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Hello and greetings to all!

Before I delve too deep into all things graveyard and genealogy, Otis asked if he could say a few words, so here you go.



Well, maybe Otis can't talk, but he can sure read my mind! Actually, I took this picture back at the end of January and it wasn't all that bad this day that Otis and I were at the graveyard, but it has been a long, cold, and windy winter otherwise. And then February showed up. Single digits some nights, three snow events with ice, and wind that knocked out power to 11% of our local co-op customers during the last storm. But enough of that, spring is on the way.

Another Research Resource

If you have read many of the previous newsletters you might recall the name Paul Parish being mentioned a time or two. Paul is a colonial period surveyor historian, an amateur surveyor, Revolutionary War reenactor, neighbor, and a really good man. Paul has helped me with investigating what is believed to be a station marker for the Beverley Manor land grant in 1736.

The stone if you recall is on the southern boundary of the graveyard, which is also the boundary of the Beverley and Borden grant lands. Paul was kind enough to send me the below webpage from the Sons of the American Revolution website. I had spent very little time on the

Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery

SAR Cemetery #: C-0379317

Location:

Wagon Shop Road (Route 670)
Middlebrook / Augusta / VA / USA

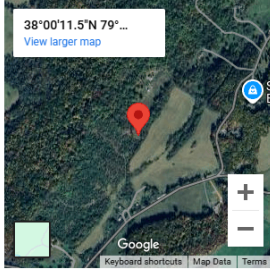
Cemetery GPS:

38.003200,-79.239630

Find A Grave Cemetery:

2185709

38°00'11.5"N 79°...
[View larger map](#)



Comments:

2 Patriots Interred in this Cemetery

Patriot	Icons	Birth Date	Death Date	Cemetery Lot No	Marker Type	Monument Date	Find A Grave Memorial
George Adam BRIGHT (P-345322)		09 Feb 1731	14 Jun 1804		Headstone		124244091
Johannes FULWEIDER/FULWIDER (P-163188)		19 Jan 1756	30 Sep 1831				32072772

A

 denotes there are one or more known Applications associated with the Patriot.

B

 denotes a Biography has been contributed for this Patriot.

C

 denotes Patriot is linked to a Cemetery record.

H

 denotes a Headstone photo has been contributed for this Patriot.

D

 denotes Patriot is linked to associated DAR record.

T

 denotes previously discovered genealogy problem. See full record for details.

Revolutionary War site or the Sons of Confederate Veterans site prior to Paul sending me the information that he did but I have rediscovered a valuable resource that up until now I had not given it's due. I have no doubt that some of you use this site all the time but up until now I had not.

If you would like to explore the website a little further yourself, you can click the link below and it will take you to the home page for the Sons of the American Revolution Patriot Research System.

[SAR Patriot Research System](#)

Once at this site, you can use the Cemetery Search function to see if anyone has linked a patriot name with a particular cemetery. Like any database, this site only contains information that has been uploaded to it, so don't get discouraged if a name you think should be there isn't. The website editor(s) have gone to great lengths to explain all of this on the website. I have also added the above link on the cemetery website under the tab "Research Links" so if you need to use the site you can get to it from there just by clicking!

If you have a research site that has been helpful to you and you are willing to share the web address, I would be glad to post the site on the cemetery website for others to be able to access and use.

"Marriages" Database Module Added to Website

After promising some time back that I would start uploading files to the newly created "Marriages" module I finally got started on it during some of those brutal winter days we have had. I have only gotten 77 uploaded but it does take a while to search, cut, paste, reformat, and then upload them. Naturally I started with Hangers so when you open the module don't be dismayed, I am only to around 1900 with the hangers and when I get up to about 1960 or thereabouts I will go to the next random surname and start over at 1825. The module is

searchable so if you only know the name of the person, who for example married a Hanger, it will still find the file.

Confederate Soldier Article

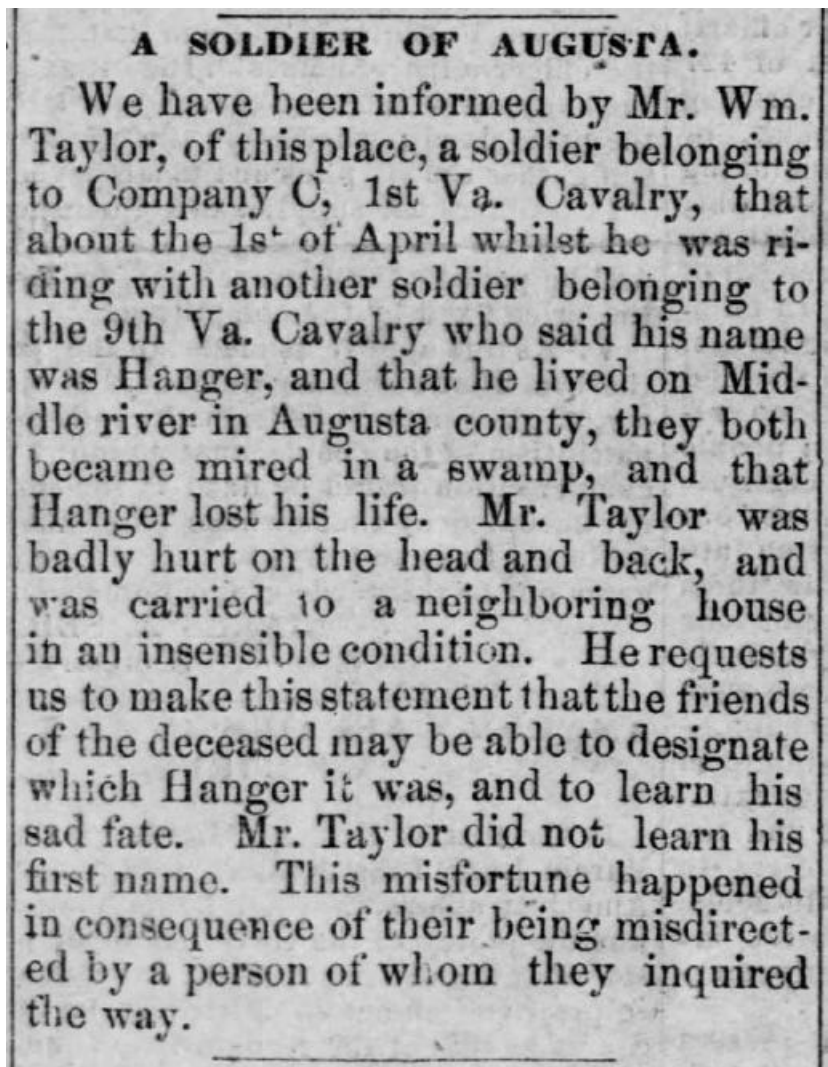
Sometimes you run across mysteries that just seem to be about impossible to solve. Auch was the case with a newspaper article that I stumbled upon while search marriage records. The article is below as printed. I solicited the help of my neighbor and Retired Air Force Veteran, Al, to help do some digging but so far we have not identified Soldier Hanger. The fact is, if he was never reported to the army as dead, he is still listed as MIA, captured, or AWOL. The odd thing is, the 9th Calvary did not recruit in Augusta. While the 8th Company, 1st Battalion, Va Calvary may have, and that was the nucleus for the later formed 9th, identifying who this Hanger was seems nearly impossible short of a family record somewhere. As you can see from the article¹, not much to go on.

"Schoolhouses" Module

I have done some work on the Augusta County Schoolhouses Module during February. School records are an excellent source of genealogical information so I thought it might be important to someone in the world. I think I have 31 schoolhouse folders in the module and each folder has anywhere from 1 to 15 or so files attached to a school. I have just begun scratching the surface on this but hopefully it will continue to grow and be a source of information for someone in need of same.

1885 Virginia Appeals Court Ruling on Family Cemeteries

In the January newsletter I posted a piece from a publication called *Virginia Lawyer* which David McCaskey had sent me which covered the laws of Virginia that apply to private graveyards on private property. While searching for marriage records this month I ran across an interesting newspaper article² from 1885 that reported on a Virgina Court of Appeals case involving the desecration of a family graveyard by the landowner. The ruling of the court was



¹ Newspapers.com. Staunton Spectator, Staunton, Virginia. 21 April 1863. Page 2.

² Newspapers.com. Staunton Vindicator, Staunton, Virginia. 15 May 1885. Page 3.

completely contrary to today's laws. I have included the article below so that you can read it for yourself.

The Inviolability of Family Grave Yards.

A suit of interest to farmers on whose land is their family grave yard, was decided by the Virginia Court of Appeals last week. The suit was brought by John T. Sublett of Richmond, who is a first cousin of Mr. P. B. Sublett of this city, and the father of Mr. Walter Sublett, who married Miss Lina McCue, daughter of Judge John H. McCue. It seems that thirteen years ago, Sublett sold to B. T. Benn, of Michigan, a 275 acre farm in Goochland county. On the farm was the old family graveyard, containing about three quarters of an acre of ground. In selling the farm no reservation was made of this piece of ground. Benn tore down the walls inclosing it and demolished the slabs over the graves. The land was converted into a hog pen, and subsequently it was plowed up and cultivated. Before this, however, Benn refused to permit the interment of the body of a member of the family of Mr. Sublett, and, it is alleged, threatened to shoot anybody who attempted to dig a grave there. A suit was at once instituted by those interested, against Benn, to gain possession of the three quarters of an acre and \$500 damages, which resulted in a verdict against Benn. The Court of Appeals affirmed this judgment, and said, while no reservation of the burial ground had been made, it had been dedicated for the use of the family and all of their descendants, which, under the circumstances, was a valid reservation of the grounds.

The Potential Buried Headstone from Last Month

Last month I wrote about the visit by Dr. Connor and her canine Seamus and expounded on how sure I was that another buried headstone had been discovered when Dr. Connor was trying to place a flag in the ground to mark a hit location and struck what we both thought was a headstone. It sure did sound like a headstone when the metal flag rod hit it. I even wrote about who's grave the stone was probably for. Jinx. I should not have done that. I went over on February 23rd after church because the temperature had gotten up to 40 degrees or so and the sun was shining, and I just had a hankering to check things out. One of the things I did not check out was a buried headstone. I am sorry to say that if one is there, I could not find it. I can do some more prodding, but that day I just could not find it. Like Charlie Brown at Halloween, "I got a rock," well, actually a lot of rocks, but no marker. Oh well.

While a relatively short newsletter compared to some others, I will sign off for now and give you the reader a break. Since I did not find the buried headstone that I led everyone to believe was a slam dunk, I will attach a picture I took on that same February 23rd. It is from the top of the graveyard looking southeast towards the backs of the headstones. The snow has melted and the sun is shining. I told you spring is on the way.



Website Updates: Members Section

In The Library / Archives Section

Ship Passenger Lists 1732-1754 – 15 Total

Unpublished Documents - 9 Total

Published Documents – 11 Total

Life in Dutch Hollow – 183 Total

Obituaries & Death Notices – 869 (Still several hundred, thousand to go)

Marriages – 77

Lucas-Fix Private Collection 109 Total

Department of Historical Resources Augusta County Archaeological Site Surveys – 16

Deed Histories – Dutch Hollow - 5

DHH Cemetery Forensics, Etc. – Preliminary Findings of Ground Penetrating Radar for lower 35 feet of Cemetery and GPS of entire cemetery – 2

Frederich Hanger Descendants Over 200 pages of his descendants' names with city, county, and state of residence when known.

Cook-Teaford Cemetery - 2 Files

Schoolhouses-Augusta Co. – 1800s - 37

Coming Soon:

Elijah Jacob Hanger Private Collection (Approximately 450 files to be uploaded as time permits)

In The Focused Research Section

18 Files (40+ more to be researched, formatted, and uploaded as time permits)

The **Miscellaneous Research Files** module now contains 39 files. There are over 350 files contained within those 37 files. Please use them. All of that work is for your benefit and was done with you in mind. Take advantage of it! By the same token, let me know what you would like to see changed or added and I will do my best to accommodate.

Until next month, Blessings and Happy Trails,

Glenn Hanger

President, Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery