Tombstone Inscriptions

PROVIDENCE METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY¹

Hugh Sherwood, 1770-1846. Rebecca Sherwood, 1772-1852.2 Edward Mulvany, 1903-1906 Albert Mulvany Indiana Pvt. 4 U.S. Art.—Nov. 6, 1921 Marion Cooper-Born Apr. 22, 1837-Died May 17, 1902 Andrew A. H. May-Born July 3, 1886-Died July 24, 1902-Aged 16 Eliza J. Cooper—Died July 20, 1850—Born Feb.-, 1802 Clyde H. Mattox-Born July 3, 1886-Died Sep. 26, 1888 Amela Mattox-Born Feb. 13, 1840-Died Apr. 5, 1870-Aged 20 Yrs. Thomas Hunt-Killed Dec. 21, 1906-Aged 23 Yrs. 5 Mo. Leonard H. May-Born Feb. 23, 1846-Died Apr. 5, 1845 James W. Buchanan [no dates] Wm. F. Mattox-Born Mch. 9, 1873-Died Mch.-, 1902 Matilda Mattox-Born Apr. 11, 1827-Died [date not inscribed] Valentine Mattox-Born Dec. 3, 1825-Died Feb. 5, 1902 Joseph Matton-Born May 7, 1859-Died Nov. 16, 1901 Missouri Mattox-Born July 18, 1854-Died July 12, 1927-Aged 73 Yrs. Corneleson [large stone] Cora M. 1878-1909 Ira W. 1896-1913 Francis L.—Son of Wm. & Muhulda Buchanon—Born Sep. 4, 1851— Died Aug. 5, 1856 Sarah-Wife of Newton Collins-1845-1926 Emily Hollowell-Born Dec. 29, 1823-Died June 10, 1899 Wm. Hollowell—Born Mar. 4, 1823—Died July 27, 1904 James M. May-Aug. 24, 1856-Died May 29, 1913 Robert May-Born Aug. 27, 1880-Died June 29, 1906. Maria-Wife of J. S. May-June 12, 1843-Oct. 17, 1901 John S. May-Born Oct. 19, 1841-Died Apr. 5, 1902 Andrew J. May-Aug. 24, 1856-Died May 29, 1913 Hannah May-Born Mar. 14, 1818-Died Jan. 24, 1884 James M. May-Born Nov. 26, 1815-Died Apr. 16, 1899 William T. May—Sep. 19, 1835—Died Aug. 7, 1912 Clara A. May-Oct. 22, 1840-Feb. 12, 1919 Charley V. May-Son of J. M. & E. A. Tarr-1909-1912 Minnie Marshall-[no dates] John Marshall—1842-1912 Mary A. Marshall—1844-1912

²The old markers for the two Sherwood graves, which carried only initials, were replaced by a granite marker with names and dates, as given above. The new marker is the gift of a great-granddaughter of Hugh and Rebecca Sherwood, Mrs. C. P. Lesh of Indianapolis.

Eva M. Marshall-Born Jan. 22, 1870-Died 1875 Rebecca Clements Polson-Died Jan. 2, 1898-Age 67 Y. 24 Das. John T. Polson-Died Oct. 8, 1862-Age 24 Yr. 3 M. 23 Das. Thomas Clements-Born Aug. 22, 1845 [?]-Died Nov. 15, 1906 Catherine-Wife-Born June 16, 1842-Died July 18, 1890 Milton Clements—Co. F., 59th Inf. [Government Stone] Colglazier [large stone] David Colglazier-Born Feb. 4, 1831-Died Jan. 20, 1898 Ellen-his Wife-Born Mar. 18, 1838-Died May 1, 1903 Clyde Colglazier-Born June 25, 1880-Died Nov. 1, 1881 Infant-Born and died-Apr. 3, 1882 Montgomery [large stone] George-Born Apr. 4, 1833-Died Feb. 13, 1885-Aged 46 Y. 10 M. 9 D. Mary E.-wife-Born June 18, 1839 [no date of death] Maryanne-Wife of A. Agan-Born Sep. 22, 1845-Died Mar. 23, 1884-Aged 38 Y. 6 M. 1 D. Lemuel L. Kimbrel—Died Sep. 13, 1889—Aged 72 Y. 2 M. 14 D. Mary Kimbrel-Died Feb. 2, 1890-Aged 73 Y. 2 D. Thomas Sherwood [no dates] Elizabeth Sherwood [no dates]

This cemetery has a number of new graves, with only undertaker markers. A road to this cemetery has been built recently. The old log church, organized and built in 1844, is to be kept as a "Memorial" to the founders of the Church. The land for the Church and the Cemetery was given by Thomas Sherwood, son of Hugh and Rebecca (Field) Sherwood, and his wife Elizabeth.³

The early minutes of the Methodist Church of this community record the naming of the Church. While the building was being erected by the men of the neighborhood, there was not a rainy day, of the many chosen for the work, and on one of the days, near the completion of the Church, a wild turkey flew over the site where the men were working. It was captured by Thomas Sherwood, and was prepared by the women, for the dinner that day, it was decided while eating this fine dinner, that the new Church should be called "Providence", for the many blessings the members had received while constructing it.—M.T.M.

⁸ The deed is recorded in Book Q, p.31, Salem, Washington County, Ind.