

CAE

CEMETERY

IMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON THE GREEN, NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE

TOMBSTONE SURVEY

Immanuel Episcopal Church On The Green Cemetery is located at the corner of Harmony and Market Streets in New Castle, Delaware, and surrounds the Church. It is under the jurisdiction of the Church's Rector, Wardens and Vestry, and this survey was undertaken at their request. There are many 18th Century stones, the earliest being that of Hercules Coutts who died in 1707. The Cemetery is outstandingly maintained. Because of space limitations, the Glebe Cemetery, located a short distance north of New Castle and east of Route 9, is used for most present day interments.

This survey was completed during the summer of 1986. An attempt has been made to record all information as it appears on individual stones, including epitaphs and stone cutters. For help in locating a particular stone, each has been assigned a plot number keyed to an unofficial plot plan included at the end of the survey. We have frequently referred to Tatnall's Tombstone Records, New Castle County, a survey done some fifty or sixty years ago, and to Thomas Holcomb's Sketch of Early Ecclesiastical Affairs in New Castle, Delaware and History of Immanuel Church, published in 1890. Erosion has taken its toll and, in doubtful instances, we have used Tatnall, and/or Holcomb's readings, assuming that the imprint was clearer in their time. Where appropriate we have corrected Tatnall's and Holcomb's errors, as, we hope, someone will eventually correct ours.

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THE FOLLOWING ARE INTERRED WITHIN THE CHURCH BUILDING
UNDER THE CENTER AISLE.

- Clay, Robert The remains of the Rev'd. Robert Clay
are here interred.
He was born 18th of October A.D. 1749
and died 27th of Dec'r. A.D. 1831.
- Presstman, Stephen Wilson Here rest the remains of the
Rev'd. STEPHEN WILSON PRESSTMAN
He was born October 1st A.D. 1794. On
the 12th of October 1823 he was invited
to the Rectorship of this Parish. On the
19th of April 1824 he entered on his
duties: and continued in the faithfull
discharge of them untill the 1st of Sept.
1843, when he died lamented by all who
knew him.
- Thomas, Eliza In Memory of ELIZA
Twin daughter of Evan & Mary Thomas
Who died Sep't. 9th 1799
Age 11 months & 20 days.
Aiso
" Lewis E. Lewis E. Thomas
Their son
Who died July 10th 1811
Aged 9 mo's & 10 days.
- Van Dyke, Fleetwood Marsh In Memory of
Fleetwood Marsh
Son of Ab'rm. & Martha Van Dyke
Who slept in death
July 5th 1818
Aged 11 months & 1 day.

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Under this floor are the graves of
at least seven early Parishioners,
discovered after the fire.
"They died in the Faith of Christ."

THE FOLLOWING MEMORIAL PLAQUES ARE MOUNTED
ON THE INTERIOR WALLS OF THE CHURCH

Clay, Robert

Sacred to the Memory of the
Rev'd. Robert Clay
He was Rector of the Parish for 36 years,
and died the 27th of Dec'r. A.D. 1831
This tablet is erected by his executor
in remembrance of his liberal benefactions
to this Church, in the days of adversity,
and of those virtues which endeared him
to his friends.

Halliwell, Richard

To the Glory of God and in Memory of
Captain Richard Halliwell
Chief among the Founders and first Rector's
Warden of this Church, who died A.D. 1719.
"In his day he signalized himself in the
defense and support of his Church and
Country, and next to the Honorable Society,
is justly accounted the prime patron of
Emmanuel Church at New Castle."
This tablet was placed to his memory by
the third Bishop of Delaware as a mark of
respect for the spirit of loyalty to the
Church shown by one of the first and most
worthy of Delaware Laymen.

Presstman, Stephen Wilson

Erected by the Congregation at Immanuel
Church, in Memory of the
Rev'd. STEPHEN WILSON PRESSTMAN
Late Rector of this Parish
Who died the 1st of September A.D. 1843.
He was earnest in zeal
Faithful in works and pure in faith;
In manners mild and courteous
In mind, calm clear and thoughtful;
In heart, benevolent and true.
May his example ever dwell
in this, the place of his labours,
and teach to all succeeding generations
the Holy lesson of a Christian life.

Ross, George

To the glory of God and in Memory of
Rev. George Ross
First Rector of this Church sent as a
Missionary in 1705, by the Society for
propagating the Gospel in foreign parts.
He was the son of David Ross of Balblair,
Ross-shire, Scotland, born 1680. He graduated
at the University of Edinburgh in 1700, and
after serving this Parish faithfully for
fifty years, died at New Castle in the 75th year
of his age. He was eminent for his piety,
learning, and zeal for the cause of Christ.
Erected by his great granddaughter
Mary Ross of Lancaster, Pennsylvania

THE FOLLOWING THREE MARKERS ARE MOUNTED ON THE EAST END OF THE CHURCH

Coutts, Hercules

Quid _____ restum
Hercules Coutts
Montis rosar in M _____ Brittaniam
Apud _____
Indefatigabile
_____ de coravit
Post _____ hujseon _____ a s
Tam civilia _____ in militaria
Febre et dysenteria
IMMATURE FATIS CONCEDIT
XXX Sept die
A.D. MDCVII

Note: Translation taken from Holcomb.
Sandstone is badly sloughed and a
lot of Latin words are illegible.

Traveler what do you inquire
Known our friend
Hercules Coutts
Was born in Montrose in Great Britain
Thence he came to this Colony
at New Castle.
In the discharge of his duties
He was indefatigable
in temper forbearing; in manner courteous.
In this country he filled many trusts
Civil as well as military.
He yielded to a premature fate
Of fever and running dysentery
The 30th day of September anno Domini 1707.

Hackett, Walter

Rev'd. Walter Hackett
Sub hoc cippo conduntur reliquiae
Reverendi uiri c ualteri Hacket qui
titulo missionary insignitus pastoritiu
Minus apud apoquinomen ses cirei
Quinquennium feliciter ex creuit

Natus Fraserburgi in Bamll Scotia
Provincia ex vetus ae generosa hac
Familia ortus
Fuit vita incorrupta ingenio lenifectore
Fido in officio fungendo summa industri
Maltis Elle bonis flebilis occidtt
Nulliflebilior quam chare conjugii
Qui in memoriam digni viri.
Hocce monumentum sepulcrale
Condere ibuil.

Obiit nonis Martjis anno MDCCXXXIII
Aetatis XXXIIII

Note: Translation taken from Holcomb.

Under this stone are buried the remains of the Reverend Walter Hackett, who while a Missionary, discharged with great success, the duties of the Pastoral office at Appoquinimy about five years. He was born in Frasersburg, in Bampf, a province of Scotland, and was descended from the ancient and respectable family of Hackett. His life was blameless; in spirit, meek, in office faithful; in labors abundant. He died lamented by many good, but by none more than his beloved wife who is pleased to erect to the memory of her worthy husband this sepulchral monument. He died March 7, 1733, aged 33 years.

Ross, Johanna

"Memor virtutum Johannaë conjugis
Honesto genere natae hoc sepulcri
Monumentum maritus Georgius Ross.
Evangelii præco, extruendum curavit.
Anno acquievit illa aetatis trigesimo
Septimo. 29 September 1726."

"Dixit ei Jesus quisquis vivit et
credit in me non morietur in eternum."

"Calcanda semel via lethi."