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In a wooded area about a quarter mile north of Route 624 and lying on property now owned by Mr. Ellis Lawson is the Beazley family cemetery. It is a plot about 30 feet by 60 feet in size surrounded on three sides by the remains of a four foot brick wall. At the north end of the plot is a broken down stone wall beyond which a probable slave burial ground extends another 20 feet. Here a single unmarked stone still stands, while one or two other stones in the area might have been used as markers.

In the center of the family plot is an obelisk eleven feet tall, resting on a foundation stone over two and one-half feet square. The monument is inscribed on three sides:

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EAST SIDE

James Beazley
Born 1795
Died 1870

also his wife

Elizabeth Beazley
Born 1797
Died 1872

WEST SIDE

James Beazley Jr.
youngest son of
Jas. & Elizabeth Beazley
Born June 26, 1826
Died Feb. 3, 1901

SOUTH SIDE

Wyatt Starke
eldest son of
Jas. & Elizabeth Beazley
Born Feb. 16, 1820
Died Nov. 2, 1881

A classical graduate with L.L.D.
from the University of Va.
He began law, and was
soon chosen County Clerk. Later
Commonwealth's Att. and his
last thirteen years he was judge
of Greene and Madison Counties.
Eminently intellectual,
and of a grand character,
with its unspeakable charity,
he enjoyed the love and esteem
of all who knew him.

Elizabeth C.
Wife of W.S. Beazley
Born Sept. 11 1826
Died May 15, 1893

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see
God

According to one source a James Beazley had
settled on Saddle Rock Mountain by 1740.¹ We do
know that a James Beazley leased 300 acres on Goose

¹ From "A Sketch of Greene County, Virginia,"
by Miss Ewell read before the District Cobnvention
of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, April
14, 1932, reprinted in the Greene County Record of
December 17, 1964.

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Pond Mountain near a fork in Swift Run River from Thomas Chew in 1748.² James Beazley, Sr. (now buried in the family cemetery) and his wife lived in a "mansion" on the south side of Swift Run River and somewhat east of the present Route 604.³ Apparently at that time an east-west road lay just to the south of their home. James Beazley, Jr. built a house just north of Swift Run River and west of the present Route 604. It is now occupied by the Bobby Marshall family. Dr. Robert S. Beazley built a house on Route 624 about one half mile east of Route 604. Known as Edgewood, it is now owned by the Winslow family. Wyatt S. Beazley built a house, long since burned, North of Route 624 and not far from the end of the present Route

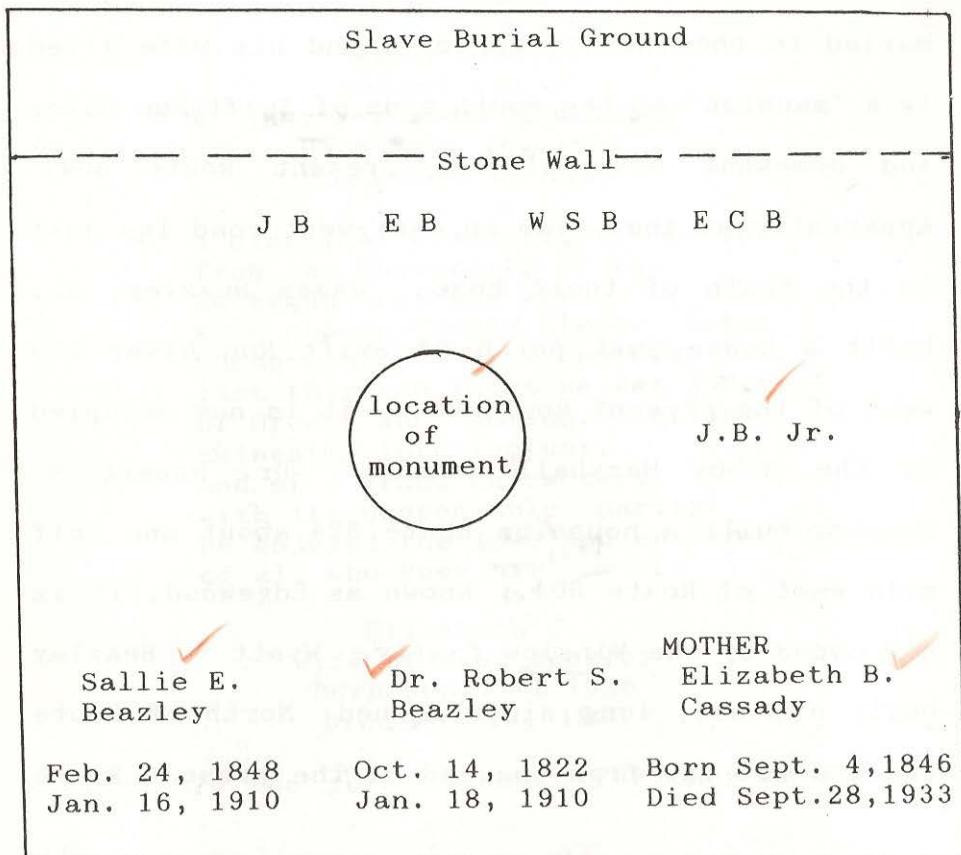
2 Deed Book 11, page 101 in the County Clerk's office, Orange, Virginia.

3 Deed book 5, page 530 in the County Clerk's office of Greene County, Virginia, for a description of the location.

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675.⁴

NORTH



SOUTH

4 For a description of the division of the family holdings see Deed Book 5, page 530 and Deed Book 7, page 218 in the County Clerk's office of Greene County Virginia

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The Beazley Cemetery Monument