SHELBY COUNTY CEMETERIES, VOLUME III

Part 1

SCHEIBLER - FERRELL - WILLIAMSON FAMILY CEMETERY

Visited June 17, 1981. This cemetery is located on the property of Mr. James E. Scheibler, 4595 Billy Maher Road. Mr Scheibler's home is approached by a long winding drive, and the cemetery is located approximately half-way between the road and the home on the south side of the drive. See Press-Scimitar 18 Mar 1982 for Billy Maher article.

Mr. Scheibler's parents are buried under a large magnolia tree.

James Edward Scheibler
Born Memphis, Tennessee
Aug. 7, 1878
Feb. 13, 1943

Beatrice Wessendorf Scheibler
Born Santa Cruz, Calif.
July 28, 1879
June 28, 1961

Three additional headstones were found on a small rise of land immediately south of the above:

Tabitha
Daugh. of John J. Wood
Wife of D. Ferrell
Married Jan 28, 1841
Died Jan. 27, 1877
Aged about 51 Years
(Mnt. by) Rosebrough & Sons
   St. Louis
Footstone: T.W.

Walter L. Williamson
Born Feb. 8, 1874
Died July 29, 1876
Gone to be an angel.
Footstone: W.L.W.

Daisy E. Williamson
Born Jan. 28, 1880
Died Sep. 13, 1880
Budded on earth

(1860 Shelby Co Census -
 Ferrell, Dimion 45,
 Tabitha 35, Mayan 11, James 23)

To bloom in heaven.
Footstone: D.E.W.

Shelby County, Tennessee Marriage Records: Ferrel, Dimeon to Tibatha Wood, Jan. 28, 1841, #1025, W.M. Sanderlin Sec., J.S. Edwards, Min.

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CHRISTIAN FAMILY CEMETERY

Visited November 2, 1975. This small cemetery is located on the remaining farm property of Mrs. Joe Bursi, 4920 Winchester Road. Adjacent property has been developed into apartment complexes. Mrs. Bursi and her daughter, Miss Louise Bursi, told the com-pilers the property was part of 2000 acres owned by Fredrick Christian. The Bursi family is the third owner, having purchased the property from the LeMaster family in 1933. The mailing address of Mrs. and Miss Bursi is, P.O. Box 18005, Memphis, TN

CHRISTIAN FAMILY CEMETERY, continued

38118. Mrs. Bursi said she was told that Robert Edward Christian
was killed by lightning and the fall of a tree. She said Mrs.
Grace Christian M. Warner visited the property in 1939 to see the
cemetery and do other research in Shelby County. Her address at
that time was 1602 L Street, Huntsville, Texas. Mrs Warner also
gave Mrs. Bursi a small note with the following data: (Shelby
County Deed)) "Book E, p.474 - 2000 acres. F. Christian to Jas.
S. LeMaster - 300 acres reserving 1/2 acre where said Christian's
wife and children are buried. 5th of Jan. 1837. 1883 divided."
Miss Bursi said the present home was built in 1939, and the
remains of an old home on the property were removed at that time.
During the removal, a large newspaper-mud block (chinking?) was
found with the date of December 1833. There are four stones in a
row:

(1)
In memory of
Thomas Wyatt
Son of
Fredrick & Frances V.
  Christian
Who died
August 6th 1832
Aged 1 year and 6 months

(2)
Sacred to the memory of
Frances V.
Consort of Fredrick Christian
Who departed this life
January 23rd 1833
In the 28th Year of her age.

(3)
Sacred to the memory of
Fredrick Christian
Who departed this life
17th of June 1845 in
the 41st year of his age
Footstone: F.C.

(4)
In memory of
Robert Edward
Son of
Fredrick & Frances V.
  Christian
Who died
November 22nd 1845
Aged 17 years and 1 month
Footstone: R.E.C.

Shelby County, Tennessee Marriage Records:

    Frederick Christian and Frances N. Robertson, Oct. 13, 1827,
Lic. #329, by W.C. Blair, Bondsman Samuel W. Sheppard.
    John J. Christian and Mary A. Vines, Dec 23, 1848, Lic.
#2072, by W.C. Chase, J.P., Bondsman G.W. Jackson.
    Joseph F. Hathaway and Lucinda Christian, May 18, 1848, Lic.
#1953, by N.G. Curtis, J.P., Bondsman G.M. Jackson.
    David T. Johnson and Sallie A. Christian, Oct. 22, 1849,
Lic. #2316, by David C. Page, Rector of Calvary Church, Bondsman
A.R. Herron.
    Jno. B. Weld and Mary C. Christian, July 20, 1846, Lic.
#1865, by L.H. Gray, Bondsman Thomas B. Mynatt (Minott).
    Gordius F. Etheridge and Sarah Christian, April 27, 1847,
Lic #142, by Geo. W. Coons (First Presbyterian Church Minister),
Bondsman Bowler Cocke.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY CEMETERY, continued.

Shelby County Will Book I, pp. 329-330: Will of Frederick
Christian.... my two beloved children Robert Edward Christian and
Sally Ann Francis Christian all my Estate ... to be equally
divided between them ... my brother Wyatt Christian sole executor
... to sell any part of my Estate ... for the use and benefit of
my two children ... (dated) August 5, 1838. Witnesses: Jas. G.
Mitchell, Abraham (his X mark) Booth, Joshia G. Dunday (sic),
L.D. Irwin, W.P. Mathews. Proved August term 1845 (on oath of)
Wm. P. Mathews, Silas D. Irwin and Boler Cocke, Abraham Booth -
having since the time of signing said will departed this life ...
and Jas. C/G. Mitchell and Joshua G. Lunday ... are both at this
time out of the state. Recorded August 11th 1845.

Shelby County Will Book I, pp. 356-357: Will of Wyatt Christian.
... Estate which I have conjointly with my late brother Frederick
Christian in Shelby County shall continue undivided with his ...
until the marriage or death or the arrival at the age of 21 of my
niece Sally Ann Francis Christian during which connection the
said property shall be used for the joint interest ... of my wife
and children and my said niece. ... my wife Mary Bailey Christian
... my daughter Mary Carver (now Mrs. Weld) ... my three children
Mary Carver, Sally Francis and Caroline Wyatt ... William Mathews
and James T. Leath the executors ... (dated) September 15, 1846.
Witnesses: Wm. Park, H.L. Guion, I.W. Doyle. Proved October term
1846 (by prior witnesses.) Recorded March 12, 1847.

The Nashville Whig of Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1846, reported the death
of Dr. Wyatt Christian "in Memphis on 15th inst."

In 1897, John Lenow copied the inscriptions from many of the then
surviving tombstones in Winchester Cemetery. A list in the
Memphis and Shelby County Board of Health shows the following:

Monument: Christian, Dr. Wyatt   Died Sept. 18, 1846
           Christian, Mrs. Wyatt   Died July 17, 1847

HISTORY OF MEDICINE IN MEMPHIS, edited by Marcus J. Stewart,
M.D., and William T. Black, M.D., in 1971, contains a biographi-
cal sketch of Wyatt Christian, 1798-1846: He came to Memphis in
1825 from Charles City, Virginia. He had received his M.D.
degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1821 and began
practice in his native Charles City. In 1830, he became a
charter member of the Medical Society of Tennessee. He was one
of the first three physicians in Memphis. Wyatt was the only
physician on the Board of Directors of Memphis Hospital from his
appointment in 1838 until his death, and was also attending
physician to the Memphis Hospital. As a public servant, he was
Alderman in the 3rd corporate year of the City, March 1829 to
March 1830. In those days, it was quite common for physicians to
own and operate drug businesses, and, in 1836, he purchased a
partnership in the firm of Booth and Tucker, creating the firm of
Booth and Christian. By 1838 Booth had left the firm, but on
January 15, 1839, Dr. Christian sold his entire stock of drugs to
John Booth and Joseph Mallory.