

WHITNEY CEMETERY on Colebrook

Champ

911-Q-28-North

General Description: Somerset County, St. Peter's Election District No. 2. Located in an area known as Champ and on the West side of a creek called Goose Creek making out of the North side of the Manokin River. This site is located within the bounds of a patent called Colebrooke, patented by William Cole for 550 acres on 20 Oct 1662 and later possessed by William Turpin, Richard Whitty, George Jones, William McClemmy and George Dashiell, to mention a few owners before the Revolutionary War.

The burial ground measures 55 feet x 80 feet and is situated on a rise of about 4 feet in the South and middle part of an arable field. The hill is clear of all trees and brush. The cemetery is well maintained by its present owner. We feel this is a very early burial ground because of the use of field stones (with letters or initials) to mark graves. Only one tombstone was found.

Coordinates: 38 degrees 10' 16" North Latitude
75 degrees 47' 12.4" West Longitude

Measurements taken from the Monie Quadrangle Map 7.5 Min. Series 1972.

This cemetery is located on the farm of Francis and Nellie Lawrence. The site is South 10 degrees East True 900 feet from the Lawrence home and South 80 degrees East True 3150 feet from the intersection of Funky Road and Oriole Road Rte. 627.

From Princess Anne: Traveling West on Maryland Route 363 Deal Island Road from the intersection of U.S. Rte 13 (Ocean Highway) for a distance of 5 and 3/10ths miles to the intersection of Maryland Rte. 627 Oriole road; thence turning left or south on to said road and traveling a distance of 9/10ths of a mile to the private dirt road of Nellie and Francis Lawrence; thence turning left or East on to said dirt road and traveling a distance of 4/10ths of a mile to the house, located on the Colebrooke farm. The site is 900 feet South 90 degrees East True of this house.

Charles F.
son of R.F. & E.C.
Whitney
died Aug 17 1872
aged 1 year 25 days

Lie still my babe
Lie here in slumber
Holy angels guard thy spirit home.

No other stones visible and none yielded by probe; there is a fieldstone with a G on it. Stone with mica in it with an F very crudely etched on it and possibly another undecipherable letter.

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Listed Sunday, 7 February 1993 by Philip L. Goldsborough, Rebecca F. Miller and Francis Lawrence.