

POWHATAN COUNTY, VA - CEMETERIES - St. Luke's Church Cemetery

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LVA Titled Files: Survey Report, St. Luke's Church and cemetery:

1937 Jan. 29

Research made by Louise C. Palmore

Cemetery Location: 1.3 miles east of Fine Creek, Virginia on south side of Route  
#44  
Powhatan Co., Virginia

DATE:

1844.

OWNERS:

Vestry of St. Luke's. [1937]

DESCRIPTION:

This is a brick building, Flemish bond, made of brick manufactured on the premises. It is a square building with a seating capacity of 250 to 300. The oak flooring is in good condition. Several of the Cathedral windows are dedicated as memorials. The church is located on land purchased from the Harrison estate and it was built by William H. Harrison and his son, Thomas B. Harrison. Later on T. B. Harrison and his grandson, Bernard Mayo, finished the interior.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

~~Betsy Gilliam~~ was the first child baptized in this church. There are many old graves in the church graveyard. In the far southeast corner an unknown man is buried. He is supposed to have been a traveling salesman found frozen to death.

The following inscriptions are noted:

Sacred to the memory of  
David McCaw, M.D.  
Born Dec. 3rd, 1803  
Died Febr'y 13, 1849  
Age 47 yrs  
(made by Mountjoy, Richmond, Va.)

*Elizabeth Thornton Gilliam*  
*(1845-1917)*  
*23 Jun*

In memory of  
Thomas Fuqua  
Born in Charles City  
Jan'y 13th 1810  
Died Jan'y 25th 1857

In memory of

Elizabeth Fitzhugh

Relict of Dr. George Cabell of Richmond

Born Dec. 13, 1794

Died Jan. 20, 1859

And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, write: Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labour; and their works do follow them. From children to a mother.

Sacred to the memory of

Dr. James H. Eustace

Born in Richmond Nov. 8, 1824

Died in Powhatan July 13, 1857

Aged 32 years 8 months 7 days

Non accibus urna nee mons verbilibus absil. Erected by his affectionate father.

Sacred to the memory of

Fabius M. Lawson

late treasurer of the Commonwealth of Virginia

Born Nov. 22nd, 1805

Died Oct. 1st, 1857

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.

In memory of

John Gilliam

who throughout a long life discharged its various duties as to command the respect & esteem of all who knew him.

Born in Cumberland Co., Febr'y 24th 1776

Died at Maidens Adventure June 26th 1851

In memory of

Mary Jefferson

the devoted wife of John Gilliam of Maidens Adventure and daughter of Col. Richard James of Cumberland

Born December 9th 1781

Died February 11th 1851

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

In memory of

Richard J. Gilliam

only son of John Gilliam of Maidens Adventure

Born March 16th 1802

Died \_\_\_\_ 8th 1853

In memory of

Catherine

eldest daughter of Col. Richard James of Cumberland County Virginia

Died August 18th 1851

Aged 90 years

Erected by her affectionate nephew Francis H. James of Alabama

Sacred to the memory of

William Sidney

Son of Herbert & Elizabeth James

Born Nov. 23rd, 1837

Died Sept. 23rd, 1846

George W.

Son of John F. & Caroline Lay

Born Sept. 16th

Died Oct. 25th 1853

Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not.

Our Daughter

March 23 1857

"W" on footstone

[nothing more]

In memory of

John Lawton

Born in Liverpool, England May 4, 1800

Died in Powhatan Virginia May 6, 1857

ALSO, noted in a report by Louise B. Weisiger, dated Sept. 2, 1937:

Wm. Wood Finney

Col. 50th Reg.

Virginia Infantry C.S.A.

May 1829 - June 26, 1910

Lieut. James McCaw Pickrell

U.S.N. Retired

Aug. 3, 1857

Sept. 17, 1909

Lucy A.

wife of P. J. Archer

Born Jan. 29, 1810

Died May 223, 1869

W. H. Wesson

born June 29, 1813

He died a Myth to most men. He saved what he spent. He had what he gave away.

What he had is now lost.

Died Dec. 19, 1892

Sacred to the memory of

Mrs. Fannie Wilkerson

relict of Commodore Jesse Wilkerson, U.S. Navy

Born Oct. 29, 1796

Died May 4, 1879

At rest in the bosom of her God.

In memory of

Mary Lawton

relict of Jno. Lawton  
born in the Island Barbadoes, West Indies Sept. 1, 1800  
died in Powhatan, Va. Jan. 26, 1868

The church has lovely brass channel railing, beautifully kept. On this railing are the inscriptions:

In memory of  
Katherine Thornton Kennon  
by the Ladies Aid Society of St. Luke's Church

In loving memory of  
Wm. Wood Finney  
May 16, 1829 - June 26, 1910

This church has the original hand carved pews and the original flooring. The windows are 2 large panes. One window is in memory of:

Wm. H. Wesson 1813 - 1893  
Margarett A. Wesson 1818 - 1881

Another one:

In memory of W. Carter Lee  
Born Sept. 8, 1855  
Died June 26, 1882

In memory of Chas. Carter Lee  
Born Nov. 8, 1798  
Died March 21, 1871

On a tablet on the wall are these inscriptions:

In memory of Rev. Martin Johnson  
Rector of this church 1886 - 1915

William Upshur Kennon  
Senior Warden, 1881 - 1915

Edmond Lee Tompkins  
Junior Warden and Treasurer, 1910 - 1920

And their works do follow them.

This inscription is on the Communion service:

Presented to St. Luke's Church, Powhatan Co. by the Millwood Sewing Society,  
1848.

The collection plates were given by a children's society of the church in 1907.

These are some of the rectors of St. Luke's Church:

Rev. Dr. Fisher  
Rev. Lewis Walks  
Rev. Frank Stringfellow  
Rev. Martin Johnson  
Rev. Shea  
Rev. John G. Scott  
Rev. E. A. DeBordenave

SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Informant: Widow of Rev. Martin Johnson, former Rector, and granddaughter of the builder, Bernard Mayo.

Tombstone Inscriptions

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regards to this family.

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