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New Jersey Natives Buried in Georgia Cemetery

Contributed by Fred Sisser III

In 1923, *The Hunterdon County Democrat* of Flemington, New Jersey, reported the discovery of a cemetery in the heart of Savannah, Georgia, which was the burial location of several New Jersey natives. The newspaper reported that the cemetery, which occupied an entire city block, was neglected and had become "a playground for children and a spot for vandals." The cemetery was described as containing old style tombs, some made of red brick, standing three feet high and marked with a plain tablet containing the name of the deceased.

The following list of New Jersey natives, whose names were found on tombstones in the cemetery, was published in the newspaper:

- Mrs. Sally Roberts, a native of Newark, New Jersey, died 1800. Moses A. Roberts, her husband, died in 1815.
- Samuel Morris, son of John and Sarah Morris of Newark, [NJ] died July 19, 1819, aged 30 years.
- Wesley Abbott, a native of New Jersey, died in 1842, aged 41 years.
- Isaac Hibits Clizbe of Newark, NJ, died in 1817, aged 25 years.
- Job F. Maker, a native of New Jersey, died in 1818, aged 33 years.
- Jabez Harrison, born in Newark, County of Essex and State of New Jersey, died September 1808, aged 23 years.
- James Dunn, a native of New Jersey.
- William H. Coe, born at Springfield, New Jersey, died in 1830, in 36th year.
- Dr. Samuel Vickers born in New Brunswick. Received the honors of the College of Princeton in New Jersey. Died Oct. 15, 1785.
- Mrs. Rachel Wier, wife of Robert Wier, died Dec. 20, 1826, aged 53 years.
- Thomas Price, native of Newark, New Jersey, died 1827, in his 35th year.
- Apollis C. Harrison of Princeton, Teacher in the Savannah Academy. This stone is erected by his female scholars.
- Silas Ross of Westfield, New Jersey, died Sept.

1820, aged 27 years.

- John Ford of New Jersey, died July 25, 1805, aged 26 years.
- Mary Fenton of New Jersey, born 1786, died 1820.
- Peter Schenk of New Jersey, born Jan. 16, 1787, died June 20, 1822, seventeen years a resident of Savannah.
- [Name not legible], died April 25, 1815, aged 21 years. [Bottom of the stone reads, "Cut by E. Norris, Eliz th Town, N.J."]

(Source: "Colonial Cemetery at Savannah, Ga.," *The Hunterdon County Democrat*, Flemington, NJ, 5 April 1923.)



Old tombstones at Colonial Cemetery in Savannah.

The cemetery referenced in the 1923 newspaper article, now known as Colonial Park Cemetery, has burials dating back to 1750. It was formerly the burial ground for Christ Church Parish and was enlarged in 1789 to allow for burials of individuals of all religious denominations. The cemetery was closed in 1863 and became a city park in 1896. It is the final resting place of hundreds of victims of the 1820 yellow fever epidemic, as well as Button Gwinnett, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The cemetery is now a state historic site and a popular tourist attraction.

From Town Clerk, Lumberton, N.J. 08048

she stated in reply to my letter "We have a very old cemetery in town but the only Edwards on our record is Core Edwards d. Sept. 8, 1827 aged 9 mos."

List of Graves in the old Methodist Cemetery

compiled in 1965 by Mrs. Robt. Frescoln

These names are listed walking from south to north and starting with the first row of stones on the west. The names or dates in parentheses () with a question mark may not be accurate but they are as nearly correct as can be deciphered at this time due to the worn condition of many of the stones. Some of the dates have been determined through the list given in the book, "History of Burlington and Mercer Counties, New Jersey, with Biographical Sketches of many of their Pioneers and Prominent Men," by Major E. M. Woodward and John F. Hageman. Printed in Philadelphia by Everts and Peck in 1883, J. B. Lippincott and Co.

First Row

Daniel Coate, died Oct. 26, 1802, age 63
Sarah Coate, died July 12, 1825, age 80
Rev. Michael Coate, died Aug. 1, 1918, age 47 **Minister 1810**
Mary Coate, died March 16, 1815, age 34 (Wife of Asahel Coate and incorrectly listed as his stone in the History of Burlington and Mercer Counties above.)
Esther S., wife of Asahel Coate, died May 12, 1826, age 33
Rosanna M. Harris, daughter of Asahel, died Dec. 2 (1?), 18 (30?), age 30
Mahetable Ann Coate, died Nov. 6, 18(30?), age 30
Sarah M. Wilson, daughter of Asahel & Mary Coate, died Jan. 5, 1852, age 47

Second Row

Beulah Leeds, died Dec. 1, 1826, age 48
William S. Leeds, died March 28, 1829, age 28
John Sharp, died July 7, 1815, age 67
Mary Sharp, died Dec. 10, 1822, age 69
Daniel Leeds, died July 7, 1815, age 42
Mercy Huff, died April 26, 1828, age 81 (Wife of Isaac)
→ Sarah Edwards, died May 19, 1807, age 31 (Wife of Joseph)
Charles Huff, died Nov. 12, 1854, age 76
Abigail Huff, died March 1, 1857, age 70
Hannah Huff, born Nov. 4, 1809, died Jan. 20, 1888

Third Row

Jane Mary, daughter of the Rev. Dan and Beulah W. Higbee, born Nov. 23, 1803, died June 22, 1805
Phebe Nixon, age 75

Hannah Gosling, died Oct. 25, 1845, age 60
Atlantic S. Prickitt, born March 22, 1803, died Aug. 15, 1875
Under one common stone:
Manlove Jones, July 31, 1843 - Jan. 8, 1888 (Father)
William H. Jones, May 1, 1874 - April 1, 1875
Irene C. Jones, March 27, 1883 - Jan. 3, 1887
Sophia Jones, Dec. 31, 1897 (Grandmother)

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Fourth Row

Martha Ann, daughter of William and Martha Brick, died Nov. 3, A.D., 1840
William Woolston, died Dec. 6, 1806, age 20
Joseph Woolston, March 15, 1816, age 28
Mary Jane, daughter of William and Martha Brick, died Dec. 10, 1833, age 22
Martha Brick, wife of William, died Aug. 16, 1835, age 53, 3 mo. 19 days
William Brick, died Oct. 8, 1850, age 74 and also under the same stone:
Patrick Henry, son of William Brick, 20 months
Rosamond Brick, born Oct. 8, 1800, died Sept. 20, 1881
Clayton Brown
Israel G., son of Wm. and Sarah Dawson, died Jan. 13, 1836, age 21
Thomas Smith, died Sept. 14, 1833, age 68
Rachel, wife of Thomas Smith, died July 9, 1845, age 74
John Wesley Huston, died Aug. 1, 1861, age 38, 10 mo. 15 days
Martha G. Huston, born Mar. 11, 1805, died Feb. 1, 1874
Josiah Huston, Sr., born Nov. 16, 1790, died Dec. 10, 1865
Sarah A. Huston, died May 1886, age 71

Fifth Row

Hannah Wilkins, died Dec. 21, 1805, age 63 (wife of John)
Susanna Austin, died Oct. 7, 1823, age 56 yrs., 7 mo. and 27 days, (wife of Francis)
Francis Austin, died March 22, 1841, age 83 yrs., 8 mo. and 16 days
William, Son of Francis and Susanna Austin, died April 30, 1815, age 23
Samuel, son of Francis and Susanna Austin, died May 12, 1821, age 32 lacking 13 days
Martha Gilman, died April 9, 1820, age (26?) (Consort of (Wm.) Charles Gilman)
Elwood Kirkbride, son of Johnathan & Rebecca, died Jan. 28, 1836, age 43
Ann M. Kirkbride, died May 15, 1842, age 18 years
John L., son of Joseph and Achsah Hilliard, died Aug. 20, 1837, age 47
Abel Harker, died Oct. 4, 1821, age 69
Elizabeth, wife of Enoch Shreve, died Aug. 15, 1849, age 69

Abigail D. Green, daughter of Elizabeth and Enoch Shreve, died April 25, 1839, age 38
 Elizabeth S. Green, born July 20, 1821, died June 13, 1866
 Elizabeth (Shreve) Lamb, born March 3, 1811, died Feb. 28, 1884
 Caleb Lamb, born Oct. 12, 1810, died March 5, 1892
 Eayre D. Shreve, born March 2 (0?), 1852, died May 3, (1863?) Son of Isaiah & Rebecca
 Ellis R. Shreve, born Nov. 5, 1835, died —————, 1850
 Mahlon Kirkbride, 1791 - 1876
 Ann Kirkbride, 1796 - 1876

Sixth Row

Debora Brock, died Feb. 27, 1822, aged 57
 Rachel daughter of Micajah and Mary Ann Dobbins, died Sept. (15, 1836?), age 12
 Eli Rinear, died Aug. 12, 1857, aged 60
 Joseph Hilliard, died May 12, 1868, aged 77
 Achsah G. Hilliard, died Feb. 28, 1858, 70 years, (wife of Joseph)
 Harry, son of Ira and Hannah Howell, died Nov. (13, 1858?) aged 3 years

Seventh Row

Francis Bodine, died Sept. 27, 1822, aged 78
 Mary Bodine, died Dec. 15, 1820, aged 78
 Lavina Reeve, born May 22, 1773, died July 26, 1851 (wife of Abraham)
 Abraham Reeve, died Sept. 19, 1825, aged 69
 James Barrett, died April 15, 1830, aged 63
 Ann F. White, died Aug. 5, 1869, aged 77 (wife of Abel)
 Abel White, died Aug. 1, 1858, aged 69
 Ann K. White, died Feb. 10, 1834, age 37 (wife of Abel)
 Elizabeth Friend, aunt of Abel White, died June 27, 1835, age 63
 Jemima Ann daughter of Abel and Ann K, died Aug. 1, 1832, age 3 years
 Dilwin Kirkbride, died Oct. 24, 1848, age 11 weeks
 Albert Kirkbride, son of B and E Kirkbride, died March 29, 1851, age 2 years
 Anna Mary Kirkbride, died April 4, 1859, age 10 months

Eighth Row

Theiphila Rogers, died Oct. 19, 1848, aged 82 (wife of James Rogers)
 Mary Ann Hembold ————— our mother
 Maria Louisa Moore, daughter of Hosea and Mary Moore, born Dec. 27, 1814, died March 21, 1821, age 6 years
 Mary Moorey, born Nov. 14, 1775, died April 11, 1837

Hosea Moore, born May 28, 1772, died March 25, 1838
 Aaron B. Moore, born April 18, 1807, died April 17, 1877
 James L. Chambers, born Oct. 12, 1800, died Feb. 14, 1883
 Rebecca (wife of James Chambers) 1799 - 1877
 Fannie A., daughter of Andrew and Harriet Chambers, born April 29, 1865 - July 31, 1866
 Anna R., daughter of James and Rebecca, born July 8, 1844, died July 4, 1866
 Charles S., son of Jacob B and Harriet S. Ross, born June 5, 1861, died Aug. 19, 1863
 Capt. John Chambers, Nov. 11, 18(?)6, age 20 years

Ninth Row

Jane Edwards, died Sept. 8th, 1827, aged 9 mo
 Ferdinand E., son of William and Mary W. Moore, died Nov. 20, 18(50?)
 Mary E. Moore, daughter of Wm. and Mary Moore, died Oct. 7, 1862, age 18
 William F. Moore, born Dec. 7, 1811, died Dec. 4, 1875

Tenth Row

Francis A. Tallman, born Feb. 25, 1824, died Jan. 1, 1851
 William Read, died Aug. 13, 1832, age 35
 Sarah Read, born March 7, 1792, died March 9, 1872, daughter of Wm P and Sarah
 Rachel, daughter of Wm and Sarah, died July 1, 1834, age 2 years
 Frank T., son of John and Mrrittes T. Brous, died Aug. 14, 1861, age 10 weeks
 William M Taylor and daughter Emeline —————
 On one stone
 Wills T. Read, born June 26, 1821, died May 5, 1865
 Caroline H., wife of Willis T., born Feb. 24, 1829, died Aug. 3, 1872
 Mrrittes, wife of Wm. Taylor, born April 8, 1768, died May 21, 1862
 William Taylor, born Nov. 30, 1764, died Oct. 3, 1849, age 84 years
 Caleb Cross, born July 3, 1797, died March 1, 1853, age 55
 Elizabeth W., daughter of Caleb and Levina Cross, died Nov. 11, 1854, 35 years

Eleventh Row

Ann Bodine, died June 5, 1864, age 59
 Benjamin Rodman, born Jan. 30, 1815, died April 24, 1871
 Eudora Imogene, daughter of Wm. C. and Matilda C. Chattin, died July 21, 1858 **Daughter of minister**

Vashti Haines, daughter of James and Theophila Rogers, born Jan. 4, 1799, died Oct. 25, 1869, age 69

Henry, son of Micajah and Mary Ann Dobbins, died Nov. 7, 1840, age 1 year

Benjamin F., son of Micajah and Mary Ann Dobbins, died July 6, 1842, age 8 mo

George W.S., son of B.F. and E.C. Boulton, died Sept. 16, 1862, age 6 weeks

On the larger pillar

South: Charity, wife of Joseph Dobbins and daughter of James and Theophila Rogers, born Dec. 23, 1792, died at Minersville, Pa. on March 4, 1867, age 74

North: Joseph Dobbins, Dec. 25, 1785, died at Minersvills, Pa. on Nov. 20, 1848, at age 62

Francis, daughter of James W. Stanton, died June 10, 1860, 10 years

Twelfth Row

George —————

Ruleph Voorhees, October 16, 1799 - **Veteran of the American Revolution**

Sarah, daughter of Ruleph and Rebecca Voorhees, Sept. 24th, 1796, aged 14

Thirteenth Row

Issac Weatherby, died March 15, A D 1846, age 43 years

Ella M (Gostill?), Nov. 26, 1839, aged 2 years

Our little son ————— son of Albert (and Hannah?), died Sept. 7, 1861, aged 1 year

Fourteenth Row

Rachel, wife of Daniel Cotton, Jan. 18, 1864, 75 yrs

Charles W. Cotton, Jan. 29, 1862, age 32

Fifteenth Row

John A. Baus, born Dec. 6th, 1803, died Dec. 6, 1865

Issac Doughty, born January 25, 1851, died Jan. 21st 1852

Matilda, wife of John Phifer, died May 31, 1852, aged 19 years

Believed buried but location unknown

Ann Cheeks, died July 29, 1866, aged 69

Henry Cheeks, born May 31, 1786, died April 3, 1864

