

Saturday 21 October 2000

McCloskey Cemetery or Old School House Cemetery, Rt 120, Hyner Chapaman Twp., Cl Co.

Jerry McCloskey, Justin Houser, Alan Black, Dave Wallace.

We have always believed this small private burial ground contained more burials than the six tombstones presently standing, in two(2) rows. With the assist of Jerry, Justin, Alan and Dave, we were able to locate quite a few more burials in unmarked graves. Jerry used his "Y" stick to locate the additional burials and in most cases even determine surname.

This burial Ground faces the Susquehanna River, in a south Easterly direction. Starting at a point at the South Eastern corner we first determined the first burial. Then locating the "head and Foot" of the person. Using white spray paint we marked the head and foot, traveling in a Northern direction we continued to locate the burials of this row, starting with row one(1), burial A, this row totaled six(burials) All the marks for the head area of the burial continued in a straight line indicating a planned row. Row two(2) revealed an additional four(4); row 3, eight(8); row 4, four(4); row 5, seven(7); row 6, ten(10); row 7, eight(8); row 9, nine(9). Reading left to right (East to North) starting with row 1 burial A we determined this burial ground to contain the following;

1a Male Child

1b Female Nowell under 16

1c Female, Mary McCloskey Farwell

1d Male, Lemuel Farwell

1e Farwell

1f Male Farwell

end row 1.

Row 2

2a Male Nowell

2b female, Nowell, McCloskey, three marriages

2c female, child -10, Farwell

2d female, Farwell

end of row 2

Row 3

3a Female Nowell

3b Male Nowell

3c Female, Rachael "Evans" McCloskey

3d Felix McCloskey

3e David McCloskey (his wife buried in Howard, Centre County, PA)

3f Male, Farwell

3g Male Nowell, -20

3h Female, Nowell -15

end Row 3

Row 4

4a Child, Stillborn

4b empty

4c undetermined burial

4d undetermined burial

4e Male, Abner McCloskey, (son of Abner McC and Nancy "Baird" McC.)

4f existing stone, Infant of JC & E McCloskey d 25 Dec 1866

4g space

4h space

4i space

4j female, child, daughter of James, 6mo to 1 year old.

end Row 4

Row 5

5a Burial

5b burial, child

5c burial, child

****note**** A large tree has pushed the area here, it is located in the middle of lots

5b,5c,6b,6c.making this area somewhat out of line, but we believe the rows were in a definite line, here, as the other rows.

5d space

5e existing stone of Eddie son of JC & E McCloskey, d 6 Dec 1859 age 4 days

5f existing stone of Jemima dau of JC & E McCloskey d 9 Oct 1847 age 15 days

5g existing stone of Abner McClosky(note no e) d 21 July 1842 aged 55y 3 mo 20d

5h existing stone of Nancy wife of Abner d 4 July 1853 aged 65y 5m

end Row 5

Row 6

6a Male, Nowell, Ebens Father

6b Female, Nowell, Ebens Mother

6c Nowell, small plot, maybe a child, **lot shared with Willie**

6c existing stone, Willie C (G) Nowell, s/o Eben and Lizzie Nowell, d 26 Feb 1872 aged 4y 3m 25 d, also a footstone marked W.G.N. On the foot stone the 'G' is more pronounced than the tombstone.

6d Baby, Nowell

6e we may be a little out of line here from the tree pushing the earth into the area just before this lot, existing stone of James C McCloskey, d 10 April 1867 aged 52y 1m 4d, also foot stone JCM, mounted on a concrete slab at some later date. There is no indication of a burial on this plot. James also has a stone at the Hyner Cemetery. His remains 'may' have been removed to Hyner, and a new stone erected there. Above his head stone is another burial, a child, which we will call burial 6e also.

6e baby Nowell, twin, burial next is the other twin

6f baby Nowell, twin, burial is next to his/her/ twin.

6g Male, Farwell

6h Lizzie Nowell *note* here again the tree has shifted the burials, as this unmarked plot is directly behind the stone of Abner.

6i Eben (Ebenezer) Nowell (This unmarked plot lies directly behind the tombstone of Nancy.

end Row 6

Row 7

7a female, Nowell, 10 to 15 years old

7b male, Nowell, 15-20

7c child, Nowell, male, -10

7d female, Nowell, child, -5

7e space

7f female Nowell, child, -5

7g male Nowell, child, 5-10

7h female Nowell, child 10-15

7i female Nowell, child 5-10

end Row 7

Row 8

8a male Nowell, 50-60

8b female Nowwell 60-70

8c child, Farwell, -1yr

8d child, Farwell, 5-10, mid 1800's, typhoid

8e female Farwell 1-5

8f Farwell, 10-15

8g male Farwell, 10-15

8h male Farwell 15-20

8i space

8j female McCloskey 20-30 dau of the Abner and Nancy who are buried at Hayes Fearon Cemetery.

end Row 8

This cemetery on the Western side measures 58 feet, on the southern side 75 feet, the eastern side measures 30 foot to the north then 22 foot to the West then 28 foot to the north again. North side is 57 foot. Forming the shape of a large "L".