. O. and Bertha D. Estes  
April 2, 1921

Here follows 2 rock markers  
for persons not identifiable

Sarah J. Diehl  
born March 28, 1846  
died April 2, 1903  
Silently Resting

Samuel Diehl  
Born Nov. 17, 1818  
died May 22, 1873  
Aged 55 yrs., 5 mos., 26 days

Mary A.  
Wife of Samuel Diehl  
born Mar. 20, 1822  
died June 6, 1889  
Aged 67 yrs., 8 mos.

Leanna Diehl  
born Aug. 18, 1849  
died Oct. 14, 1896  
Asleep in Jesus

Mary E. Diehl  
born Feb. 27, 1862  
died Nov. 29, 1905  
Asleep in Jesus

Clement Diehl  
Born Dec. 30, 1851  
died July 30, 1908

5 Infant daughter  
of John and Lillian Wetsel

Infant son  
of John and Lillian Wetsel

Ray Clausen Wetsel  
born Sept. 7, 1905  
died Sept. 15, 1936

Samuel J. Wetsel  
born Dec. 2, 1863  
Died Oct. 28, 1932

Ida G. Wood  
Wife of S. J. Wetsel  
born Mar. 8, 1859  
died Mar. 22, 1918

Mary Wetsel  
born Sept. 1918  
66 yrs. old

George Jennings Wetsel  
May 18, 1877  
Feb. 20, 1959

Mansillae Wetsel  
July 11, 1841  
Jan. 29, 1928

Joseph Wetsel  
May 21, 1840  
May 4, 1914

M. Lizzie  
only daughter of  
Joseph H. & M. E. Wetsel  
born Mar. 4, 1871  
died July 21, 1891  
Blessed are the Pure  
in heart,  
For they shall see God

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Detamore (double stone)  
Henry O. Detamore  
1878 - 1934  
his wife  
Giula M. Gilbert  
1880-1920

Bunny Gilbert  
1904 - 1948

Addie E. Gilbert  
Oct. 25, 1862  
Mar. 16, 1935  
at Rest

6 Adams Infant

Thomas Henry Gilbert  
Sept. 1, 1859  
April 12, 1940  
Asleep in Jesus

J. C. Dickerson  
born  
March 25, 1816  
Nov. 10, 1892

(Inadvertently omitted from Row 5.  
J. C. Dickerson was the husband  
of Mary A. Dickerson.)