“... RESPECT THIS STONE ...”
St. Paul’s Churchyard
Augusta, Georgia
1783 – 1820
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FORWARD

The biographical sketches of post-revolutionary Augustans interred in old St. Paul’s Churchyard constitute an important contribution to local history. Taken together, they provide a social portrait of Augusta during its formative period. Before the American Revolution Augusta was the rather uncouth, often neglected stepchild of the Province of Georgia. It had grown helter-skelter, betraying no trace of the orderly plan envisioned by its founders. It was a frontier town frequented by Indians and by those unpolished folk from the Carolina back-country who were already labeled “Crackers” by the genteel Savannahians. After the Revolution all that changed. Augusta became the favorite child of the revolutionary State. It acquired a government and a sensible town plan. For a decade it was the seat of government for the vigorous young State. The country west of Augusta filled rapidly; by 1790 half the people of Georgia lived in Richmond and Wilkes Counties. Some of the finest of Augusta’s oldest houses reflect the prosperity of those years. The inscriptions on the tombstones at St. Paul’s and the newly gathered biographical material provide a social profile.

The overwhelming majority of those interred at St. Paul’s were merchants. This irrefutable fact reminds us again that from the beginning we have been a commercial town. The social dominance of the great planters was a later phenomenon, a phenomenon made up more of myth than reality. After the War of 1861 it became the fashion to believe that merchants were unsouthern. Not so; Augusta was as southern as Savannah and Charleston, in whose foot-steps we were determinedly treading by 1800.

We learn much else about the new town. While the Commissioners of Augusta and Richmond County were charged with the management of St. Paul’s Church, people of various denominations used the Church and were buried in the cemetery. The first minister of the Presbyterian Church in Augusta, the Reverend Washington McKnight, was one of several Presbyterians buried in St. Paul’s. Certainly some of those from Ireland and France were Roman Catholic. The conspicuous absence of members of the newer evangelical churches, the Baptists and Methodists, indicates that these denominations were still rural by the turn of the Nineteenth Century.

As early as the turn of that century, Augusta had already acquired a reputation for the salubrity of its climate, a reputation which hung upon the
nearby Sand Hills rather than the town beside the river. The most
distinguished of the health seekers interred in St. Paul’s was the nephew and
namesake of George Washington, Captain George Steptoe Washington. The
prevalence of children and young adults among these biographies is testimony
to the fact that health was a precious commodity in those days and a long life
a rare blessing indeed.

One of the most colorful personalities resting – most
uncharacteristically – in St. Paul’s, is Governor George Matthews. The
highlights of Matthews busy career are well portrayed herein. His burial in
Augusta is a reminder that he led the first Virginians into Georgia after the
Revolution. These Virginians injected a new element into Georgia society
which it has never really lost. The element might be described as an emphasis
on living with grace and dignity rather than on acquisitive getting. As such, it
was an important counterpoise to the oldest mercantile tradition. There are
other celebrities on St. Paul’s roster, Commodore Oliver Bowen and inventor
William Longstreet among them. Then there are the names of Benjamin
Whitehead and Abel Wright, with the inscription “Well done, good and
Faithful servants.” The two men were sextons of St. Paul’s and the only two
black persons in St. Paul’s.

A careful reading of these pages will reward the student of Augusta’s
past with a richer insight into our early attitudes and values.

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PREFACE

St. Paul’s Churchyard, in downtown Augusta, Georgia, was from 1750 until about 1820 the burial place of many Georgians and South Carolinians, some of them famous in national history. At present there are 65 grave markers for burials dating from 1783, representing only a part of the total number of interments which have taken place in the churchyard. The ravages of time, including floods, fires and Revolutionary War action have completely destroyed many of the tombstones and vaults. As most of the grave markers were of sandstone, the elements continue to obliterate the wording on many stones.

The Historical Committee of St. Paul’s Church, the Georgia Committee for the National Bicentennial Celebration, the Porter Fleming Foundation and the Richmond County Historical Society present this booklet as a memorial to the many Georgians who have helped to form Richmond County’s historical heritage. We are particularly grateful for the help and advice of Dr. Edward J. Cashin, Mr. Heard Robertson, Mr. William Bottomley, Mrs. W. R. Middleton, III, Mr. William R. Middleton, IV, Mrs. Fred Lambert, Mr. Travis Barnes, Mrs. Howell Cobb, Mr. Robert Miller, and Den 5, Pack 45 of the Boy Scouts of America.

St. Paul’s Churchyard is included in the National Register of Historic Places.

Carolyn A. Humphries
St. Paul’s Church
Augusta, Georgia
HANNAH ANDERSON (- Sept. 30, 1814) 22L

"Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Hannah Anderson, wife of Mr. Robert Anderson, late merchant of Charleston, South Carolina. She was a native of Pennsylvania and for thirty years resided in Charleston but was arrested by the hands of death on the thirtieth of September, 1814, while on a visit to her daughter in Augusta, Georgia. She was truly an upright and benevolent woman; a most affectionate parent; a kind mistress and a sincere friend, who lived beloved and died lamented by all who knew her. Her children in testimony of her worth, have erected this monument to her memory."

JOSEPH ASHTON 28L

Originally from Killering, North Hampton, England, Joseph Ashton was a resident of Augusta and a communicant of Saint Paul's Church. In his will which was written on March 22, 1807 and probated on November 6, 1809, he mentions his wife Lucy Ashton and his adopted son Henry Chancer Ashton. It is interesting to note that he issued "a general invitation to his funeral to all his friends."

No Marker

JOHN BACON (September 28, 1769 – April 15, 1812)

"To the memory of John Bacon, who was born 28th September 1769 and died 15th April 1812.

Say who shall bask in Joy's enlivening ray
Shed but a moment, thro' life's fleeting day
Or who shall proudly boast the present hour
Fearless of Death's inexorable power
When all the kindred virtues could not save
Lamented Bacon from the narrow grave
The tears of anguish o'er his marble flew
And here are breathed the bursting sighs of woe.
A widow weeps a husband buried here
And friendship sorrows for a friend sincere.
A brother mourns a darling brother dead
And orphaned infants bend the pensive head
On every sigh and every gushing tear

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Shall... his parting spirit linger..."

SARAH BALLARD (1758 – April 15, 1812) 12L
"Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Sarah Ballard, wife of Frederick Ballard, who departed this life on the 9th day of January in the Year of Our Lord 1806. Aged 48 years. Symphony and Friendship long shall mourn her loss. Then Memory and Virtue long survive this lettered marble and departed merit cause silent tears for her remembrance."

JAMES BARNES (1750 – December 19, 1792) No Marker
All that is known about James Barns is derived from a brief obituary which appeared in the Georgia Gazette on December 22, 1792: “Died on Wednesday the 19th instant at his house in Springfield in the 42nd year of his age, Mr. James Barns, shipwright. The day following his remains were decently deposited in the churchyard of this place.”

GEORGE BARNES (1753 - 1796) No Marker
Son of William Barnes, architect of Dublin, Ireland, and his wife, Sarah Cunningham, George Barnes came to the British colony of West Florida in 1779 as an agent for his uncle, John Barnes, a wine merchant of London. While there, he married Sarah Hudson, a native of London, q.v. During the revolutionary era, they remained loyal to the Crown and resided in Savannah and St. Augustine while those cities were in British hands. After peace was restored, they moved to Augusta, where both died in 1796. Their graves are located under the southeast corner of the church, having been covered by the enlargement of the church structure following the great fire in 1916. George Barnes is mentioned in the minutes of the Trustees of the Academy of Richmond County as being “Chairman of the Vestry” of Saint Paul’s in 1789.

SARAH HUDSON BARNES (- 1796) No Marker
A native of London, Sarah Hudson emigrated on December 31, 1776 to Pensacola, West Florida, where she was married to George Barnes, q.v., on May 18, 1779 by the Reverend Dr. Gordon. Their minor children, who were orphaned by the nearly contemporaneous deaths of their parents in 1796, were reared in the household of Governor John Milledge of Augusta. Their
youngest son, John Andrew Barnes, was one of the Trustees of Saint Paul's Church in 1816, in which year the Georgia Legislature restored ownership of the church property to its congregation.

JOHN BEALE BARNES (1779 – November 6, 1815) 3R

“Sacred to the memory of John Beale Barnes, Esq., who departed this life 6 November 1815 in the 36th year of his age.”

Prominent in Presbyterian circles, John Beale Barnes was one of seven persons who applied to the Georgia Legislature in 1807 for the incorporation of a new Presbyterian Church in Augusta, and a year later he was named as one of its seven original trustees in a charter granted by the state. This move was necessitated by the refusal of the Trustees of the Academy of Richmond County to renew the lease of Saint Paul's Church to the Presbyterian congregation, thus presaging the return of the church to Episcopal ownership. Barnes was also an incorporator of 'The Thesopian Society and Library Company of Augusta', which was charted in 1808 to rebuild the society's burnt out theatre on Bay Street. In addition, he served as Brigade Major in the Georgia Militia from December, 1812, to November, 1814. In July, 1806, he married Mary Ann Hammond, the grand-daughter of Colonel Leroy Hammond, a revolutionary patriot of South Carolina.

CHARLES BEACH (1780 – September 7, 1817) No Marker

The only information about Charles Beach was gleaned from his obituary in the Herald on September 9, 1817. A native of Newark, New Jersey, Mr. Beach was a resident of Augusta for many years. He married Polly Redding on March 15, 1807.

JOHN WILLIAM BERRIEN No Marker
(October, 1808 – August 22, 1810)

“In memory of Innocence. This Tablet records the death of John William Berrien, only son of John MacPherson Berrien and Elizabeth his wife, who departed this life at Augusta on the 22nd day of August 1810, aged 1 year and 10 months. His sorrowing Parents find consolation in the Benevolent
Assurance of the Saviour of Mankind. Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me and Forbid Them Not, for Such is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

John William Berrien, the infant son of the Honorable John MacPherson Berrien and Eliza Anciaux Berrien, died in Augusta while his father was serving as judge of the Eastern Judicial Circuit of Georgia. The elder Berrien, a Savannah lawyer who was prominent in Georgia politics, was United States senator (1825-1829 and 1841-1852), Attorney General of the United States under Andrew Jackson (1829-1831), and President of the American Party Convention in Milledgeville (December, 1855).

BERNARD BIGNON (1743 – August 14, 1816)  
“Sacred to the Memory of Bernard Bignon, a Native of France and a Resident in the United States for 23 years, who departed this life on the 14th day of August 1816, in the 73rd year of his age.”

ALEXANDER BLAIR (1768 – September 16, 1804)  
and  
JAMES BLAIR (August, 1801 – September, 1802)  
“Sacred to the Memory of Alexander Blair, who was a Native of Scotland and in early life became a Citizen of the United States. In Public and Private he discharged his duty with honor to himself and satisfaction to others. As a friend he was sincere; as a husband and father, affectionate; as a master, indulgent. After a short illness, he on the 16th day of September, 1804, in the 36th year of his age, yielded up his soul to him who gave it, under the full hope of a happy resurrection.

“Reader: Thou also shall know a resurrection,  
May it be unto eternal life!

“Here also lie the remains of his son James, who at the age of 13 months, on the 3rd day of September 1802, exchanged his abode on earth for a habitation made with hands eternal in the Heavens. A Sorrowing widow and Afflicted Mother hath caused this monument to be erected to their Memories, under the Consoling Belief:  

“That, ‘Tho’ an Angel’s arm can’t snatch them from the grave,  
Legions of Angels can’t confine them there.”
Alexander Blair, a merchant of Augusta, married Eliza McKinne, daughter of Captain John McKinne and Elizabeth Pope McKinne, q.v., on February 21, 1799. Three of their children, James, Alexander, and Thomas Alexander died in infancy. James is buried beside his father, while Alexander and Thomas Alexander are buried nearby. Their mother, Eliza McKinne Blair, subsequently married James Gardner in 1809.

ALEXANDER BLAIR (Nov. 6, 1799 – Nov. 18, 1805) 4L

and

THOMAS ALEXANDER BLAIR (April, 1803 – Oct. 11, 1805)

“Sacred to the Memory of the Sons of the late Major Alexander Blair, by whose side they lie. Thomas Alexander Blair, died 11th October 1805, aged 2 years and 6 months. Alexander Blair, died the 18th November 1805, aged 6 years and 2 days. Reader:

“Behold the fate of these two lovely boys,
Place not thine heart on sublimary joys;
While peace, and love, and plenty round them smiled,
A mother’s tenderness their woes beguiled,
But cruel death, alas! hath laid them low,
Where all on earth must untimely go;
Removed to Heaven, they now no longer share
The changing scenery of a world of care.
This is inscribed by their unfortunate mother, Eliza Blair, 1807.”

COMMODORE OLIVER BOWEN (1741 – July 11, 1800) 23R

“This stone is placed by Fraternal Affection to the Memory of Commodore Oliver Bowen, a Native of the State of Rhode Island, where he sprang from an Honourable Stock. He departed this life 11 July 1800 A.D. in the 59th year of his age. A Patriot of 1775, he was first in this State who stepped forth in vindication of our rights. His life equally with his property were often risqued in the cause. His widow, his relations and his friends will ever regret the departure of the Benevolent and Honest Man.”

Oliver Bowen, a native of Rhode Island, moved to Savannah prior to the outbreak of the American Revolution, in which he played a prominent part. He served as a delegate to the Provincial Congress of Georgia (July,
1755), a member of the Council of Safety (December, 1755), Captain of the Second Company, First Battalion of the Georgia Continental Troops (January, 1766), and represented Effingham County as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention (1789). However, his greatest service to the state was rendered in 1755, when as commander of an armed schooner, he captured a British vessel laden with gun-powder off the port of Savannah. Part of the captured powder was sent northward to General George Washington's army, which was then besieging Boston. For his success in this engagement, Bowen earned the rank of commodore in the Georgia Navy, thereby becoming the first recipient of that title in the state. He married Mrs. Ann Dorsey, widow of the late Colonel Dorsey, on February 21, 1798, at which time he was serving as United States Marshal for the District of Georgia. Upon assuming the duties of this office, Bowen had purchased a town house and lot in Augusta, where he “died, on Friday last,” according to the Herald of July 16, 1800, “of a violent, billious and remittent fever.”

ROSE BOWIE (1787 – March 20, 1798) 15L

“Sacred to the memory of Miss Rose Bowie, daughter of Major John and Mrs. Rose Bowie of South Caroline, aged 11 years. She departed this vale of disappointment on the 20th day of March 1798, in the city of Augusta, where she was completing her education with more than moral energy. Universal benevolence to her fitter pupils who deplore her loss with sorrow.”

JOHN W. BUCKLE (1778- July 20, 1809) 18L

“In memory of John W. Buckle, who departed this life July 20th, 1809. Aged 31 years.”

DAVID BULL (1786 – October 23, 1809) 16L

“In memory of David Bull, Native of Hartford, Connecticut and for several years a respected merchant of this place. He died 2 October 1809 in the 16th year of his age.”
EDWARD FENWICK CAMPBELL (1786 – Sept. 27, 1861)  

and  

MARIA CAMPBELL  

“The resting place of Edward Fenwick Campbell and his wife Maria Campbell. Tablets within the church tell the story of their Christian walk and conversation ‘till they fell asleep in Jesus. Dominus Resurrexit.”

The memorial tablet to Edward Fenwick Campbell, which was located inside the church building, was destroyed in the great fire of 1916. It is known that a portion, at least, of the inscription, read as follows:

“This tablet is erected by the Vestry in grateful memory of Edward Fenwick Campbell, one of the builders of this Church, Senior Warden of the parish. Died 27th September 1861 at the age of 75 years.”

Edward Fenwick Campbell was the son of Macarton Campbell of Augusta and his wife, Sarah Fenwick Campbell of Charleston and of Fenwick Hall, on John’s Island, South Carolina. The elder Campbell, a prominent merchant and landowner of Saint Paul’s Parish, was a leading member of its congregation during the colonial and revolutionary eras. When Fort Cornwallis was hastily constructed upon the church yard and burying ground in 1780, he generously offered a house to the congregation for their temporary place of worship. His son, Edward, was admitted to the bar in the Eastern Judicial Circuit of the Superior Court (1810), was an incorporator of the Protestant Episcopal Society of Augusta (1816), and of the Augusta Savings Bank (1827). His wife, Maria Hull Campbell, was the daughter of Brigadier General William Hull who surrendered his troops to the British in Canada in August, 1812. As a tribute to his for his services to the church, the Vestry accorded Mr. and Mrs. Campbell the privilege of burial in Saint Paul’s cemetery after it was officially closed by an act of the Georgia Legislature.

JAMES CAMPBELL (1765 – September 14, 1802)  

“In memory of James Campbell, Merchant of Augusta, died September 14th, 1802, in the 37th year of his age. He was a Native of Randalstown, County Antrim, Ireland.”
JAMES CLARKE (June, 1776 – December 21, 1797)

“In memory of James Clarke, who departed this life the 21st December 1797. He was born in Killead Kingdomel, Ireland. Aged 21 years and 6 months.”

SOPHIE GREENE CLARKE ( - January 8, 1870)

“Mrs. Sophie Greene Clarke entered into rest January 8th, 1870. But the souls of the Righteous are in the Lord of God.”

Sophie Creighton Greene Clarke of New Haven, Connecticut, was the wife of the Reverend William H. Clarke, q.v.

WILLIAM H. CLARKE

(January 22, 1820 – August 10, 1877)

“Reverend William H. Clarke, born January 22nd, 1820, and died August 10th, 1877. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.”

William H. Clarke served as Rector of Saint Paul’s Church from the beginning of the Civil War until his death in 1877. The son of the Reverend Peter G. Clarke, Chaplain in the Navy. Mr. Clarke was born in Cheshire, Connecticut, where he lived until he entered Yale University in New Haven. After his graduation in 1841, he became a candidate for the Holy Orders and entered into a regular course of study in the General Theological Seminary in New York. In 1845 Mr. Clarke was ordained a deacon, in which capacity he served for several years as chaplain of the Patapsco Female Institute in Ellicot’s Mills, Maryland. He married Sophie Creighton Greene, q.v., of New Haven in 1850, and several years thereafter they removed to Georgia where he took charge of Saint Peter’s Church in Rome. In the early 1860’s, the Rev. Mr. Clarke accepted the assistant rectorship of Saint Paul’s Church in Augusta under the Reverend Edward Eugene Ford, q.v. He succeeded Mr. Ford as rector in 1862, and remained there until he died in the performance of his duty at a parishioner’s bedside in 1877.

BRIDGET COOPER (1743 – January 15, 1813)

“Sacred to the memory of Bridget Cooper, who departed this life the 15th January 1813. Aged 70 years.”

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LEWIS COOPER (1785 – September 26, 1817) 6R

“In veneration of his Character and as a Tribute of Respect to his Memory, this stone is erected by his disconsolate Widow and admiring Children to mark the spot where the remains of Lewis Cooper ... a native of Newark, New Jersey, who departed this life September 28th, 1817.”

In the announcement of his death in The Augusta Chronicle on October 4, 1817, Lewis Cooper is described as an “ingenious mechanic and builder of bridges across the river.” He and Henry Schultz bought the rights to the ferry across the Savannah River from Walter Leigh and Edward Rowell for $8,500.00 with the promise to build a bridge within eighteen months “... at the least twenty-four feet in width and to be made of the best material for durability... so that a loaded wagon may and does in safety and with convenience cross the river over the bridge...”

JOHN BAPTISTE FRANCIS COQUILLON 7R

(December 16, 1781 – January 16, 1818)

“I.H.S. Sacred to the memory of John Baptiste Francis, son of F.B. and Jane Coquillon, born on 16th December 1784, died January, 1818. Oh God of Mercy Save His Soul.”

JOSEPH GEORGE CORMICK (1780 – August 19, 1806) 4R

“This Tomb encloses the Mortal Remains of Joseph G. Cormick. He was a Native of Ireland and in Common with the majority of his Countrymen, felt the varied wrongs which afflict that devoted Land. In an attempt prompted by Patriotism, guided by Honour, and supported by Courage, failing to redress these wrongs, he turned from the enslaved shores of Europe to America, the only Asylum of Liberty. He died on the 19th of August, 1806.

Of firmest soul opposed to guilty power,
Of gentlest manners in the social hour,
Was all his useful worth too weak to save,
The valiant Cormick from an early grave,
In vain it proved to guard that heart sincere,
By honor hallowed and to freedom dear,
Else this cold marble might not now disclose,
Virtue’s short span and Friendship’s lasting woes.”
A native of Dublin, Joseph George Cormick entered into the mercantile business in Augusta. He served as captain and commanding officer of an early military unit known as the Irish Volunteers. Throughout most of his residence in Augusta Mr. Cormick suffered from ill health, and upon his death at an early age, he left the bulk of his estate to friends who had cared for him during his lengthy sicknesses. He was survived by one brother, John Cormick, also of Augusta.

NICHOLAS DANFORTH (Oct. 24, 1803 – Nov. 6 1805) 26R
“In memory of Nicholas Danforth, son of Jacob and Mary Danforth, who died the 6th of November 1805. Aged 2 years and 13 days.”
Nicholas Danforth was the infant son of Jacob and Mary Johnson Danforth, both of whom are buried in Magnolia Cemetery. The elder Danforth was a merchant and operator of a cotton gin in the town of Augusta.

RACHEL DANFORTH (1794 – 1816) No Marker

ANDERSON DANFORTH
“In memory of Rachel Danforth, wife of James R. Danforth, who departed this life... 1816 ... in the 22nd year of ... Also Anderson Danforth...”
Rachel Vanzant married James R. Danforth on March 18, 1815. Their infant son, Anderson Danforth, is buried beside his mother.

DANIEL DILL (1728 – August 15, 1816) No Marker
“In memory of Daniel Dill, who died August 15th, 1816, in the 88th year of his age.”

WILLIAM FEW (June 18, 1748 – July 16, 1828) 28L
Born in Baltimore, Maryland, William Few removed to Hillsborough, North Carolina with his parents, William Few, senior, and Mary Wheeler Few in 1758. The elder Few emigrated to the Quaker settlement near Wrightsboro in Saint Paul’s Parish, Georgia, in 1773, while young William remained in
North Carolina to settle the estate. Three years later, in 1776, Few himself moved to Georgia where he immediately entered into the affairs of the state. He served as a representative in the General Assembly (1777, 1779, 1783, 1793), a delegate in the Continental Congress (1780-1788), a signer of the United States Constitution (1787), and a member of the Georgia Convention to Ratify the Constitution (1788). In addition, Mr. Few was one of the first two United States Senators from Georgia (1789-1793) and served at various times as a member of the Executive council, Surveyor General, Indian Commissioner, Federal Court Circuit Judge, and Trustee of the University of Georgia. During the Revolution, Few became a lieutenant colonel in the Georgia Militia, in which capacity he served the state well. In 1799 he left Georgia for New York, where he again became an influential participant in the political affairs of that state, and a prominent citizen of New York City as well. Colonel Few died in Beacon, New York, and was buried at the Reformed Church of Beacon. He was survived by his wife, Catherine Nicholson Few, and three daughters. His contributions to the State of Georgia were such that his remains were permitted to be reinterred in Saint Paul’s cemetery on October 19, 1973, many years after the official closing of the graveyard for burial by an act of the state legislature.

EDWARD EUGENE FORD

(November 18, 1795 – December 24, 1862)

The Reverend Edward Eugene Ford, D.D., served as Rector of this parish from 1832 until the date of his death. Born in Morristown, New Jersey, he studied law under the tutelage of his father, the Honorable Gabriel H. Ford. Upon admission to the bar, he moved to Edgefield, South Carolina, where he practiced law successfully for several years. Determining, however, to give up law for the ministry, he was ordained in 1832 to the diaconate by Bishop Cross of New Jersey and to the priesthood by Bishop Bowen of South Carolina. In the same year he accepted a call to Saint Paul’s Church, which he served faithfully as Rector for thirty years. On April 19, 1833, he married Theodosia Bartow, daughter of Dr. Theodosius Bartow of Savannah. Upon his death on Christmas Eve, 1862, his remains were entombed under the chancel. As the result of the enlargement of the church in 1888 and its subsequent rebuilding after the fire of 1916, the location if the tomb is now beneath the
nave. It is marked by a brass cross in the floor near the head of the middle aisle.

ROBERT FORSYTH (1754 – January 11, 1794)

"Sacred to the memory of Robert Forsyth, the Federal Marshal of Georgia, who in the discharge of the duties of his office fell a victim to his respect for the laws of his Country and his resolution in support of them, on the 11th of January, 1794 in the 40th year of his age. His virtues as an Officer of Rank and unusual confidence in the war which gave Independence to the United States and in all the tender and endearing relations of social life, have left impressions on his Country and his Friends, more durably engraved than this monument."

A native of Virginia, Robert Forsyth served three years as Captain in Light Horse Harry Lee’s Battalion of Light Dragoons during the American Revolution, and was an original member of the Society of the Cincinnati. He moved from Fredericksberg, Virginia to Charleston in 1784 and then to Augusta in 1785 after having received land grants from the state of Georgia for his services during the Revolution. In 1786 he was named as a member of the Board of Commissioners for Augusta, a body which subsequently became known as the Trustees of the Academy of Richmond County. In 1789, Mr. Forsyth was appointed United States Marshal for the District of Georgia, and on January 11, 1794, he was killed in the performance of his duty. He married Fanny Johnston of Fredericksberg, Virginia, who was an aunt of General Joseph E. Johnston of the Confederate Army. Their son, John Forsyth, also a resident of Augusta, is well known for his services as Governor of Georgia, Minister to Spain, and Secretary of State under Presidents Jackson and Van Buren.

MARY FULLERTON (July, 1801 – October 27, 1801)

Mary Fullerton was the infant daughter of Hugh and Rebecca Fullerton, q.v.

REBECCA FULLERTON (1781 – May 9, 1810)

"In memory of Rebecca Fullerton, the wife of Hugh Fullerton, who died May 9th, 1810, in the 29th year of her age."

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SARAH GARDNER (1772 – July 22, 1801) 28R

“In memory of Mrs. Sarah Gardner, wife of James Gardner of Augusta, who departed this life on the 22nd of July, 1801, in the 29th year of her age.”

Sarah Hodgkis was married on September 5, 1793, to James Gardner (1767-1847), a merchant of Augusta who had emigrated from Glasgow, Scotland to Charleston 1785 and then moved to Augusta in 1788. He served as an alderman of the city of Augusta and as a Trustee of the Academy of Richmond County. Mr. Gardner’s second wife was Eliza McKinne Blair, q.v.

AMBROSE GORDON (June 28, 1751 – June 28, 1804) 12R

“Sacred to the memory of Colonel Ambrose Gordon, who in the various relations of life discharged his duties with fidelity and diligence. He was born in the State of New Jersey on the 28th June, 1751 and departed this life in the State of Georgia on the 28th June, 1804. Aged 53 years.”

Ambrose Gordon, son of Jonathan and Margaret Gordon of Matchaponix, New Jersey, married Elizabeth Mead, daughter of William Mead and Ann Haille Mead in Bedford County, Virginia Militia, until the close of the Revolutionary War, when he moved to Georgia. The owner of large tracts of land on Butler’s Creek, he was a Justice of Peace in Richmond County, Major of the Richmond County Regiment, Georgia Militia (1791-1793), Lieutenant Colonel commanding the same regiment (1793-1797), and United States Marshal of the District of Georgia. His son, William Washington Gordon, for whom Gordon County is named, was the first president of the Central of Georgia Railroad.

JULIA GORDON (Sept. 14, 1802 – Sept. 14, 1805) 11R

“In memory of Julia Gordon, daughter of Ambrose and Elizabeth Gordon, who departed this life on the 14th of September 1805. Aged that day 3 years.”
ANN HOWARD (1789 – Jan. 5, 1807)

“Sacred to the memory of Ann Howard, daughter of Rhesa and Hannah Howard, who departed this life the 5th of June 1807 in the 18th year of her age.”

The decedent’s mother, Hannah Few Howard, was the sister of Colonel William Few, q.v. Her Father, Rhesa Howard, was a merchant of Augusta who served as a Justice of the Peace at various times in Richmond and Columbia Counties. At the time of his death in 1812, he was described in the Mirror of the Times as a member of the mercantile firm of Howard, Phelps, and Company of New York.

THADDEUS PHELPS HOWARD (August 13, 1814 – December 23, 1817)

“Sacred to the memory of Thaddeus Howard, infant son of John and Louisa Howard, who departed this life the 23rd day of December 1817. Aged 3 years, 4 months, and 10 days. Of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

Thaddeus Phelps Howard was the infant son of John Howard, a merchant, and Louisa Stoner Howard, who married on April 4, 1806.

No Marker

ADAM HUTCHESON (Feb 2, 1811 – March 7, 1815)

JOHN HUTCHESON (Oct. 20, 1815 – June 20, 1816)

ALEXANDER HUTCHESON (Aug. 7, 1809 – April 2, 1810)

“Near this Monument wrapped in the arms of death are the remains of the departed children of Adam and Elizabeth Hutcheson: Alexander, born 7th August, 1809; died 2nd April, 1810. Adam, born 2nd February, 1811; died 7th March, 1815. John, born 20th October, 1815.”

ELIZABETH ISAACS (1764 – April 9, 1809)

and

CHARLOTTE ISSACS (1794 – September 2, 1809)

“This stone marks the grave of Mrs. Elizabeth Issacs, wife of Ralph Issacs, Esquire. Ob’t. April 9th, 1809. Aetat 45 years. It also marks the grave of Charlotte W. Issacs, youngest Daughter of Ralph and Elizabeth Issacs. Ob’t. September 2nd, 1809. Aetat 15 years.
“The soul of Origin Divine,
God’s glorious image freed from clay,
Heaven’s eternal sphere shall shine,
A Star of Day.”

KITTY JACK (1755 – July 15, 1792)
“In memory of Mrs. Kitty Jack, the wife of Colonel Samuel Jack, who departed this life in the 37th year of her age on 15th of July, 1792.
“My Life is Spent, my Glass is run,
My Soul to a new state is gone,
But once I was as you now be,
Prepare with speed to follow me.”
Samuel Jack, son of Patrick Jack and Lillis McAdoo Jack of Pennsylvania, was living in Augusta as early as 1776, when he was named a Justice of the Peace under the revolutionary state of government. During the war he served under Lieutenant Colonel Elijah Clarke as an officer in the Georgia Militia. Upon the end of hostilities in the area, he again served as a Justice of the Peace of Richmond County, and as one of the original members of the Board of Commissioners for Augusta, which later became known as the Trustees of the Academy of Richmond County. He removed from the county in 1801.

MRS. ANNE JACKSON (June 25, 1765 – March 2, 1793)
and
JAMES LAUDER JACKSON (April 13, 1791 – Oct. 13, 1791)
“... Also their son James Lauder Jackson, who was born 13th April and died 13th October 1791. Age 6 months. Reader:
“Whoe’er thou art, whom choice hath led,
To trace these sad Memorials of the Dead,
Learn, since life’s airy vision soon is o’er,
To wait the Great Teacher Death and God adore.”
Since the top of the tombstone has been missing since the time of the 1916 fire, the identity of Mrs. Anne Jackson’s husband remains anonymous.
MRS. CORALLY JONES (1790 – Nov. 6, 1812)

“To the memory of Mrs. Corally Jones, Consort of Captain William Jones of the United States Army, who departed this life the 6th day of November in the Year of Our Lord 1812, in the 22nd year of her age.”

Mrs. Corally Jones was the daughter of Louis Forman Boisclair and Marie Rose Cambry Boisclair, natives of Nantes, France.

No Marker

JOSIAH STURGIS JONES (April 18, ? – Jan. 30, ?)

“To the memory of Josiah Sturgis, son of Seaborn and Eliza Jones, who was born the 18th April and died the 30th January. Aged 2 years and 9 months.”

ROBERT WALKER JONES (June 11, 1810 – July 22, 1813)

“To the memory of Josiah Sturgis, son of Seaborn and Eliza Jones, who was born the 11th June, 1810 and died the 22nd July, 1813. Aged 3 years, 1 month, 11 days.”

SEABORN JONES (Jan. 15, 1759 – July 24, 1815)


“Eminent as a jurist; a Christian without Guile; a man without reproach. A monument of filial respect and gratitude to the Memory of a beloved and Venerated Father.”

Seaborn Jones, son of Abraham Jones and Martha Jones Jones of Prince George County, Virginia, is best remembered as the leading practitioner of law on the Easter Judicial Circuit of Georgia, which at that time included Richmond and Screven Counties. Having received his training as a clerk in the law offices of both William Stephens and George Walton in Savannah during the colonial period, Mr. Jones established his own practice in Augusta at the close of the revolution. After the Constitution was ratified under Edward Telfair in 1789, he was appointed first Speaker of the House of Assembly. In addition, he served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Augusta in 1790 and as intendant (mayor) in 1813. His law practice was
evidently quite successful, for he was able to secure large tracts of land in Richmond, Columbia, and Screven Counties. During the latter part of his life, he spent much time at his Screven county plantations, Millhaven and Beaverdam. Mr. Jones was married first to Sarah Harwood Wilkinson, and then to Elizabeth Harris.

ELIZA JOYNER (1794 – Oct. 10, 1813) 22R

“Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Eliza Joyner, wife of William H. Joyner and only daughter of Dr. James Hartley of South Carolina, who departed this life on the 10th day of October 1813. Aged 19 years and 6 months. Also their infant son.”

FRANCIS LAUDER (1770 – Dec. 26, 1787) 24R

and

DR. JAMES LAUDER (1760 – December 28, 1789)

“To the memory of Dr. James Lauder and Francis his brother, who died suddenly at Augusta. James on the 28th of December 1789, in the 29th year of his age and Francis on the 26th of December 1787, in the 19th year of his age. Their disconsolate mother hath erected this Monument.

“They lately smiled in youth’s gay bloom,

Their aged parent’s trust;

But now, alas their silent tomb,

Contains their sleeping dust.

Then pause and view life’s changing scenes,

How flattering prospects ope;

How sudden death oft intervenes,

And blast the fairest hope.

The young, the old, the good, the brave,

Where God is all in all.

Where time its endless circle runs,

Great source of hopes and fears;

There may the mother meet her sons,

And joy reward her tears.”

Dr. James Lauder was a practitioner of physic in the city of Augusta. Both he and his brother were property owners in Richmond County.
WILLIAM LONGSTREET (1760 – Sept. 1, 1814)

“Sacred to the memory of William Longstreet, who departed this life September 1st, 1814; aged 54 years, 10 months and 26 days.

“All the days of the afflicted are evil, but he that is of merry heart hath a continual feast.”

Born near Monmouth, New Jersey, William Longstreet married Hannah Fitz-Randolph (1765 – 1837) of the same place. At the close of the Revolution, in which he took an active part, he drifted southward to Georgia and settled in Augusta. An inventor of genius, he received a patent for a steam engine in 1788 from the State of Georgia. He is chiefly remembered for the invention of the steamboat, a project upon which he was hard at work as early as 1790. In this venture his energy did not lag, though his money sometimes did, and it was not until 1806 that he successfully operated a steamboat on the Savannah River, a full year prior to Robert Fulton’s experiment on the Hudson. He also built and operated two steam cotton gins, the first of their kind, in Augusta, and steam mills near St. Mary’s, Georgia. He served as President of the Augusta Association of Mechanics, and in 1798 as a commissioner of the city of Augusta. He was the father of Judge Augustus Baldwin Longstreet, author of Georgia Scenes and President of the University of Georgia. A grandson, Lieutenant General James Longstreet, was famous as Lee’s “Old War Horse” during the War Between the States.

RACHEL LONGSTREET (1788 – Jan. 12, 1790)

“In memory of Rachel, daughter of Hannah and William Longstreet, died January 12th, 1790. Aged 2 years and 4 months.”

MARY MacINTOSH (1780 – Nov. 10, 1806)

“Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Mary MacIntosh, wife of John MacIntosh; she died on the 10th of November, 1806, in the 26th year of her age.

“While o’er this tomb from heart engraven woe
The tears of sorrow unrestrained flow
While busy memory still delights to trace
The beaming beauties of her charming face
While all her virtues flashing on the mind

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Declare she was one possesses a soul refined
Refined by Meek Religious Holy Laws
Led by her guidance, ardent in her cause
‘Tis ours to follow that example bright
Which led her soul to Realms of endless light.”

Mary McKinne MacIntosh was the daughter of John McKinne and
Elizabeth Pope McKinne, q.v., and the sister of Felix MxKinne, q.v. Her
husband, John MacIntosh, was a merchant of Augusta.

ROBERICK WILLIAM MacKENZIE
(April 9, 1815 – October 1, 1817)
“Sacred to the memory of Roderick William, son of Alexander and
Mary Ann MacKenzie, born April 19th, 1815, died October 1st, 1817.”

CATHERINE DELACAVE MARSHAND
(March 13, 1746 – October 20, 1813)
Natu Martii 1746. Obiit 20th October 1813. Requiescat in Peace.”

GENERAL GEORGE MATTHEWS (1739 – Aug. 30, 1812)
“In memory of General George Matthews, who died the 30th of
August 1812, in the 73rd year of his age.”

George Matthews, son of Irish immigrants, was born in Augusta
County, Virginia. His military talents first came to light at the Battle of Point
Pleasant on the Kanawha River, October 10, 1774, when he put an end to
Indian raids in that area. As colonel of the Ninth Virginia Regiment, he served
under George Washington at Brandywine and Germantown. Captured by the
British, he was exchanged in time to take part in Nathaniel Greene’s southern
campaigns as commander of the Third Virginia Regiment. While in Georgia,
Matthews became intrigued with the state, and at the war’s end he settled at
Goode Pond on the Broad River, in present Oglethorpe County. No less than
a year later, in 1786, he was elected Governor of Georgia, to which office he
was again elected in 1795 and 1796. Upon the ratification of the Constitution,
he served as Georgia’s first representative in the Congress. Known as an
extremely forceful person, he went to Washington on more than one occasion to verbally chastise the President of the United States. In 1811 he was reprimanded by President Madison for having exceeded his authority as agent of the United States to negotiate with the Spanish Governor of Florida. The furious Matthews, on his way once again to Washington to berate the President, was seized while stopping off at Augusta with “apoplexy brought on by extreme rage”, and died within a few days. He was buried with full military honors, his funeral procession consisting of dismounted cavalry, the Independent Blues, and armed Rangers.

DUCAN MATURES (1780 – Sept. 30, 1812)

“Sacred to the memory of Duncan Matheson, a Native of Ross Shire, Scotland, who departed this life 30th September 1812. Aged 32 years.”

Duncan Matheson was a merchant of Augusta with the firm of Harper and Matheson.

MRS. ELIZABETH MCKINNE (1747 – Sept. 15, 1807)

“This monument is sacred to the memory of Mrs. Elizabeth McKinne, who after spending a long life in the performance of those Christian Duties which are the greatest ornaments of the human character and evinced by her conduct the firmest faith in her Saviour, fell asleep in Jesus, on Friday the 15th day of September, 1809, in the 61st year of her age, leaving a bereaved and afflicted family to mourn and an extensive circle of friends to lament the loss of one, who as a Mother, exhibited such affectionate tenderness and watchful solicitude; as a Neighbor, such uniform benevolence and unbounded charity; as a Christian, such cheerful piety and humble resignation, as will long render her examples impressive and endear her memory to those who knew her in those respective relations.”

Born Elizabeth Pope, Mrs. McKinne was the daughter of William Pope and the sister of Samuel and William Pope, both revolutionary patriots in North Carolina. She married John McKinne in 1770. He was Captain of the Committee of Safety in Tryon County, North Carolina in 1775. In 1788, the McKinnes moved from New Bern, North Carolina to Augusta, where he engaged in the construction and development of a toll bridge across the Savannah River. He died in 1793.

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FELIX McKINNE (1806 – Dec. 30, 1845) 5L

“To the Memory of Mr. Felix McKinne, who departed this life at Savannah, the 30th day of December, 1845, in the 39th year of his age, from whence his remains were removed and her deposited. Reader, if an unblemished reputation, a heart formed for benevolence and love, a soul glowing with every sentiment which can enable human nature could command thy esteem, respect this stone, let the dust it covers be sacred, it was once animated by as pure a spirit as dwelt within, the breast of man.”

Felix McKinne was the son of John McKinne and Elizabeth Pope McKinne, q.v., and the brother of Eliza McKinne Gardner and Mary McKinne MacIntosh, q.v.

SARAH FOULK McKinNEY (1783 – Oct. 10, 1809) 21L

“In memory of Sarah Foulk McKinney, wife of David McKinney, who departed this life October 10th, 1809. Aged 26 years and 3 months.”

Sarah Foulk McKinney’s husband, David McKinney, a saddler and harness maker, was engaged in business with C. Samuel Wigfall under the partnership name of Wigfall and McKinney. He rented pews in both the Presbyterian and the Baptist churches.

GEORGIANN McKinney (- Sept. 26, 1809) 20L

“In memory of Georgiann McKinney, daughter of David and Sarah McKinney, who departed this life September 26th, 1809…”

WILLIAM WIGFALL McKinney 19L

(October 2, 1809 – November 10, 1809)

“In memory of William Wigfall McKinney, son of David and Sarah McKinney, who departed this life November 10th, 1809. Aged 1 month and 8 days.”

REVEREND WASHINGTON McKnight 19R

(1779 – September 5, 1805)

“In memory of the Reverend Washington McKnight, who departed this life on the 5th September 1805. Aged 26 years. By an affectionate Father.”

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Washington McKnight served as first minister of the Presbyterian Church in Augusta (the predecessor of the Frist Presbyterian Church), which he founded and organized in 1804 with a congregation of thirteen members. "In the course of Providence, Mr. McKnight was removed by death in September, 1805, after having been the honored instrument of planting this church, and after having set before his little flock an example of humble and uniform piety, which caused his memory to remain long after his departure to his rest, precious in the hearts of a surviving people."

ALEXANDER McLAWS

"His daughter hath placed this stone over the body of Alexander McLaws..."

A native of Scotland, Alexander McLaws was shipwrecked with his family near Darien, Georgia while on a voyage to Santo Domingo. He remained in Georgia rather than hazard another such experience, and in 1783 he chose to reside in Augusta because of its distance from the sea. He became a large landowner in Richmond County. A daughter, Flora, married Robert Raymond Reid, prominent Augusta Attorney, who served successively as Superior Court Judge, Member of Congress, Mayor of Augusta, and Territorial Governor of Florida. A grandson, James LaFayette McLaws, became a Major General in the Confederate States Army.

SAMUEL WILLIAM MILLER (1791 – Sept. 18, 1817)

"Sacred to the memory of Samuel William Miller, who was born in Newport, Rhode Island, December 21st, 1791 but resided in Charleston until within a few years of his death, when he removed to Augusta in Georgia, where he closed this life the 18th day of September 1817, aged 25 years 8 months and 28 days. He lived beloved and died respected."

ROBERT MITCHELL (1776 – March 22, 1808)

"Erected to the memory of Robert Mitchell of Queens County in New York, who died March 22nd, 1808, in the 32nd year of his age. He left his home in search of health but sunk under his disease in Augusta, Georgia."
THOMAS P. MOFFETT (1796 – May 22, 1818) No Marker

"Sacred to the memory of Thomas P. Moffett, who departed this life May 22, 1818. Aged 22 years.

"He lies his head upon the lap of earth;
A Youth to fortune and to fame unknown;
His noble virtues spoke the man of worth;
But dire misfortune mark him for her own.
No further seek his merits to disclose;
Or draw his frailties from their dread abode;
There they alike and trembling hope repose;
The bosom of His father in His God."

An attorney-at-law of Milledgeville, Georgia, Thomas Moffett was reported by the Georgia Gazette of April 23, 1818 as having been killed in a duel near Augusta with one Woolbridge of South Carolina.

ELIZABETH MOORE (1768 – October 12, 1808) 2R

Elizabeth Young, daughter of David Young, q.v., married John Moore on January 1, 1801. The epitaphs of Mrs. Moore and her infant daughter, Dinah Shepherd Moore, appear on the monument to her father, David Young.

DINAH SHEPHERD MOORE (1802 – Nov. 26, 1802) 2R

Dinah Shepherd Moore was the daughter of John Moore and Elizabeth Young Moore, q. v.

KEZIAH LOUISA MOORE (April 9, 1789 – March 1, 1818) 14R

"Sacred to the memory of Keziah Louisa, consort of Augustus Moore, who was born of the 9th of April, A. D. 1789 and died the 1st of March, A.D. 1818. A faithful servant of the living God. A Sincere Disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. Regenerated by the Holy Spirit of the Most High. Leaving to her connections and friends the consolatory belief that she is now united to the innumerable company of Angels and their general assembly and church of the first born, whose names are written in Heaven. An Angel's arm couldn't snatch her from the grave. Legions of Angels can't confine her there."

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Keziah Louisa Miller, daughter of George Miller of Virginia and Keziah Cargill Miller, married Augustus Moore on February 18, 1805. Mr. Moore was an incorporator of the Augusta Savings Bank in 1827 and an elder of the First Presbyterian Church under the Rev. Thompson. Mrs. Moore’s grandfather, Nealy Cargill, was a Tory captain during the Revolutionary War. Her brother, Captain John Miller of Beech Island, South Carolina, was a soldier in the war of 1812.

No Marker

PATRICK MOORE (Nov. 25, 1751 – Aug. 23, 1803)
“Sacred to the memory of Patrick Moore, a native of Ireland, born in the parish of Bangor and County of Down, on the 25th of November 1751 and died in this City on the 23rd of August, 1803. Aged 52 years.
Also Thomas Moore, Nephew of Patrick Moore.
Also Eleanor Moore, daughter of Thomas and Fanny Moore.
Also William Moore, Nephew of Patrick Moore, born September 22, 1778, died August 28, 1803. Aged 25 years.”

ANN MURRAY (1757 – Dec. 21, 1806)

“Sacred to the memory of Ann, wife of Dr. John Murray, who departed this life the 21st December 1806, in the 49th year of her age. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours.”

Ann Murray and her husband, Dr. John Murray, were two of the original thirteen members of the First Presbyterian Church at the death of the Rev. Washington McKnight in 1805. When the Trustees of the Academy of Richmond County declined to renew a lease of Saint Paul’s Church to the Presbyterians in 1809, they decided to build a new church and Dr. Murray was elected to serve on the building committee. On 4 July 1809, he laid the foundation stone of the new building.

MARY NESBITT (1777 – December 8, 1802) and
JAMES W. NESBITT (Nov. 27, 1802 - Jan. 7, 1803)

“In memory of Mary, the wife of Hugh Nesbitt, who departed this life the eighth day of December A.D. 1802, in the 25th year of her age. Also
James Wilson Nesbitt, their son, who died on the 7th day of January A.D. 1803, aged 7 weeks and 2 days.

Mary Nesbitt was the wife of Hugh Nesbitt, a prominent citizen of Augusta at the turn of the century. He was a stockholder in, and later a director of the Bank of Augusta, and he also owned a large amount of stock in the State Bank of Georgia. Their son, James Wilson Nesbitt, is buried by his mother’s side.

JAMES NEWTON (May 24, 1807 – June 6, 1807) 23L
“In memory of James Newton, son of Amos and Harriet Newton, who departed this life the 6th of June, 1807. Aged 13 days.”

James Newton was the infant son of Harriett Bond Newton, milliner, and Amos Newton, shoemaker of Augusta and stockholder in both the Augusta Bank and the State Bank of Georgia.

MARGARET PHINIZY (1760 – August 22, 1815) 25L
“Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Margaret Phinizy, who having adorned the doctrine of God her Saviour by a life of exemplary piety and usefulness, was called to the enjoyment of the blessed above on the 22nd day of August, 1815. Aged 55 years.

“The dust which here in silence lies,
    Shall at the Archangel’s trump arise
And form’d anew by power divine
    It shall in endless glory shine.”

Of Irish descent, Margaret Condon of Cranberry, Rhode Island, was the wife of Major Ferdinand Phinizy, q.v., an immigrant of the late 18th century from Parma, Italy. The details of their marriage are pure speculation, but it is possible that they met as a result of his having been sent to this country in 1777 with a French army to fight the royal forces. Mrs. Phinizy has been described as a frail, quiet and retiring person, and until her death in 1815, she lived the life of a dutiful wife and a devoted mother to her five children. Her husband was so prosperous in Georgia that her sons were able to have a good education and her daughters to marry well. Her epitaph itself is proof that she was an asset to her husband in all his endeavors.

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FERDINAND PHINIZY (1760- Oct. 19, 1818)

The origins of Major Ferdinand Phinizy are to a great extent mere conjecture, but it is generally believed that he was born in 1760 in Parma, Italy, was orphaned during his early childhood, and was sent to live with his aunt in France. While there, he enlisted in one of LaFayette’s regiments which came to America to fight against the British troops. He married Margaret Condon, q.v., a native of Rhode Island, and they settled and Wilkes County, Georgia in 1787, on the banks of the Long Creek, where they engaged themselves in the business of buying and selling land. From the beginning Phinizy was a prosperous man, for no later than three years after his arrival in Georgia he had accumulated enough capital from his land transactions to build a store at Lexington, Georgia. Phinizy’s success in the retail business enabled him to open another store in the early 1790’s in Augusta, where he conducted a general merchandising business. The first public notice of his arrival in Augusta appeared in the Augusta Chronicle in August, 1790, in which it was recorded that he had been cited by the grand jury for “selling spirituous liquor without a license.” By 1791 his several business ventures had thrived enough to enable him to donate a large sum of money from his personal funds to equip a company of calvary to protect the area against the Indians. It was for this generous act that he acquired the title of Captain and later Major, and not for his services in the French army during the Revolution.

In 1793, Oglethorpe County was formed from a part of Wilkes County, and it was in this new county near Bowling Green that the Phinizy home, called China Grove and, was situated. Major Phinizy died of a stroke and was buried at his home at China Grove, but in 1843 he was reinterred in Saint Paul’s cemetery by his wife’s side.

FRANCES ANN DEXEREUX POLK
Crypt Until 1947
(March 22, 1807 – April 17, 1875)

“Frances Ann Devereux, wife of Leonidas Polk, born March 22nd, 1807; died April 17th, 1875. He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light and thy just dealing as the noon day.”

Frances Ann Devereux, of Raleigh, North Carolina, wife of Bishop Leonidas Polk, q.v., was the daughter of John and Frances Pollock Devereux.
Having been a British midshipman during the revolutionary era, John Devereux sailed to America at the war’s end but was shipwrecked off the coast of North Carolina, in which state he settled permanently and became a large planter. Frances Ann Devereux Polk was buried by her husband’s side in the crypt of Saint Paul’s Church.

Crypt Until 1947

LEONIDAS POLK (April 10, 1806 – June 14, 1864)

“Leonidas Polk. First Bishop of Louisiana, born April 10th, 1806; died June 14th, 1864. He tried to do his duty.”

Of Scottish and Irish descent, Leonidas Polk was the son of Colonel William Polk and Sarah Hawkins Polk of Raleigh, North Carolina. In 1821 he entered the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, which his father had been instrumental in founding, but left it in 1823 upon accepting an appointment to West Point. Here he did admirable work and occasionally even engaged in the frivolities of youth. However, his entire course of life was changed when, in his final year study, he became influenced by the new chaplain, Dr. Charles P. McIlvaine, later the Bishop of Ohio. Guided by McIlvaine, Polk resigned his army commission six months after his graduation from West Point in June 1827, and entered the Virginia Theological Seminary. On April 9, 1830, he was ordained a deacon, and a month later, on May 6, 1830, he married a childhood acquaintance, Frances Ann Devereux, q.v., also of Raleigh. In May 1831, Polk was advanced to the priesthood and served as assistant rector of Monumental Church in Richmond, Virginia, until poor health forced him to resign. In 1838, however, he again entered the ecclesiastical world when he was appointed Missionary Bishop of the Southwest, which included Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and a part of the Indian Territory. Two years later, Polk accepted an invitation to become the first bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana. It was during this period of his life the Bishop Polk saw the need for southern educational institution of high moral and intellectual culture, and on October 9, 1860, he laid the cornerstone of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. It is interesting to note that Polk believed that “the Episcopal Church alone was in position to give leadership in this great service to the South.”
Shortly thereafter, on June 25, 1861, his West Point classmate, Jefferson Davis, commissioned him as a major general in the Confederate States Army, and from then until his death he did not exercise his episcopal authority. He was killed by a shell explosion in 1864 while engaged in reconnoitering at Pine Mountain, near Marietta, Georgia, and his body taken to Augusta for burial in the crypt of Saint Paul’s Church. Of more lasting importance that his military career, however, was his upbuilding of the Episcopal Church in the Southwest, as is proven by a tablet erected to his memory by the officers of his staff in the interior of Saint Paul’s, to the left of the altar:

“In the memory of the Right Reverend Leonidas Polk, D.D., Missionary Bishop of the Southwest, First Bishop of Louisiana, and Lieutenant General in the Army of the Confederate States. Born April 10, 1806. Fell at Pine Mountain, Georgia, June 14, 1864. Behold my witness is in Heaven and my record is on High.”

ALEXANDER STURGIS PONCE
(August 6, 1809 – July 22, 1813)

“Here lies the relics of an Angel in Heaven. In memory of Alexander Sturgis, second son of Dimas and Isabella Ponce, who was born August 6th, 1809 and died July 22nd, 1813.”

Alexander Sturgis Ponce was the son of Dimas and Isabella Eirick Ponce of Savannah, who married on June 14, 1806.

LOUISA SMITH (1800 – November 26, 1817) No Marker

“Sacred to the memory of Louisa, wife of William Smith and daughter of Claiborne and Elizabeth Walker of Abingdon, Virginia, who departed this life on the 26th of November, 1817, in the 17th year of her age.”

MARIAN ELIZABETH SMELT No Marker
(August 6, 1809 - July 22, 1813)

Marian Elizabeth Smelt was the only child of Dennis Smelt, practitioner of physic in Augusta, and Mary Smelt. Dr. Smelt was a substantial landowner in Saint Paul’s Parish, and was named as a Trustee of the Academy of Richmond County on December 28, 1805.
JAMES SPANN (  - December 21, 1793)     No Marker
James Spann was a grocer of Augusta

ISABELLA SPENCER (1771 – July 11, 1797)  7L
“Sacred to the memory of Isabella Spencer, spouse to Alexander
Spencer, who departed this life July 11th, 1797, aged 26 years.”
Isabella Spencer was married to Alexander Spencer, who was a
prominent merchant and landowner in Augusta.

DANIEL STARNES (1784 – February 4, 1814) No Marker
“In memory of Daniel Starnes, who died on the 4th of February 1814,
aged 30 years. This stone was caused to be bplaced here by his brother Samuel
Starnes.”

MARIA STARR (1789 – November 5, 1817)  5R
“In memory of Maria, wife of Samuel G. Starr, who died November
5th, 1817. Aged 28. She was a daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah White, of
Danbury, Connecticut.”

SAMUEL STIRK (       - July 14, 1793)     No Marker
A native of England, Samuel Stirk first attracted public notice as an
attorney in Savannah. His career as a revolutionary leader began in 1777 with
his selection as a member of the Executive Council of the State. As a
lieutenant Colonel of militia, he served in Governor Button Gwinnett’s ill-
fated expedition against the British Province of East Florida in the same year.
Thereafter, he served variously as Secretary of the Executive Council (1779-
1780), Delegate to the Continental Congress (1781), Attorney-General of
Georgia (1781-1786), President of the Savannah Board of Wardens (1788-
1789), an Alderman of the Town of Savannah (1790-1791), and Deputy
Grand Master of the York Rite Masons of Georgia. Upon his death near
Washington, Wilkes County, his remains were brought to Augusta, in
accordance with his last request, and interred in Saint Paul’s churchyard with
full Masonic rites.
WILLIAM THOMSON (1749 – March 19, 1794) 29R
Order of the Cincinnati

“Here lies the body of William Thomson, Esquire, who was an Officer in the Ninth Pennsylvania Regiment of the late American Army. From its formation in 1776 to its dissolution and amongst his American Brethren made an offering of his blood on the Altar of Liberty, he departed this life on the 19th day of March 1794. Aged 45 years. And as a testimony of her regret and in remembrance of him, his disconsolate widow hath caused this stone to be placed as a covering to his Bed of Rest.”

JOHN TILMAN (1785 – Sept. 7, 1813) No Marker
A native of Georgia, John Tilman resided in Savannah where he was a merchant and a member of the Savannah Blues.

RICHARD C. TUBMAN Crypt
Richard Tubman, of English stock but born in Charles County, Maryland, was an affluent citizen of Augusta who had engaged in the business of planting and exporting cotton, tobacco, and indigo. In 1818, he met and married Emily Harvie Thomas (March 21, 1794 – June 9, 1885) of Frankfort, Kentucky, who was visiting her mother’s cousin, Colonel Nicholas Ware, in Augusta. They decided to make their home in Augusta not only because of Mr. Tubman’s business interests, but also because of his participation in the affairs of the city. He was an active member of Saint Paul’s Church, serving both as vestryman and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Academy of Richmond County. Although she never chose to become a member herself, Mrs. Tubman went regularly to services at Saint Paul’s with her husband. On one of their annual trips to Frankfort to visit her family, Mr. Tubman died and was buried at Lincolnton, Wilkes County, North Carolina on July 11, 1836. However, in accordance with his request prior to his death, he was subsequently reinterred in the crypt of Saint Paul’s Church.

MARTHA WALLACE (1699 – October 23, 1789) 25R

“Here lies the body of Martha, the wife of William Wallace, who departed this life the 23rd day of October, 1789, in the 90th year of her age.
“Death I fear not, the grave has no terror for me, for I trusted in my Redeemer in his Promise was my support.”

GEORGE STEPTOE WASHINGTON

(1774 – January 10, 1809)

There was no tombstone to mark the grave George Steptoe Washington at the time of his death, but a marker was eventually placed there on October 5, 1956. However, an obituary in the Augusta Herald in January, 1809, read as follows:

“Buried in Saint Paul’s Churchyard, George Steptoe Washington, Esquire, of Virginia, and nephew of the late President, in the 37th year of his age. His remains were yesterday deposited in Saint Paul’s Churchyard. Captain of the Eighth Virginia Infantry, 1799. Honorably discharged June 10, 1800.”

George Steptoe Washington, the fourth child of Colonel Samuel and Anne Steptoe Washington and nephew of George Washington, was born at Harewood, the Washington plantation, in Berkeley County, Virginia. After having been educated in Virginia, he married Lucy Payne of Philadelphia, sister of Dolly Payne Todd Madison, in 1796. Captain Washington came to Augusta for the purpose of recovering from poor health, but he died ten days later, leaving a wife and three children in Virginia. Before his death, however, he had requested that he be buried by his dear friend, Colonel Ambrose Gordon, q.v.

WILLIAM HENRY WHITE

(January, 1802 – Augusta 30, 1802)

“Sacred to the memory of William Henry White, who departed this life the 30th day of August 1802. Aged 7 months and 10 days.”

BENJAMIN WHITEHEAD ( -April 2, 1894)

and

ABEL WRIGHT ( – December 25, 1887)

“Sextons of Saint Paul’s Church. Abel Wright died December 25th, 1887. Benjamin Whitehead died April 2, 1894. Well done, good, and Faithful servants.”

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The two sextons are the only black people buried in the cemetery. It is not certain which, but one of them went beyond the call of duty to ring the church bell when a freshet had overflowed the streets of the city. Saint Paul's was on a slight bluff and lifted above the freshet water. The old sexton hired a boat, was ferried over, and rang the bell for services. It was quite a surprise to those who heard it, but he, however, declared that is was “nothing but his duty”

During the early era when the church was owned by the Trustees of Richmond Academy, invitations to funerals were sent around by hand, and in electing the sexton the Board provided that the “Sexton should ring the church bell when service is to be performed in the church; he shall keep a register of all deaths and shall make an entry showing the age, sex and nativity of the deceased, and shall receive the following fees: digging the grave, attendance at the funeral, and carrying invitation tickets, $5.00; ditto, without invitation tickets, $3.00.”

JOHN WILSON (1739 – May 2, 1813) 8R

“In memory of John Wilson, Esquire, late of this City, who departed this life on the 2nd day of May, 1813, in the 74th year of his age. He was a native of Ireland and a resident of this country for upwards of 54 years. In worth hearts…”

John Wilson, son of Joseph Wilson of Ballygallon, Ireland, was a merchant of Augusta and a stockholder in Georgia’s oldest chartered bank, the Bank of Augusta.

DAVID YOUNG (1728 – September 5, 1801) 2R

This monument was erected by William Young and John Moore to perpetuate the memory of Mr. David Young, who departed this life September 5th, 1801. Aged 73 years. An affectionate husband, a tender parent. Also his granddaughter Dinah Shepherd Moore, daughter of John and Elizabeth Moore, who departed this life November 28th, 1802, aged 2 months. Also Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, the wife of Mr. John Moore, who departed this life October 12th, 1808. Aged 19 years, She was an affectionate wife, an attentive parent, and a faithful friend.”

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A native of Cumberland County, England, David Young was the father of Elizabeth Young Moore, q.v. and William Young, q.v.

WILLIAM YOUNG (1760 – February 11, 1818) 1R

“Sacred to the memory of Mr. William Young, a native of Cumberland County, England, who departed this life February 11th, 1818, in the 58th year of his age.”

William Young, son of David Young, q.v., and brother of Elizabeth Young Moore, q.v., was a stockholder of the Bank of Augusta and the State Bank of Georgia. He and his brother-in-law, John Moore, erected a tombstone in the memory of David Young, Elizabeth Moore, and Dinah Shepherd Moore. In Mr. Young’s will, he specifies that he be buried in Saint Paul’s Cemetery by his father’s side. His obituary revealed the fact that he had been blind for the past twenty two years.