

1. SUBJECT:

Rixey Cemetery.

2. LOCATION:

.7 mile west of Rixeyville, Virginia on Route #640: thence across a field 1/4 mile.

3. DATE:

1821 Date on oldest grave.

4. OWNERS:

This plot of ground has been owned by the Rixeys since 1821.

5. DESCRIPTION:

This is a well kept plot with tombstones of perfect uniformity in a straight line through the center. The stones were put there within the past twenty-five years.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The following inscriptions were taken from these stones. The stone erected to Martha Rixey is of historical interest. She was a noted southern spy during the War Between the States. It is said that she baked pies and cakes and took them into the northern camps to sell. While there she would collect bits of information and slip them to the Confederates.

1- Presley Rixey
Born Aug. 24, 1780
Died 1821

2- Catherine Mildred Rixey
Wife of Lawson Eastham
Oct. 23, 1815
Jan. 11, 1837

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3- Martha Frances Rixey
July 18, 1820
June 15, 1912

4- Catherine Margaret Tutt
Wife of Presley Rixey
Died 1821

5- James R. Rixey
Sept. 1, 1818
Aug. 28, 1849

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7. ART:

8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Tombstone Inscriptions. Visit of worker.

1. SUBJECT:

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery

2. LOCATION:

.9 miles north of Rixeyville, Va. on Rt. #29; thence west of Rt. #29 about one mile on private road.

3. DATE OR PERIOD:

1837 is the earliest date that can be made out.

4. OWNERS:

This cemetery belongs to the Rixey family and the people kin to them.

5. DESCRIPTION:

This cemetery is located about a mile through a field from the public road. It is in the midst of a grove of trees and is not molested in any way. However, the stones are very much weather-stained and broken and pieces of them seem to be missing. In fact it is very hard to read any of the inscriptions.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Many of the stone which should be here are gone and many other are out of place. Here are the graves of Captain William Rixey's first wife, Mary Louise (Brent) Rixey and those of several of their children. One of these is Silas Hunton Rixey who died on July 1, 1837 in the 13th. year of his age. Another is that of a daughter, Almira, who died in her third year. A footstone marked M.L.R. which should be at the grave of Mary Louise (Brent) Rixey is out of place. There is a footstone marked O.M.N. which is believed to be intended for Olivia Mortimer Rixey, second wife of L. P. Nelson. Another footstone marked C.B.R. or C.E.R. is believed to be that of George Brent Rixey. It is known that others are buried here but there are no stones to be found.

7. ART:

None.

8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

None.