

THE COVENANTERS OF CHESTER COUNTY, SC

A HISTORY OF
THE ROCKY CREEK REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Rocky Creek Cemetery

On March 24, 1957 Dr. and Mrs. James W. Crowder copied the markers. (7) In 1997, the markers are still in very good shape.

MARTHA COOPER/Died 23 January 1813/aged about 91 years

MARTHA COOPER/Died 21 March 1823/aged 25 years

JOHN COOPER/Died 4 August 1828/in his 76th year

Rev. THOMAS DONNELLY/Died 28 November 1847/in his 76th year of his age/and the 46th of his ministry/He was a native of Ireland/And for many years/Pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church/In this vicinity/For him to live was Christ/To die gain

AGNESS DONNELLY/Wife of Rev. THOMAS DONNELLY/Died 4 April 1848/in her 67th year

JAMES KELL/Died 19 November 1793/in his 25th year

SARAH KELL/Died 20 December 1795/in her 10th year

Rev. WILLIAM KING/Died 24 August 1798/aged about 50 years/ Within this humble tomb pale death has laid/A King who mortal sceptre never swayed/But he himself did rule by Jesus' laws/In grace and holy life a pattern was/In love to God and man he shone conspicuously/And walked with God in deep humility/In faithfulness and zeal for Jesus' cause/Few of his fellows to him equal was/But zeal so mixed in him with moderation/Made even foes view him with admiration/Tho deeply skilled in human learning, he/Taught truths divine with great simplicity/That perfect God might make his saints thereby/And through his means Christ's body edify/The Pastor's, Husband's, Parent's care he shew'd/While he in earthly house did make abode/His loss by all bewail'd, tho'felt by none/So much as by this people left alone/ His clay here lies, his soul to heaven fled/His people he left on God for to be fed

LUCRETIA KNOX/ Daughter of HUGH and JANET KNOX/ Born 1 January 1811/Died 14 September 1835

Rev. JAMES MCKINNEY/Died 16 September 1802/aged about 45 years/Death's hand, tho' cold, strikes a most certain blow/In wafting Zion's sons from toil below/To place them in the Father's house above/To see him in the fullness of his love/Ecclesia wails her noble champion laid/In this low tomb to Death his tribute's paid/A husband kind a tender parent he/To friend and foes a friend he wish'd to be/Tho' few in

letters, human or divine/Or grace or nature's gifts did so
much shine/Yet, hated by unworthy world, he/By God was
thought above its company/Amidst its threats his clay in
quiet lies/While his immortal part has reached the
skies/Truth's foes rejoiced to see her Hero fall/That to
their idols they may join withal/Spare boasts, truth's foes,
tho' whirling winds to heaven/Elijah bore, Elisha soon was
given/By him who in the greatest love can raise/Another
champion in McKinney's place

HUGH McMILLAN/Originally from Ireland/One of the most zealous
and earliest of the members of the Reformed Church in South
Carolina to which he continued firmly attached until
death/Died 5 January 1818/in his 66th year

JANE McMILLAN/Wife of HUGH McMILLAN/Died 5 November 1825/aged
about 75 years

JOHN McMILLAN/Son of JOHN and MARY McMILLAN/Died 1 October
1821/aged 1 year/6 months/28 days

MARGARET McMILLAN/A native of County Antrim in
Ireland/Consort of ALEXANDER McMILLAN/Died 2 August 1832/aged
78 years

HUGH McMILLAN/a dear and hopeful child/Died 14 July 1827/in
his first year

MARTIN McMILLAN/Died 10 October 1826/aged 72 years

HANNAH NISBET/Wife of JOHN NISBET/Died 13 August 1847/aged 65
years

JOHN NISBET/Died 20 December 1847/aged 70 years

JAMES NISBET/Died 20 October 1793/aged near 50 years

NANCY NISBET/Wife of JAMES NISBET/Died 17 October 1802/aged
50 years

HANNAH NISBET/Daughter of J.T. and J.H. NISBET/Died 24 April
1836/aged 2 months

WILLIAM NISBET/Son of JOHN and HANNAH NISBET/Died 17 August
1847/aged 50 years

JAMES L. RALPH/24th S.C. Infantry/CSA/no dates

Rev. JOHN REILY/Died 25 August 1820/aged 50 years/This tomb
contains his dust; no more/His voice is heard where it was
heard before/His wife, his people, mourn his labor's end/And
friendly neighbors a departed friend/His gain their loss, his

life by death secure/In endless mansions, where joys are
pure/Ye mourners look to Zion's sovereign Lord/Who can to you
another guide afford

Mrs. JANE REILY/Wife of REV. JOHN REILY/Died 25 August
1846/aged near 80 years

JOHN WILSON/Died 6 October 1826/aged 8 years/10 months/27
days

Footnotes

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