

OAKVILLE METHODIST CHURCH (FOREST CHAPEL) CEMETERY, continued.

Mother
L.F. Walker
Mar. 29, 1871
Apr. 24, 1924

CEMETERY IN THE LEVI COMMUNITY

Visited March 28, 1970. The name of this cemetery is not known. It is located on the Massa farm, 81 West Mitchell Road, between Redbud and Horn Lake Roads, about a half mile west of Highway 61. Far behind the Massa home is a riding stable and a lake. The cemetery is on top of a hill behind the lake. Mrs. Massa said she had heard the cemetery was a community cemetery. The area had many trees and ground vines. On one side, near the property line, was a metal fence with wrought iron corner posts. No tombstones could be located within the fence, but there was space within it for some five or six graves. Mrs. Massa told the compilers she had lived there for many years. She said the family from whom her family bought the property moved "north" and arranged at the time of the sale to remove such graves as they wished. When Mrs. Massa was very young, the former owners arranged for the removal of the casket of a young girl about 12 or 13 years old. The girl was buried in a copper casket with a full length glass top. She was perfectly preserved, very blond, and her body appeared to have turned to stone. The tombstones whose inscriptions are shown below and the fenced area were widely spaced over the top of the hill. Sunken spots indicated other graves existed there. In addition to the stones copied, there were fragments of at least three other stones.

Milton A. Son of J.C. & E. Kelly Born Mar. 5, 1867 Died Oct. 1, 1872	William H. Hoegel Born May 24, 1835 Died Oct. 19, 1879 Friend after friend departs; Who has not lost a friend? There is no union here of heart That finds not here an end.	Member of the Washington Rifles Hier juhett (Here rests) Ferdinand Ficke Born Jan. __, 18__ (Only the top of this stone remained. The first line was carved on a thin ribbon and below were a drum, flag and long rifle. The birth date may have been Jan. 20, 182__ or 183__.)
Saml. F. Turberville Born Nov. 23, 1828 Died Sep. 17, 1889		
Margaret C. Hoegel Died Feb. 2, 1877 Aged 80 years (Stone broken)	Maria Sophia Ficke Born Jan. 12, 1801 Died Jan. 22, 1862 (Stone broken across month)	

The Washington Rifle Co. is listed in Williams' City Directory for 1860, p. 34: Organized Nov. 29, 1853, Armory, Navy Yard; Capt. N. Frech, 1st Lt. A. Munch, 2nd Lt. Joseph Specht. Rainey's 1855-56 City Directory, p. 76, lists the German Washington Rifles, organized June 9, 1853, meet for drill every Monday evening, business meeting on first Monday every month at Armory, Exchange Hall, with officers: Capt. F. Ringwald; 1st Lt. W. Muller; 2nd Lt. F. Bomer; Ord. Sgt. A. Munch; and Ensign J. Steinkuhl.

The Shelby County Probate Court Records, Index, Book I, show: P. 99, No. 2109, F.H. Fike, dec'd., S.H. Fike, adm., Sept. term, 1860; P. 99, No. 2159, Ferdinand Fike, dec'd., Wm. H. Hoegall, Adm. de bonis, Jany. term, 1861; P. 115, No. 416, Herringer, John C. and wife vs. Wm. Hoegell, petition to contest will filed April 13, 1861.

Miss Anna Leigh McCorkle's book, Tales of Old Whitehaven, p. 69, shows an invitation to a Grand Basket Picnic for August 15, 1873, and one of the managers was W.H. Hoegel. The book also lists S.F. Turberville as a member of the Whitehaven Agricultural and Mechanical Society in 1873.
