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Fairfield

The Aylett Family Burying Ground

The Aylett Family Burying Ground is being restored by The King William Historical Society under the direction of J. Jarvis Taylor of Arlington, Virginia and Steven Colvin, President of the Society. Restoration began on May 1, 1989 and continued through November. Work has already begun for 1990 in the hope that this year will see the completion of the project, in so far as it can be completed.

The King William County Historical Society wishes to express its appreciation to the following volunteers who rendered valuable service toward the cemetery restoration: James W. Taylor, Alexandria, Va.; Steve and William Culver, Aspen Hill, Md.; Scott Hudgins, Alexandria, Va.; Michael McGrath, Alexandria, Va.; Wortley Haskins, Mechanicsville, Va.; and Caroline and Amanda Townsend of King William County, Va.

Captain William Aylett emigrated from Essex County, England about the year 1660. He established the plantation of "Fairfield" on part of an original land grant by King Charles II. Captain Aylett may have created the Aylett Family Burying Ground and may be buried here although there is no record. However, records show the graveyard to be more than 250 years old.

Over the years as "Fairfield" became divided, sub-divided, bought and sold, the cemetery lay abandoned and fell into ruin, the victim of neglect, the elements, weeds, and vandalism. Records indicate more than 27 burials took place within these ancient walls but today, only seven markers remain.

Of the seven remaining markers, the oldest is that of Martha Dandridge Aylett, an aunt of Mrs. George Washington of Mt. Vernon. Martha Aylett was the wife of Philip Aylett, and daughter of the Hon. William Dandridge and his wife Unity West. She died 25th. April 1747. The gravesite of Martha Dandridge Aylett and other sites with or without markers where known, have been restored or reconstructed on the original site according to record.

The grave of Unity West Dandridge has been reconstructed next to her daughter Martha Dandridge Aylett. There is no marker.

Unity West Dandridge was the wife of Col. William Dandridge and the only child of Captain Nathaniel West of King William County, and Martha Woodard Macon, daughter of William Woodard and widow of Gideon Macon. Unity West died in 1753. She was the granddaughter of Sir Thomas West, 2nd Lord De la Warr, member of the Privy Council of Queen Elizabeth I.

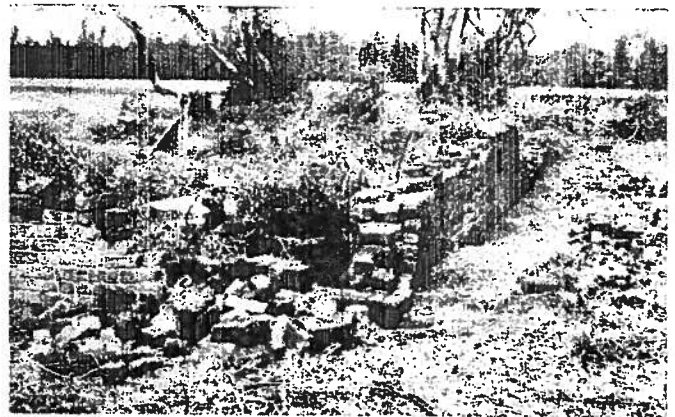
A few feet to the north of the grave of Unity West Dandridge is an unlettered marker, the grave of Alexander Spotswood Moore. He was born in 1763, married Elizabeth, daughter of Col. William Aylett and his wife Mary Macon. This marker appears to be of the table-top type, the lettered table-top section having long disappeared.

Opposite to the grave of Martha Dandridge Aylett are the graves of William Aylett, son of Philip Aylett and his wife Elizabeth Henry, daughter of Patrick Henry. William died February 17, 1829, aged 22 years.

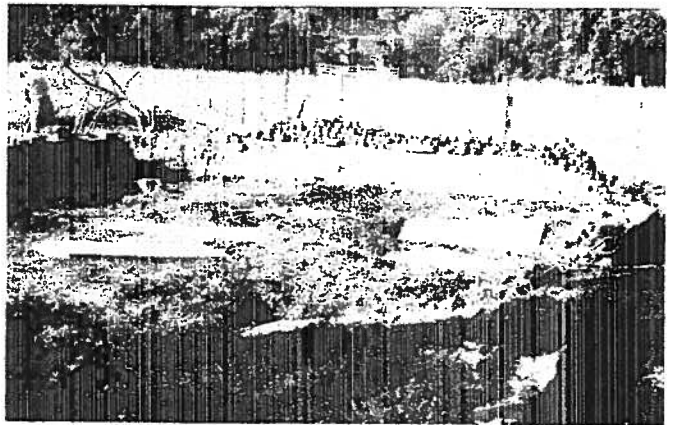
Philip Aylett, son of Col. William Aylett and his wife Mary Macon. Philip Aylett married 12 October, 1786, Elizabeth Henry, daughter of Patrick Henry. Philip Aylett died at Mountville 11th September, 1835 at the age of 65.

Next to Philip Aylett is the unmarked grave of Elizabeth Henry, daughter of Patrick Henry and Sarah Shelton. She was born April 23, 1769, died October 24, 1842.

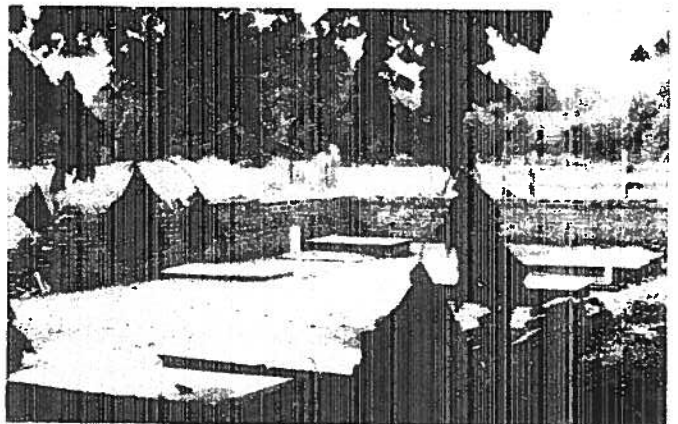
Patrick Henry Aylett, son of Philip Aylett and Elizabeth Henry, died while a student at the University of Virginia on the 28th. day of January, 1829, aged 20 years and seven months.



May 2, 1989 - Aylett Graveyard: Day 2 after the first two days of work.



May 25, 1989 - Aylett Graveyard: Day 8



August 1990 - Aylett Graveyard

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Since publication of our Cemetery Booklet we have received the following information:

Forkland

Forkland is located just off of Route 621, leading from Skyryn to Palls near "Hill's Fork" about one mile northwest of Jerusalem Christian Church as the crow flies, and about two miles southeast of King William Court House, Va.

Robert Hill, son of James Hill and his wife, Mildred Clopton Hill of "Springfield". He was one of the first Elders of Jerusalem Christian Church. Died 1844.

Harriet Herbert Claiborne Hill, daughter of Herbert Augustine Claiborne of "Chestnut Grove", New Kent County, Va. and Mary Burnet Browne of "Elsing Green", King William Co., Va.
Born January 16, 1793 at "Elsing Green"
Died June 14, 1868

Colonel William Claiborne Hill, son of Robert Hill and Harriet Herbert Claiborne Hill.
Born December 13, 1813.
Died about 1882.

Virginia Harriet Hill (Single) daughter of Robert Hill and Harriet Herbert Claiborne Hill.
Born approx. 1825
Died approx. 1880

Harriet Brumley Crump, daughter of Mary Burnet Hill Brumley and her husband, William Brumley.
Born approx. 1850
Died 1893.

Nothing remains of the house at "Forkland" and there are no tombstones in the graveyard. There is a colored cemetery located very near the white cemetery.

Submitted by: Thomas T. H. Hill,
great great grandson of Robert Hill
and Harriet Herbert Claiborne Hill

Green Level

Green Level Cemetery is located about two and a half miles south of King William Court House on left side of Route 621 leading from Skyryn to Palls, Va.

Ann Lipscomb Brett
Born February 21, 1771
Died October 11, 1859

Temple Lipscomb
Born April 10, 1792, son of Daniel & Jane Lipscomb
Died September 6, 1835

Margaret Lipscomb, wife of Temple Lipscomb, later wife of Ambrose White.
Born February 23, 1797
Died approx. 1860

Ambrose White, husband of Margaret Lipscomb
Died approx. 1874

Corbin Lipscomb, son of Temple Lipscomb and his wife, Margaret Lipscomb.
Born March 2, 1820
Died May 18, 1845

James Ambrose White, son of Ambrose White and his wife, Margaret Lipscomb.
Born December 28, 1839
Died October 30, 1903

Harriet Claiborne Hill, daughter of Robert Hill of "Forkland" and his wife, Martha Ann Johnson of "Woodside".
Born February 20, 1838
Died February 1, 1891

Three infant children of James A. White and his wife, Harriet Claiborne Hill White are also buried at "Green Level". There are no markers to any of the graves. There is a colored graveyard located a short distance northeast of the white graveyard.

Submitted by: Thomas T. H. Hill

Montrose

Montrose Cemetery is located about two and one half miles southeast of King William Court House, on Route 679 leading off of Route 633, on right hand side of old road known as Red Hill Road, about one mile from Route 633.

Dr. John Skyryn Lewis
Born January 14, 1809
Died April 14, 1861

Octavia Claiborne Hill Lewis, widow of Dr. John Skyryn Lewis.
Born August 19, 1817 at "Springfield", daughter of Captain William Hill and his wife, Judith Browne Claiborne Hill.
Died March 26, 1906

William Roland Lewis, son of Dr. John Skyryn Lewis and his wife, Octavia Claiborne Hill Lewis.
Born June 18, 1840
Died September 29, 1840

Sarah Octavia Lewis, daughter of Dr. John Skyryn Lewis and Octavia Claiborne Hill Lewis.
Born May 5, 1843
Died July 17, 1861

Bettie Carter Lewis, daughter of Dr. John Skyryn Lewis and Octavia Claiborne Hill Lewis.
Born February 5, 1845
Died July 17, 1861

Lucy Skyryn Lewis, daughter of Dr. John Skyryn Lewis and Octavia Claiborne Hill Lewis.
Born February 9, 1849
Died December 20, 1857

There are no markers to the graves at "Montrose". The graveyard is located directly behind the dwelling house which has been destroyed.

Submitted by: Thomas T. H. Hill

Springfield

List of those buried at "Springfield" cemetery located about two miles south of King William Court House on right side of Route 621, leading from Skyryn to Palls in King William County, Va.

James Hill, formerly of "Porto Bello" located on Queens Creek in York County, Va. which he owned. Moved to "Springfield" about 1771.
Died 1802

Mildred Clopton Hill, wife of James Hill.

Captain William Hill, son of James Hill and his wife, Mildred Clopton Hill.
Born June 17, 1780 at "Porto Bello"
Died April 12, 1830

Judith Brown Claiborne, widow of Captain William Hill and daughter of Herbert Claiborne of "Chestnut Grove", New Kent Co., Va. and Mary Burnet Browne of "Elsing Green", King William, Co.
Born March 7, 1789
Died September 30, 1833.

William Roland Hill, son of Captain William Hill and Judith Browne Claiborne Hill.
Born May 1, 1819
Died September 30, 1838

Ottoman Slaughter, lived at "Springfield" after the Hills. There is a large tomb erected to his memory.
Died June 10, 1858.

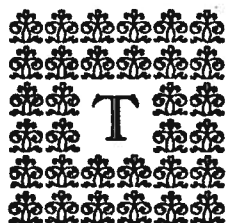
There are no Hill family tombs.

Submitted by: Thomas T. H. Hill
of "Gaylan", great great great grandson
of James Hill and his wife, Mildred
Clopton Hill.

The following article was found in the papers of Mrs. P. H. Martin, Sr. by her daughter, Mrs. B. B. Walker.
 As the Society is meeting at Windsor Shades this month we feel this material will be of special interest to the members. We thank Mrs. Walker for this contribution.

WINDSOR SHADES

on the PAMUNKEY River, KING WILLIAM County, VIRGINIA



HIS HANDSOME OLD HOUSE is situated on the PAMUNKEY River west of RUFFIN'S Ferry and commands a beautiful View of the River. The Land upon which it was built was part of a Grant given to Secretary WILLIAM CLAIBORNE as a Reward for his driving back the Indians after the *Massacre* of

1644. The original Grant was five thousand Acres to the East. Upon it, Secretary CLAIBORNE built a House which is no longer standing. Part of this Grant later became the Property of GEORGE WASHINGTON, where he often went hunting with Colonel BURWELL BASSETT, MARTHA WASHINGTON'S Brother-in-law.

This Building was at one time known as "RUFFIN'S" as it stood near *Ruffin's Ferry* and owned by ROBERT RUFFIN. This Ferry played an important Part in *American History*. Over it passed many famous People on their Way to *Williamsburg*, including GEORGE WASHINGTON when a Burgois. WASHINGTON wrote of passing over "RUFFIN'S" after spending the Night at the Tavern nearby. As *Windsor Shades* was the only Building large enough to serve as a Tavern, and as the Plan indicates it might have been used as one, it is undoubtedly the "RUFFIN'S" of which WASHINGTON wrote. LA FAYETTE took his Army across the Ferry six weeks before the Battle of *Yorktown*.

THE HOUSE is a medium-sized "river House" with central Hall from land Entrance to river Entrance. There are four Rooms on each Floor opening from the central Hall. In the Basement is the large dining Room with one of the largest interior Fireplaces in Tidewater VIRGINIA. This Room which originally had an outside Flight of Stairs leading down to it,

with its store Rooms, is similar to other Tavern dining Rooms of this Period. The massive Chimneys are among the largest in Tidewater VIRGINIA. The Plantation at present consists of about one thousand Acres.

WILLIAM BURNET BROWNE, having no male Heirs by the Name of BROWNE, willed his Property, including the Plantation *Eljing Green* to his Grandson, WILLIAM BURNET CLAIBORNE, with the *Proviso* that he change his Name to WILLIAM BURNET BROWNE. This was done by Act of *Legislature*, and as WILLIAM BURNET (CLAIBORNE) BROWNE was also the Grandson of AUGUSTINE CLAIBORNE, the Builder, the old House again came back into Possession of the Family. The BROWNE Portraits, one of which is of HANS HOLBEIN, were moved to *Windsor Shades* from *Eljing Green* and hung on its Walls.

AUGUSTINE CLAIBORNE, son of THOMAS and the great-grandson of Secretary WILLIAM CLAIBORNE, built the House between 1745 and 1750. Between 1768 and 1770, both House and Ferry, then known as "RUFFIN'S" were purchased by ROBERT RUFFIN and in 1781 passed to the Ownership of WILLIAM RUFFIN, son of ROBERT. In 1785, WILLIAM RUFFIN sold the Property to EDWARD PYE CHAMBERLAYNE, whose Children sold their Interest in 1822 to WILLIAM BURNET BROWNE of *Eljing Green*.

WILLIAM BURNET BROWNE changed Name of the Plantation to "Waterville." When his Widow sold the property to HENRY CORR in 1839, this was the Name used on the Deed. In a letter dated August, 1837, from ROBERT POLLARD, clerk of the Courts, it states that "*Windsor Shades*" was rented to Captain AMMON JOHNSON by MRS. WILLIAM BURNET BROWNE.

Written by Harden dV. Pratt, April 12, 1950

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Windsor Shades

CORR

CAPT. HENRY CORR
1818 - 1885

His Wife
LUCY A. LIPSCOMB CORR
1817 - 1876

HENRY CORR JR.
1850 - 1904

MARY ELIZABETH CORR
1837 - 1843

TWINS
GEORGE ANNA
E. MARTHEY JAMES CORR
1841 - 1842

Fairfield

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General Philip Aylett, Born 1787 - Died 1848, son of Philip Aylett and Elizabeth Henry. Married in 1823, Judith Page Waller. He died 10th September 1848.

Next to General Philip Aylett is Judith Page, wife of General Philip Aylett, died at Selma, Alabama, May 7th. 1860, aged 56 years.

Philip Aylett and Elizabeth Henry Aylett had at least twelve children. Several of them died at a very young age and are buried here but the location of each is unknown. They are —

Patrick Henry Aylett - Born 1789 - Died 1796, aged 7 years.

Philip Aylett - October 31, 1791

John Aylett - Born Dec. 11, 1795 - Died Oct. 7, 1796

Elizabeth Henry Aylett - Born Jan. 29, 1798 - Died Nov. 14, 1818

Anna Aylett - Born 1799 - Died February 23, 1800

Martha Dandridge Aylett - Died April 15, 1801

All the burials mentioned above represent only about half the number known to rest here. Though we do not and perhaps will never know their locations, we will continue to search the records to learn who they were.

Editor's Note: *The Society wishes to thank Mr. Jarvis Taylor for his dedicated work on this project. Mr. Taylor lives in Arlington, Virginia so his many trips to this cemetery entailed many miles. Without his help this project would never have been started - much less near completion.*

I will also add that he and his sister, Helen Taylor Mazza, indexed our Cemetery Booklet and had it published.

Mr. Taylor truly is a valuable member of the King William Historical Society and we thank him.

Windsor Shades —

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CHARLIE E. POLLARD

Oct. 7, 1878

Aug. 14, 1904

A Devoted

Husband

A Dutiful Son

A Faithful Brother

W.C. POLLARD

1877 - 1921

At Rest

ELLEN POLLARD

Born June 15, 1875

Died July 19, 1897

"Beneath this stone in soft repose,
is laid a Mother's dearest pride
a flower that scarce had waked to life
and light and beauty ere it died."

Mother

CORR

GEORGE CORR

Brother of Henry

1817 - 1897

His Wife

BETTIE LIPSCOMB CORR

Son

GEORGE CORR, JR.

ROBERT SPOTTSWOOD POLLARD

His Wife

MARY ANN CORR POLLARD

Son

HENRY BYRD POLLARD

Submitted by: Mrs. Annie Page Russ

Genealogy Corner

"I am looking for any descendants of the brothers and sisters of my grandmother, MARY EVELYN QUARLES. I will gladly furnish genealogical data on: R. Emmitt Quarles, Ann Marie Quarles, George William Quarles, and Caroline Stamper Quarles."

Mrs. Herman Boschen, Jr.

6320 Rigsby Road

Richmond, VA 23226

"I am writing a scholarly biographical essay of the Reverend Alexander White, rector of St. David's Parish from 1746 until his death in 1776. Are there any local sources that shed light on Rev. White?"

Mr. Otto Lohrenz

Department of History

Kearney State College

Kearney, NE 68849

"My great-great grandparents were Leander L. West - b. 1788, d. 1854 and Elizabeth (Humphrey) West - b. 1807, d. 1899. Both were born in Virginia and migrated to Ohio. Have heard they were descendants of Capt. Francis West or Nathaniel West. Can you help me with this lineage?"

Capt. H. Russell Moore

Rt. 4, Box 760

Moneta, VA 24121

"Any information on Sampson Bobo or Gabriel Bobo? Also interested in Thomas Amore or Ashmore - 1714."

Mrs. Terry H. Davis, Jr.

7451 North Shore Drive

Norfolk, VA 23505

"Am trying to trace my great grandfather, Anderson Price Duffield - b. 25 April 1875."

Mary Jo McDonald

3408 Ascot Circle

Louisville, Kentucky 40241

The King William County Historical Society holds three meetings each year: 1st Sunday April - King William Court House; 2nd Sunday July - King William Court House; 1st Sunday October - an old home in the county.

Membership dues - \$3.00 per year - payable in July.

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