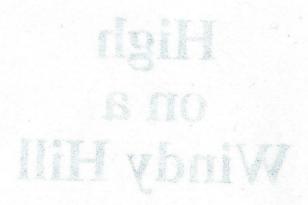
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Preface

The work of copying records from tombstones was started ten years ago as one of several projects of the Committee for Collecting Historical Data in The Historical Society of Washington County, Virginia. This compilation is confined to this county; however, several cemeteries near the lines of abjoining counties have been included because of historical relationship to the lands and people.

County road maps, Tennessee Valley Authority quadrangles and soil maps of the United States Department of Agriculture have been most important in finding locations. Residents in the different communities became interested and offered to give information as to locations of little private graveyards, which were usually found high on a windy hill and often under evergreen trees. In many instances the cemetery is in a church yard. Since the modern cemetery is now in a convenient place, the small family cemetery is beginning to be almost a thing of the past.

In general the cemeteries are well kept even though many stones have become shards. In the springtime hyacinths, daffodils, lilies and roses bloom from a carpet of periwinkle entirely covering some of the small abandoned cemeteries. There are others overgrown with briars, scrubby plants and fallen trees where only by using garden implements could some of the stones be found. Frequently one finds boxwood which was carefully planted at the graves many years ago. Very little symbolism was found except for the willow tree, the dove, the star and the clasped hands.

From many of the spots found in Washington County the poet Clinton Scollard (1860-1932) could have been inspired to write:

THE SLEEPER

Above the cloistral valley,
Above the druid rill,
There lies a quiet sleeper
Upon a lonely hill.

All the long days of summer
The low winds whisper by,
And the soft voices of the leaves
Make a murmurous reply.

All the long eves of autumn
The loving shadows mass
Round this sequestered slumbering-place
Beneath the cool hill grass.

All the long nights of winter
The white drifts heap and heap
To form a fleecy coverlet
Above the dreamer's sleep.

All the long morns of springtime
The tear-drops of the dew
Gleam in the violet's tender eyes
As if the blossoms knew.

Ah, who would break the rapture Brooding and sweet and still, The great peace of the sleeper Upon the lonely hill!

Sulfridge, Sarah H., 1853-1938
Sorah, Robert Lee, 29 Mar. 1889—16 Apr. 1929
Sorah, Myrtle M., 2 Sep. 1890—15 Aug. 1953
Sorah, Buster, 1 Apr. to 11 Oct. 1911
Smith, Arthur, 1881-1932
Sult, Harvey S., 1833-1932
Sult, Elizabeth, 1863-1938
Sulfridge, James L., 1878-1960
Taylor, Kate Sult, 1896-1929
Tester, Wilburn D., 1940-1941
Tester, Sally Ann, 4 Jun. 1885—22 Jan. 1959
Tester, Wiley W., 20 Mar. 1883—
Tester, Brenda Gay, 2 Jan. 1961 (only data on fm.) Sulfridge, Sarah H., 1853-1938 Tester, Wiley W., 20 Mar. 1883——
Tester, Brenda Gay, 2 Jan. 1961 (only date on f.m.) Trivett, Charles R., 1916-1943
Teaster, Carol Louise (no dates)
Tester, Glenn Roy (no dates on f.m.)
Tester, Robert Lee (no dates on f.m.)
Tillison, Nannie C. Woods, w/o G. W. Tillison, 12 Aug. 1873—14 Oct. 1936
Thomas Joe 15 Son 1882, 15 May 1940 Trivett, Charles R., 1916-1943 Thomas, Joe, 15 Sep. 1882—15 May 1949
Thomas, Beulah C., 8 Mar. 1911—3 Feb. 1941
Warden, Ida Williams, 16 Dec. 1898—8 Jun. 1927 Thomas, Bellan C., 6 Mar.

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Williams, Mrs. W. M., 1906-1930

Williams, Bessie M. Trivett, 1899-1926

Wampler, John S., 17 Oct. 1892—17 Oct. 1959

Willard, Ellen, w/o H. A. Willard, 11 Dec. 1833—6 Oct. 1886

Worley, Alice Quailes, w/o Peter Worley, 25 Jan. 1871—26 Oct. 1928, "Mother"

Worley, Peter, 23 Feb. 1859—28 Apr. 1935, "Father"

Woods, Gertrude, 1893-1928

Wolfe, Lillian, 1926-1942

Wolfe, Nannie H., 1902-1935, "Mother"

Wolfe, Stewart A., 1900-1945

Willis, Carl R., 5 May 1926—22 Dec. 1927

Wright, Moses, 1856-1934

Wilson, James, 1895-1934

Wilson, Donald L., 1941-1942 Wilson, Donald L., 1941-1942
Williams, Howard, 25 May 1921—6 Sep. 1945
Williams, Willie C., 14 Sep. 1886—20 Jul. 1944
Weddle, Sidney A., 20 Aug. 1879—7 Jan. 1949
Wade, Harry W., 1898-1943
Webster, Monroe, 1870-1929
Webster, Maggie, 1879-1928
Webster. Maggie, 1879-1928 Webster, Maggie, 1879-1928 Webster, William, (m.m.) Tenn. Pvt. USA, 22 Sep. 1905—31 Mar. 1945 Young, Edwin C., 1875-1958, brother of Rebecca Young Smith

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Anderson, Isaac S., 16 Dec. 1887-13 May 1941

Addison, George H., MSgt. 905 Glider Fld Arty Bn. WWII, 23 Jun. 1915-9 Jan. 1966 Addison, Marjorie M., 2 Oct. 1917-

Austin, George L. (no dates)
Barham, Anna Mae, b/d 1905
Blaylock, Walter B., 1922—
Blaylock, Janette K., 1922-1964
Bowman, Calvin M., 26 Jan. 1940—9 Jun. 1964
Barnette, W. Clyde, 1908-1965
Broswell, Dettie H., 1925-1954

Processell Charles E. 1889-1962

Broswell, Dettie H., 1925-1954

Broswell, Charles T., 1889-1962

Broswell, Mary L., 1895——

Baker, Carlos Utah, 1941-1960