

THE DIXON FAMILY CEMETERY

by Dr. Joe Evans

In August 1758, King George II of England granted to Thomas Dixon 1025 acres located now in Campbell County, Virginia. Thomas Dixon bought much land besides the grant and the estates were passed down finally to James Dixon. The original Dixon home was located at map coordinates N 37° 18' 43.13 W 78° 59' 35.23". The first persons buried in the cemetery were buried circa 1752.

The Dixon farm was sold to Andrew Cook Martin by James Dixon who said "I've done an awful thing--I've sold my father's grave" and Martin said "Do not worry--I'll deed the land to the cemetery" and he did.

The cemetery is located on the Plum Branch Road, route 658, about two miles southwest of Concord, Campbell County, Virginia. It is located on a farm variously known as the Thomas Dixon, Andrew Cook Martin, Tommy Cardwell, O.B. St. Clair and W.S. Brummett. The burying ground was deeded to the ~~public circa 1860~~. The map coordinates are: N 37° 18' 38.52" W 78° 59' 30.08" *Trustees in 1873.*

The south portion was designated for use by the white race and the north portion by the colored [Negro] race, with separate bounds noted for each and due public record made and a board of trustees appointed by the Court. The size of the white portion is more than an acre and the black [African] portion about 1/4 of an acre.

In 1948, the trustees held their first meeting at the home of Dr. William Harman Evans of near Concord, Campbell County, Virginia. The following officers were elected: Andrew B. Martin, Concord, President: Elmer E. Dixon, Grundy, Virginia, vice president: George McGregor Evans, Concord, second vice president: John E. Hunter, Gladys, third vice president: Hunter Pharr Evans, Concord, secretary: and George McGregor Evans, treasurer. Other members of the board are Jones F. Rucker, James W. Cardwell and for the Negro race, George Burns and Marvin Gibson.

The cemetery has been neglected for many years and has been overgrown with brush and large trees and the trustees committed \$100 towards the effort.

There are approximately 500 graves, many unmarked or marked with common field stones. The following data was assembled by Miss Nancy Sue Evans, daughter of Thomas Washington Evans.

"Starting from Elizabeth Harvey Evans' grave at big black oak to Joe Callaham and family stone is Callaham and Evans line. Northeast of the line is the Akers row. Philip Akers is southwest of and at the foot of a hickory tree on the east side of Annie Glover Booth on the east slope." This information was given to me by cousin Charles Franklin about 1935--Nancy S. Evans.

~~Those buried with legible markers of some type are:~~

~~AKERS:~~

~~Philip Hunter Akers 1871-11-09--1938-05-08 and buried next to him is his sister, Janie Clare Akers, marked by a rock.~~

~~George Washington Akers~~

DIXON CEMETERY

Concord, VA

Revised 11 December 2001
by Aubrey W Booth

Originally known as Dixon Burying Ground

Location of Dixon Cemetery from Lynchburg, VA:

From the US Route 460 and 501 interchange at Campbell Ave, take 460 East 8.3 miles to route 656-Doss Road. Turn right on 656, then make an immediate left on 646. Go 2.8 miles to route 658-Toll Gate Road. Turn right on 658 and go 1.2 miles to the bottom of the hill and stop over Fulton's Branch (stream). There are no signs. The cemetery is on the right, about 175 feet from the road, in the middle of a pasture. A chain link fence surrounds the cemetery. The cemetery is covered in periwinkle and poison ivy.

The president is George M Evans, 1715 Spring Mill Road, Concord, VA 24538. Phone 434-993-2344. He was appointed a trustee in 1948.

The vice president, secretary, and treasurer is Aubrey W Booth, 201 Lafayette Place, Forest, VA 24551. Phone 434-525-3026. I was appointed a trustee in 1962.

A map of the cemetery is on page 12.

The cemetery was deeded to the original trustees on 20 Dec 1873 by Andrew Cook Martin, who is buried here. A copy of the deed was obtained by me in Rustburg on 6 Dec 2001. A copy is provided on page 13 and 14.

A newspaper article about the cemetery appeared in The News on 21 Nov 1948, section II, page 7. A copy is provided on page 15.

Another newspaper article appeared in The News on 11 Sep 1977, page C-1. It refers to one grave marker and the story of five people who died in a railroad crossing accident in 1895. A copy is provided on page 16.

The first known burial was Miss Pugh in 1845 and the last known burial was Mr Akers in 1938.

Listed here are gravesites with legible markers of some kind. The number on the left gives the gravesite location on the cemetery map on page 12.

AKERS:

- 1 Philip Hunter Akers 9 Nov 1871-8 May 1938 and buried next to him is his sister, Janie Clare Akers, marked by a rock.

BABCOCK:

- 30 Mary Elizabeth Cardwell Babcock 8 Jan 1836-14 Jun 1881, wife of Bradley W Babcock 1830- .

BOOTH:

- 2 Annie B Glover Booth 28 Feb 1833-5 Feb 1906, wife of DRE Booth.
3 Thomas William Anderson Booth 20 Oct 1825-4 Mar 1899
4 Eliza Watts Evans Booth 4 Aug 1836-19 Nov 1901, wife of TWA Booth.
6 John Robertson Booth 21 Feb 1870-12 Feb 1905, son of TWA Booth.
52 William H Booth, Jr died 17 Sep 1902. Father (Married 27 Apr 1878 Bedford County, VA to Mollie, below.)
53 Mollie A Booth 20 Dec 1916. Mother (Married to William, above Her maiden name was Franklin.)

CALDWELL:

- 8 Washington Hunter Caldwell 17 Jul 1844- Feb 1929
7 Allie Bridget Booth Caldwell 21 Dec 1855-12 Jan 1925, wife of W H Caldwell, above, and daughter of TWA Booth, above.

CALLAHAM:

For the following five people there is one monument with the inscription "All killed by R.R. Cars at Lawyers, Virginia Sept 16, 1895". See page 16.

- 17 Joe M Callaham born 29 Dec 1855
17 N G Callaham born 10 May 1872
17 R B Callaham 2 years old
17 J E Callaham 4 months
17 E B McBrayer 16 years old (Joe's sister-in-law)

CARDWELL:

- 47 Thomas Dixon Cardwell 23 Oct 1806-7 Jul 1893 married Campbell County, VA 1842-06-20 Edna Ann Neighbors, below.
- 48 Edna Ann Neighbors Cardwell 16 Mar 1821-2 Jul 1893, daughter of Robert Richardson Neighbors and Jane Caldwell (married 4 May 1816). Jane was the daughter of Samuel Caldwell and Mary Fields of Campbell County, VA.
- 33 James R Cardwell 12 May 1828-19 Dec 1906
- 32 Ann Maria Land Cardwell 16 May 1843-18 Apr 1926, wife of James R, above.
- 31 Thomas Henry Cardwell 22 Apr 1838-12 Feb 1915
- 54 Roberta A Cardwell 23 Jun 1853-26 Oct 1936 (wife of William Cardwell and daughter of Andrew Cook Martin and his wife Elizabeth H.)
- 43 William Littleton "Litt" or "Litton" Cardwell 18 Feb 1887-20 Jan 1918, son of William Cardwell and his wife Berta. The inscription on his stone reads "Weep not father and mother for me, for I am waiting in glory for thee."
- 42 John Elliott Dixon Cardwell 16 Jul 1880-17 Jul 1905 son of William L. Cardwell and wife Roberta A. Also married ? Dora Stahl?
- 51 Wesley C Cardwell 1862-1904
- 49 Nellie B Cardwell died 15 Dec 1889, age 15 years, daughter of Robert A Cardwell and his wife, Sallie K Cardwell.
- 22 John Alexander Cardwell 13 Aug 1833-23 Mar 1883 married Campbell County, VA 17 Dec 1856, Bridget Ann Letitia Martin, below. He is buried in the Caldwell-Hunter plot. See Hunter.
- 25 Bridget Ann Letitia Martin Cardwell 27 Jan 1838-9 May 1904. She is buried in the Caldwell-Hunter plot. See Hunter.

CHEATHAM:

- 20 Lettitia J Cheatham 19 Jan 1899-15 Feb 1899

DIXON: There are many other Dixons buried here, but no markers.

- 64 William E Dixon 2 May 1815-19 Jul 1855
- 63 Bettie Woodson Dixon 8 Dec 1852-29 Apr 1907 on a rock near Bettie--M E D (daughter of W E & M M Dixon)

EVANS:

- 13 Evans Family Stone
- 66 William Evans 8 Jun 1787-13 Apr 1860. He was the son of Sampson Evans and the grandson of the original Evans settler, Thomas Rees Evans. William married in Rockbridge County, VA 31 Dec 1816 Mary R "Polly" Gibson 16 Jul 1787-8 Aug 1858. (by Dr Joe Evans)
- 65 Mary R Gibson Evans 16 Jun 1797-8 Aug 1855 (or 58), wife of William, above.
- 10 Robert C Evans 1852--1918
- 11 Edward C Evans 1854--1924
- 9 Elizabeth Harvey Evans 22 Apr 1820-16 Jun 1903
- 12 James D Evans 1850-1929

FRANKLIN:

- 14 Sally A Franklin 12 Mar 1851-15 Dec 1890, daughter of J William and Mary I Franklin.
- 15 J William Franklin 17 Apr 1825-11 Aug 1892
- 16 Mary I Evans Franklin 8 Aug 1823-10 Jan 1906, wife of J Wm, above.

FULTON: This plot is enclosed in an iron fence and contains three markers.

- 27 Rev. Thomas Fulton May 1797-Jun 1890 (note from Dr Joseph Evans: He gave the pulpit Bible to Early's Chapel Church near Sherwill, Campbell County, Virginia and was the father of William James, Adam, Thomas and Rev John Fulton of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Rev. Thomas was born in Ireland and came with his family to Virginia.)
- 28 William James Fulton 1830-1897
- 29 Adam Fulton 15 Oct 1835-9 Jan 1906, Sgt. Co C, 133 Reg. PA Volunteers

GOFF:

- 41 Andrew Cardwell Goff 9 Oct 1907-5 Aug 1908
- 40 James Edwin Goff 23 Sep 1902-23 Dec 1916

HENDRICK:

- 39 Amanda Pugh Hendrick 29 Oct 1839-29 Jan 1925, wife of Wm D, below.
38 William D Hendrick 20 Aug 1844-1 Mar 1928
37 Minnie Pugh Hendrick 10 Mar 1877-30 May 1912, spinster.
35 Dora Jane Hendrick 18 Mar 1873- Jan 1903, spinster.
34 Clarence Gibbs Hendrick 27 Jun 1871-6 Feb 1897 no issue.

HUNTER: This plot is enclosed with a low curb and has a monument with the Cardwell and Hunter names on opposite sides.

- 26 Cardwell-Hunter Family Stone
23 Mary Barger "Mollie" Cardwell Hunter 28 Oct 1857-2 Feb 1892, daughter of John Alexander Cardwell and Bridget Ann Letitia Martin. Mollie married 20 Dec 1880, Howlett Benjamin Hunter 15 Jul 1852-15 May 1927. He is buried at Early's Chapel. Mollie died giving birth to twins, Howlett Barger, below, and a daughter who died at birth. She was buried with Mollie.
24 Howlet Barger (Ransbarger) Hunter 2 Feb 1892-12 Mar 1892
21 Lizzie Hunter 16 May 1886-7 Mar 1888

KEESEEE:

- 36 Mattie E Hendrick Keesee 9 Jan 1881-26 Jan 1904, died soon after her marriage.

LAND: In the Land plot, there is a small rock with "A.W." chiseled on it.

- 58 Charles Hunter Land 30 Aug 1836-11 Apr 1881 married Campbell County, VA 2 Feb 1866 Sarah Elizabeth Martin, below.
56 Sarah Elizabeth Martin Land 9 Jan 1840-5 Mar 1915, daughter of Judith Ann Christian Booth Martin, daughter of Nancy Evans Booth and TWA Booth.
57 Alice Christian Land 5 Jun 1876-27 Oct 1896, daughter of Charles and Sarah Land, above.

MARTIN:

- 67 J M (or N) Martin 11 Oct 1855-25 Mar 1903
- 45 Little Meeks Martin (chiseled in a rock)
- 62 Anderson Martin 20 Nov 1842-25 Mar 1913
- 60 Elizabeth Hunter Woodson Martin 2 Mar 1814-21 Apr 1886, married to Andrew Cook Martin, below.
- 61 Andrew Cook Martin 25 Jul 1811-4 Feb 1895. He was born and died in Campbell County, VA. He married three times: (1) In Campbell County, VA 27 Apr 1837 Judith Ann Christian Booth 18 Jul 1819-31 Jan 1846, daughter of Anderson Booth and Nancy Evans. [three children] (2) In Campbell County, VA 16 May 1849 Elizabeth Hunter Woodson 2 Mar 1814-21 Mar 1886 {her maiden name was Connafix [Carnefix?]} and her first husband was a Woodson.} [three children] and (3) Marianne Jones Dixon [no issue]. All of his wives are buried here. (by Dr Joe Evans) Andrew and Elizabeth share a headstone. He sold the land of this cemetery to the trustees in 1873 for \$1.00. See page 13.
- 18 Ann Martin 1781 old stone, hand made.

McBRAYER:

- 17 E B McBrayer see Callaham

MEEKS:

- 59 Nancy Jane Martin Meeks c 1823-8 Jan 1860, 36 years old, died in Lynchburg, wife of F M Meeks.

PUGH:

- 18 Martha A Pugh c 8 Nov 1830-7 Aug 1845, daughter of David and Eliza Pugh. Aged 14 years, 9 months, 23 days.

VIAR:

- 44 Phoebe E (or A) Viar 12 Feb 1857-8 Sep 1916 "erected by her loving brother and sister".

WHEELER:

- 50 Mary Willie Wheeler 8 Sep 1875-9 Jan 1888, daughter of George W Wheeler and Mag J Wheeler.

WOODSON:

- 55 Rhoda J Woodson 21 Oct 1846-15 Jun 1916, daughter of Elizabeth Woodson, who later married Andrew Cook Martin. See Martin above.

Dr Joseph W Evans was a genealogist of numerous families of Campbell County, VA. Dr Evans was a brother of George M Evans. Dr Evans died on 15 October 1997 and is buried in New Concord Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Following is an alphabetical list of people Dr Evans believes were buried in Dixon Cemetery. There are no markers for these people.

George Washington Akers

Susan Rachael Dixon Akers 21 Apr 1836-1 Sep 1898, wife of George, above.

Anderson Booth 4 May 1789-1862 married 16 Dec 1816 in Campbell County, Virginia, and his wife, Nancy Anne Evans Booth 24 Jan 1784-after 1861.

Daniel Reese Evans Booth born c 1823-c 1906 married Annie B Glover, the widow of a Robertson. Daniel is a brother of TWA Booth. Daniel is buried next to Annie, on her left. She has a marker. Daniel has a rock as a foot marker.

Anderson Booth 21 Feb 1861- Jul 1866, son of TWA Booth.

Mary Booth 10 Jul 1873-1875, daughter of TWA Booth.

Infant girl Booth 1906-1906, lived 3 days. *Daughter of Stephen Marshall Booth and Lena Stella Steele Booth*

John Callaham

Nannie Akers Callaham, wife of John, above.

William Liners "Buck" Cardwell 28 Mar 1850-1941 married 30 Jan 1877 Roberta Alice "Berda" Martin 23 Jun 1853-?, daughter of Andrew Cook Martin and Elizabeth Hunter Woodson.

Thomas Dixon 1705-1770 signed himself "Thomas Dixon, Planter".

Anne Dinwiddy Dixon 1712-1797 wife of Thomas, above.

James Dixon 1748-1784 or 86 married Bedford Co, VA 11 Aug 1772 Susanna Helm

Susanna Helm Dixon 17 Jun 1750-, born in Bedford County, VA married James Dixon, above.

Thomas Dixon married twice. First in Campbell County, Virginia 31 Aug 1807 Rachael Wilson 1786-? daughter of John Wilson and Elizabeth Hunter [eight children by this marriage] and secondly in Campbell County 26 Dec 1826 Nancy Dinwiddie born circa 1774- .

James Madison Dixon 3 Mar 1810-1876 married Marianne Jones.

William Edmonston Dixon 2 May 1815-1850 married Martha Mae Carnefix ?-1911. She is buried in the Dixon Cemetery.

Joseph Dixon 14 May 1828-circa 1866. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army, was imprisoned in the North for two years, paroled and released on the Carolina coast. Ill with malaria, he struggled and died on the way home. No issue.

Thomas Daniel Evans 8 Dec 1785-15 Dec 1861 married 12 Feb 1823 Eliza Ann Robertson 19 Feb 1806-18 Jun 1885.

Bridget Eleanor Demarus "Ellen" Evans 6 Dec 1829-10 Apr 1885, spinster.

Ann Eliza "Annie" Evans 20 Oct 1831-18 Jun 1885, spinster.

Rachael Pharr Letitia Evans 24 Feb 1834-31 Aug 1845

Sarah Elizabeth "Sally" Evans 20 Nov 1837-2 Apr 1904, spinster.

Sampson Rees Polk Evans 16 Aug 1845-15 Feb 1848

John William Evans 16 Sep 1849-22 Jan 1852

Addie Evans c 1853-1853 daughter of Dr D S Evans.

Jack Evans

M Evans 1865 rock

L D Evans rock

Lewis Evans 3 Sep 1789-? died young.

James Daniel Evans 11 Feb 1820-12 Apr 1864 married in Campbell County, Feb 1844 Elizabeth Crawford Harvey 22 Apr 1820-16 Jun 1907.

R Rees Evans 7 Jan 1783-30 Jul 1855 married 11 Mar 1833 in Campbell County, Martha Jane Robertson born circa 1808-1874.

David Luther Franklin 10 Jul 1856-12 Aug 1917 married Campbell County Mary Virginia Rector 8 Apr 1860-13 Feb 1908.

Emmett (or Emmer) Franklin died Jun 1855 rock

James D Franklin 1850-1929

Susanna Franklin died Aug 1862 stone is west of Wm Evans and below Emmett.

Tom Fulton is buried here with no marker.

James H Hendrick 17 Oct 1853-10 Dec 1933 married 17 Sep 1879 in
Campbell County Ida Jane Hendrick.

Anderson Martin 20 Jun 1811-4 Feb 1895

Mer ? s Martin (cut into a small rock)

Mary E Martin 3 Jul 1902-9 Feb 1903

Thompson, unnamed first born son of Jack and Pearl Booth Thompson (circa
1902)

George William Wheeler 23 Feb 1843-3 Mar 1902, buried in Dixon Cemetery,
married Margaret Jane "Mag" Cardwell 15 May 1843-29 Dec 1922. They were
members of Early's Chapel Church near Sherwill, VA. She is buried in Bethany
Church Cemetery. (by Dr Joe Evans)

Numerical location list of gravesites in the cemetery. See map on page 12.

- 1 Philip Hunter Akers
- 2 Annie B Glover Booth
- 3 Thomas William Anderson Booth
- 4 Eliza Watts Evans Booth
- 5 unnamed first born son of Jack and Pearl Booth Thompson
- 6 John Robertson Booth
- 7 Allie Bridget Booth Caldwell
- 8 Washington Hunter Caldwell
- 9 Elizabeth Harvey Evans
- 10 Robert C Evans
- 11 Edward C Evans
- 12 James D Evans
- 13 Evans Family Stone
- 14 Sally A Franklin
- 15 J. William Franklin
- 16 Mary I Franklin
- 17 Joe M Callaham
- 17 N G Callaham
- 17 R B Callaham
- 17 J E Callaham
- 17 E B McBrayer
- 18 Ann Martin
- 19 Martha A Pugh
- 20 Lettitia J Cheatham
- 21 Lizzie Hunter
- 22 John Alexander Cardwell
- 23 Mary Barger "Mollie" Cardwell Hunter
- 24 Howlet Barger (Ransbarger) Hunter
- 25 Bridget Ann Letitia Martin Caldwell
- 26 Hunter Family Stone

27 Rev. Thomas Fulton
28 William James Fulton
29 Adam Fulton
30 Mary Elizabeth Cardwell Babcock
31 Thomas Henry Cardwell
32 Ann Maria Land Cardwell
33 James R Cardwell
34 Clarence Gibbs Hendrick
35 Dora Jane Hendrick
36 Mattie E Hendrick Keesee
37 Minnie Pugh Hendrick
38 William D Hendrick
39 Amanda Pugh Hendrick
40 James Edwin Goff
41 Andrew Cardwell Goff
42 John Elliott Dixon Cardwell
43 William Littleton Cardwell
44 Phoebe E (or A) Viar
45 Little Meeks Martin
46 Mary E Cardwell
47 Thomas B Cardwell
48 Edna Ann Neighbors Cardwell
49 Nellie B Cardwell
50 Mary Willie Wheeler
51 Wesley C Cardwell
52 William H Booth, Jr
53 Mollie A Booth
54 Roberta A. Cardwell
55 Rhoda J Woodson
56 Sarah Elizabeth Martin Land
57 Alice Christian Land
58 Charles Hunter Land
59 Nancy Jane Martin Meeks
60 Elizabeth H Martin
61 Andrew Cook Martin
62 Anderson Martin
63 Bettie Woodson Dixon
64 William E Dixon
65 Mary R Gibson Evans
66 William Evans
67 J M (or N) Martin

67 plus four extra names at 17 = 71 gravesites with markers.

For more information, questions, or comments, call Aubrey or George.

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138 FT.

162 FT.

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DIXON CEMETERY

by Aubrey W. Booth

18 MAY 1993

Not to scale

258 FT.

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FULTON

Campbell County Court House
Rustburg, Virginia

December 20, 1873 Deed Book 37, page 55

Andrew Cook Martin to Trustees of Dixon Burying Ground

<p>Martin</p>	<p>This Deed made and entered into this 20th day of December 1873, between Andrew C. Martin, of the one part, and Daniel S. Evans, John W. Franklin, Thomas W. Booth, Thomas A. Cardwell, Wm. A. Franklin, Oscar L. Martin and Samuel K. Martin - Trustees of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Andrew C. Martin, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, doth grant with general warranty unto the said Daniel S. Evans, John W. Franklin, Thomas W. Booth, Thomas A. Cardwell, Wm. A. Franklin, Oscar L. Martin and Samuel K. Martin Trustees and to their successors, a certain flat or parcel of land lying on or near Fletchers Branch one of the heads of Milling Creek, and bounded as to courses and distances as follows: Beginning at (A) a stone and running N. 62 1/2° E. 10 1/2 poles to (B) a stone; thence N. 15° W. 12 poles to (C) a stone; thence S. 85° W. 10 poles to (D) a stone; thence S. 14 1/2° E. 16 poles to (E) the beginning. Containing 3 Woods 21 Perches to be known by the name of "Dixons Burying Ground" to keep and preserve, for the use exclusively of the white Population as a Burying Ground. Also a lot or parcel adjoining on the S.W. corner, bounded as follows: Beginning at (d) a stone, and running N. 62 1/2° W. 5 poles to (c) a stone; thence S. 14 1/2° E. 8 poles to (b) a stone; thence N. 70 1/2° E. 5 poles to (a) a stone N. 14 1/2° W. 8 1/2 poles to the beginning including and containing 41 Perches to be known by the name of the "African Burying Ground" to keep and preserve for the use exclusively of the colored population as a burying ground. Witness my hand and seal.</p>
<p>To { Deed</p> <p>Trustees Dixons G. Ward &c</p> <p>paid</p>	<p>Andrew C. Martin</p>

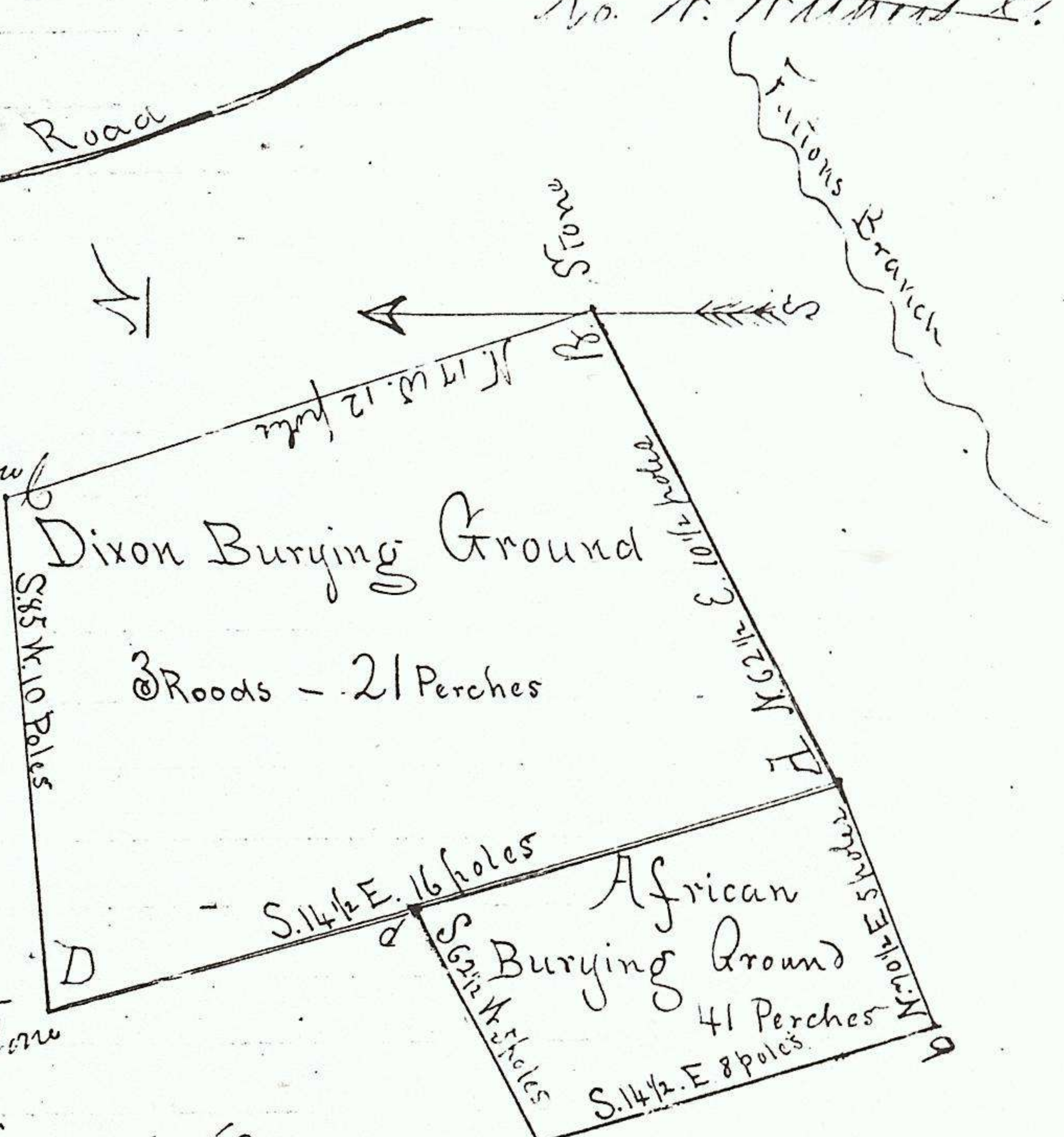
State of Virginia }
County of Campbell }
J. Thomas E. Franklin a Justice of the

Now in and for the County and State of Virginia do certify that Andrew D. Martin whose name is signed to the foregoing Deed bearing date the 20th day of December 1873 his own personage appeared before me, in my County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act & deeds.
 Given under my hand this the 20th day of December 1873

Thomas E. Franklin J. P.

In Campbell County Court, Clerk's Office, Jan 18. 1874
 The foregoing Deed, with certificate of acknowledgment and return endorsed was this day presented and admitted to record.
 Teste J. P. Franklin C.

This is a Plat of land surveyed off from Andrew D. Martin's tract to be used for a Public Burying Ground in the County of Campbell State of Virginia situated on or near Fullons Branch one of the head waters of Falling Creek.



Beginning at A a stone and running S. 62 1/2 E. 10 1/2 poles to B; thence S. 85 W. 10 poles to D; thence S. 14 1/2 E. 16 poles to C; the beginning which is designed exclusively as a burying ground for the white population.
 Also a lot adjoining bounded as follows: Beginning at A a stone and running S. 62 1/2 W 5 poles to B; thence N. 14 1/2 E. 8 poles to C; thence N. 70 1/2 E. 5 poles to D; thence N. 14 1/2 E. 8 1/2 poles to Beginning. Inclosing 41 perches which is appropriated exclusively to funeral of the African race as a Burying Ground.
 Surveyed Nov. 21st 1873

Chas. W. Cardwell Surveyor

In Campbell County Court Clerk's Office Jan 22. 1874
 The foregoing Deed and Plat of Survey with certificate of acknowledgment and return endorsed was this day presented and admitted to record.
 Teste J. P. Franklin C.

Forgotten Burial Ground To Be Cleared In Novel Thanksgiving Day Undertaking

By H. P. Creasy

Concord, Nov. 20—From a "thicket" too overgrown to explore to a "thing of beauty" will be the endeavor of a group of interested citizens of Concord and Lynchburg Thursday, Thanksgiving day, when they take axes, picks, shovels and machinery to the old Dixon Burying Ground on the Plumb Branch road, Route 658, about two miles southwest of Concord, to clean up the plot almost forgotten for 20 years.

Located on a farm variously known as the Thomas Dixon, Andrew Cook Martin, Tommy Cardwell, O. B. St. Clair place, and recently to a new owner, W. S. Brummett, the Dixon family burial ground was deeded to the public by agreement more than 100 years ago.

The south portion was designated for use of the white race and the north portion for the colored race, with separate bounds noted for each and due public record made and a board of trustees appointed by the Court.

All of the original trustees and their appointees have died, and as a result no concerted effort has been made to maintain the place and it is now in a very bad condition, overgrown with briars and bushes.

Historic Spot

According to Andrew B. Martin, president of the recently appointed board of trustees for the plot, the Dixon Burying Ground is of historic importance.

"This burial ground," said Mr. Martin, "is the resting place of many of the most prominent citizens of a large section of this country, whose descendants have had no small part in the development of our county, State and nation."

In the approximately 500 graves are buried members of the families of Thomas Dixon, Andrew Martin, Tommy Cardwell, Dr. Sepp Evans, Charlie Franklin, Reese Both, Fultons and many others.

The farm changed hands only recently and attention was drawn

to the condition of the old plot. Various people expressed a desire to do something about it, to clean it up and if possible to establish a trust fund for perpetual care.

To this end, Dr. T. Benjamin Hunter of Lynchburg, with the help of Roland Dixon of Bluefield, W. Va., L. Bradford Waters, Lynchburg attorney, S. J. Thompson, wealth attorney, and others, appeared before Judge Charles E. Burks, where, by agreement, new trustees were appointed.

At their first meeting, held in the home of Dr. Harmon Evans, the following officers were elected: Andrew B. Martin, Concord, president; Elmer E. Dixon, Grundy, first vice president; George Bruns, Concord, second vice president; John E. Hunter, Gladys, third vice president; H. P. Evans, Concord, secretary; and George M. Evans, Concord, treasurer.

Other members of the board are Jones F. Rucker, James W. Cardwell, and for the Negro race, George Bruns and Marvin Gibson.

More than \$100 was subscribed at this first meeting for work on the burial ground and a willingness was voiced to subscribe even more if descendants of those buried there were interested in the work.

Because of the large amount of work to be done it seems unlikely that enough volunteer labor can be secured to do the job as it should be done.

Mayor Thomas E. Dixon of Caliente, Nev., a descendant of the original owner, has written one of the trustees this about the history of the place:

"The Dixon Burying Ground is located on a part of the 1,025 acres granted to my ancestor, Thomas Dixon, by King George II, in August, 1756.

"My line traces through his son, George. George's son, Adma, was the father of my father, George. Thomas' son, James perhaps the youngest, inherited the home place.

"I have spent the last three va-

cations groping through old records . . . and I feel amply rewarded with the information I found in Campbell county."

The second owner after the Dixon family, Andrew Cook Martin, was a great uncle of the Martin brothers, George and Hubert, of the Lynchburg Corporation Court, and great-grandfather of Dr. T. Benjamin Hunter, Lynchburg dentist.

When the Dixon heir sold the estate to Andrew Cook Martin, he said sadly, "I have done something I shouldn't have done. I've sold my father's grave."

Mr. Martin agreed and it was then that the plot was established as a public burial ground.

The larger portion is more than an acre in size and the Negro or African plot contains about one-fourth of an acre.