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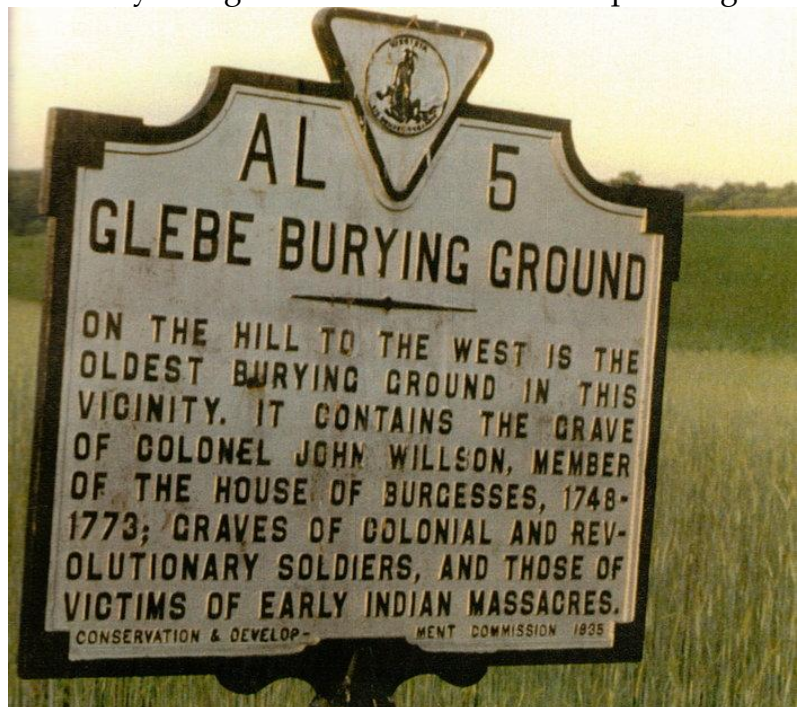
Hello and greetings to all!

I hope everyone had a chance to read last month's issue of *The Headstone* and get caught up on all the goings-on at the graveyard. Since Mr. Strozier departed Dutch Hollow things have been busy here, recording results of the radar work, and weed eating and mowing around 183 flags as I patiently await the delivery of our grave markers that so many of you contributed to. The total bill for 275 grave markers, numbered sequentially 1 through 275 was \$1,679.30. They consist of a stainless-steel disc with a number assigned to it and a square ½ inch hole in the center and a 10-inch x ½ inch galvanized pin to go through the hole and be driven into the ground at each grave site to hold the marker in place. It was a hefty expense, but true to form, members and neighbors chipped in, some significantly, and we were able to raise \$2,030.00! Each contributor, no matter what the amount, has been acknowledged on the contributors page. Each of you deserves recognition. The farthest member who contributed you wonder, Clarkston, Washington! Thank you Cheryl! The donation amounts above and beyond the expense of the markers will be applied to other projects at the graveyard of course.

The Glebe Burying Ground

When Mr. Strozier left Dutch Hollow he went to The Glebe Burying Ground near Swoope, Virginia, about six or so miles from Dutch Hollow. I and Retired General Ted Shuey, who has taken on the role of overseeing the reclamation work at The Glebe teamed up to save us both a little money on travel expenses for Mr. Strozier by doing both cemeteries in one trip to Virginia. I had an opportunity to go over while Mr. Strozier was working there and when the work was completed, 203 graves had been located. Only about 55 of those 203 previously had some form of marking, ranging from a nice headstone to remnants of a field rock.

If you do not live close enough to visit, I suggest you at least check out Find A Grave and look through the burials. I have included a link below that will take you directly to The Glebe records. I have also included one of many photographs that I took back in March when I met with General Shuey to discuss his plans and offer help.





In the photo above I have pointed out Colonel John Burgess Willson's grave marker. It consists of two upright stones at the head and foot with a huge slab of stone overlaying the grave itself. The size of which I have not personally witnessed anywhere else. It is inscribed with the following:

"Here lyes the inter'd body of Col'n John
Willson, who departed this lif in the Yare of
ourn Lord, 1773, in the 72 yare of his eag,
having served his country 27 yars,
representeive in the Honourable Hous of
Burjesis, in Virginia &c."

"Likewise, the body of his well beloved wife,
Martha, who departed this lif January Ye 10,
1775, in the LX Yr of her lif."

To get a better understanding of the history associated with The Glebe Burying Ground, I strongly encourage you to check out the site on Find A Grave. There are numerous photos and documents posted by a number of others that will give you a feel for the history buried there.

[The Glebe Burying Ground](#)

Hanger and Fulwider Store Ledgers

As I have stated in several previous newsletters, I regularly watch one or more online auction houses in my area for history or genealogy books that may be of interest and use to me. On one such auction several months ago I had looked through the items for sale and did not really see anything I had an interest in. I will say now, I did not look close enough. A few days before the auction closed my ole pal James asked me if I was going to bid on the documents from McCorkle Brothers, a general mercantile that was in Middlebrook, Virginia through a good part of the 1800s. My response was, "what documents?" Once I got back in front of the computer I found them. Two ledgers for Elizabeth Hanger for the years 1888 and 1889 and one for Jacob Fulwider dated 1888.

About the same time, I got an email from Dr. Hill, a member of the cemetery non-profit, asking the same thing James did. Thanks Bob for thinking of me. I told Bob I had seen them and I intended to place a bid. I did bid on the items and was able to get them at a reasonable price. Once I had them in hand I started to do a little research and it seems more likely than not that the Elizabeth Hanger named on the Ledgers was my great, great, grandmother, Elizabeth Cale Hanger (1826-1903). She was married to David Ott Hanger and was widowed when she was 44 years old with eleven children. While several children had died prior to the dates on the store ledgers, I know she lived a hard existence. And this hard existence might be illustrated by the ledgers themselves.

If you study the ledger below you will see that Elizabeth purchased on credit things like bacon, coffee, matches, cinnamon, sugar, and oil for the lamps, and maybe just a bit to start a fire in the cook stove. And then you also see that on August 30th she bartered to the store 5 dozen eggs at 15 cents per dozen and blackberries at 5 cents per quantity of nine. On September 11th she bartered another 1 ½ dozen eggs. I will argue that Elizabeth probably did not have the privilege or means to shop anywhere else.

I have looked at the documents for other Elizabeth Hangers in the area and while there were many, none were alive during this time period that

would have traveled to Middlebrook to buy necessities. But at least Elizabeth got 3 cents worth of candy while there on August 30th. Bless the chickens that laid those eggs.

Ledger.....Folio.....	1889	ALL ERRORS MUST BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY	Middlebrook, Va., Nov 22 nd 1889
Mrs Elizabeth Hanger			
Prompt Payment Required.	Bought of McCORKLE BROTHERS,		
DEALERS IN			
Dry Goods, Notions, Millinery, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Drugs, Groceries, Confectioneries,			
HARDWARE, WOODENWARE, QUEENSWARE, &C.			
And all articles usually kept in a First-Class Store.			
Highest Prices Paid for Produce.			
TERMS:			
1889	Apr 27	To 1 P. La Shoes 30 1 Roland Point 40 (May 28) 1 Cof. Pot 25 03	Matches \$ 1.68
	Aug 30	By 5 doz Eggs @ 15 - By 9 Blackberries @ 5	x x x 1.20
	" "	By 1/2 Gal Oil 10 12 Butter 10 1 Sheol 15 1 Sheol 15 1 Peanut Calico 20	46
	" "	By 1/2 Cinnamon 10 Coffee 57 Candy 03 Bacon 72 5 Mrs. Anger 7	1.89
	Sept 11	By 1 1/2 doz Eggs @ 15 To 1 P. La Shoes 30 1 Sheol 15 1 Calico 12 1 Peanut Board 10	30
	Oct 24	To 1 P. La Shoes 30 1 Sheol 15 1 Calico 12 1 Peanut Board 10	16
		Balance	
1889	Nov 22	To 1 Balance due	\$ 14.49 \$ 3.07
			\$ 3.07 \$ 14.49

Below is Jacob Fulwider's (1811-1892) ledger. The purchases were a little different, a vest and 3 yards of shirting material. Two days before Christmas. And he was able to pay \$2.75 in cash towards his bill. And we call them the good ole days? Whether the vest was for him or someone else, I bet that day was a pretty good one for him.

Ledger *E* ... Folio... *148* ALL ERRORS MUST BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY.

Middlebrook, Va. January 2nd 1888

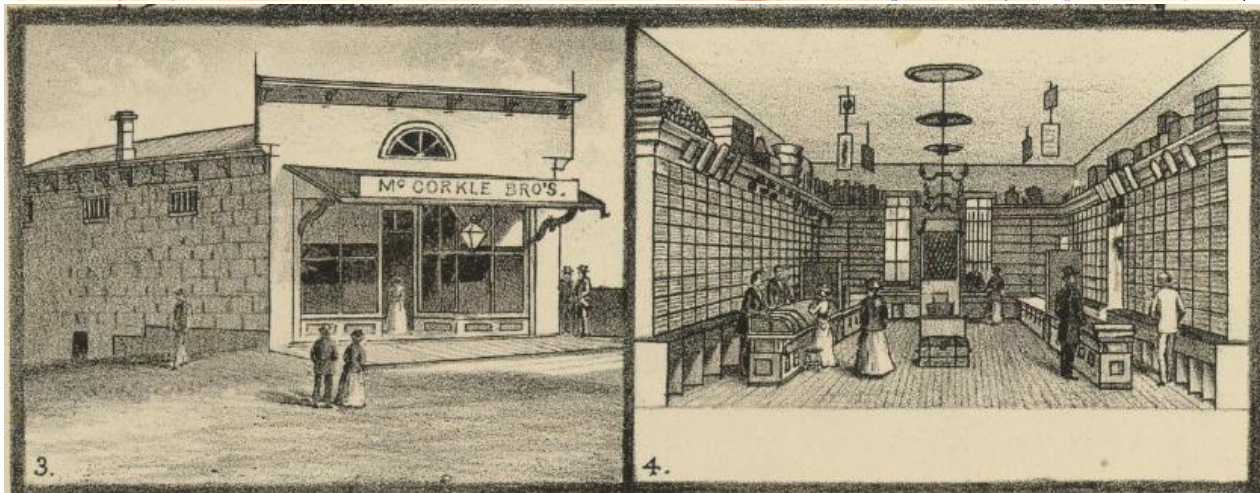
Mr Jacob Fulwider

Bought of McCORKLE BROTHERS,
—DEALERS IN—
Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Cotton Yarns, Hardware, Queensware,
AND ALL ARTICLES USUALLY KEPT IN A GOOD COUNTRY STORE.
HIGHEST PRICES PAID FOR PRODUCE.

1887 MS: STOCKHOLM & SONS, STEAM PRINTERS, ATLANTA, GA.

<i>Dec 23</i>	<i>1 Coat 2.90, Vest 1.50, 3 yd Shirting 1.25</i>	<i>4.78</i>	
<i>" "</i>	<i>By cash on above</i>		<i>2.75</i>
	<i>Balanced</i>		<i>2.03</i>
<i>1888</i>		<i>4.78</i>	<i>4.78</i>
<i>Jan 2</i>	<i>By Balanced</i>	<i>2.03</i>	

Please let us have above amount & oblige



A drawing of McCorkle Brothers' Store, Middlebrook, Virginia¹

I suspect this was Jacob Fulwider, son of Jacob George Fulwider and Catherine Carr Fulwider. If so, I have no record of him ever marrying, and I believe him to possibly be the same Jacob

¹ Hotchkiss, Jed. (1885) Illustrated Historical Atlas of Augusta County Virginia 1885.

Fulwider that was listed as living in the James McCutcheon household on the 1850 U. S. Census, maybe as a farmhand working for room & board. Again, if I am correct, if you take a peek at the home page of the website, you will see a newspaper clipping there about his mother turning 101 years old in January 1870.

The store building is still here. It is now the *Middlebrook Mercantile* and offers necessities and some fine home cooked lunches which farmers take advantage of about every day. It has been



enlarged just a little on one side for a little more room and an outside patio for a table and chairs added, but not much else has changed. Not much ever does in Middlebrook, Virginia. Population as of 2025, 184.

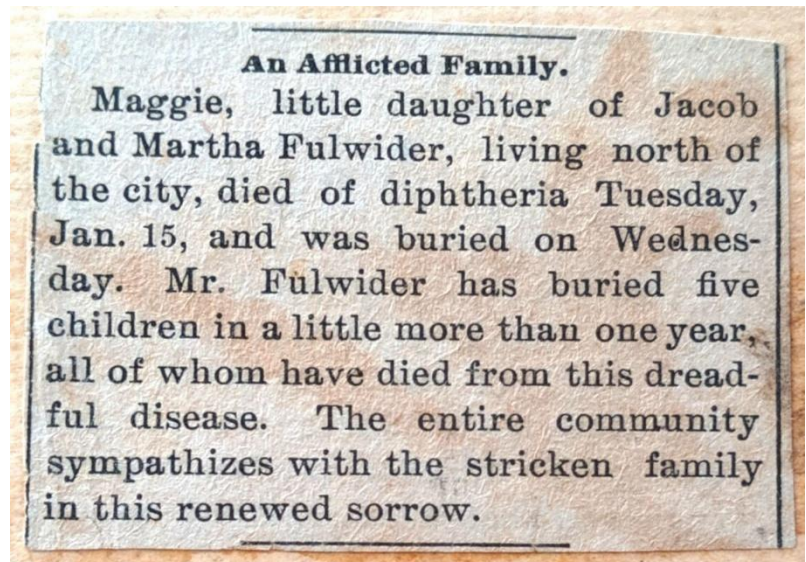


Jacob Fulwider's Coffin

Since we are on the subject of Jacob Fulwider, I will share an article I found on Jacob Fulwider, but this is Jacob H. Fulwider, who lived in Montgomery County, Indiana, near Crawfordsville. His parents were Joseph Henry Fulwider and Sarah Elizabeth Houff Fulwider. Joseph and Sarah were born in Virginia. Sarah's father was Benjamin Houff, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1779 and died at Quick's Mill, a few miles north of Staunton. He and several of the Houff family are buried in the old Houff Graveyard at Quick's Mill.

Joseph and Sarah had married in Augusta County on April 10, 1834, and around 1850, shortly after Jacob H. was born near Collierstown, Virginia (Rockbridge County) they moved first to Putnam County, Indiana and then sometime later, on to Montgomery County where Jacob stayed, farmed and raised his family. He married Martha Rhodehamel in 1870, and they had nine children.

Jacob and Martha were no strangers to heartache and grief. In 1881 they lost their one-year-old son Elijah, and in 1893 their 11-year-old son Arlie, their 8-year-old daughter Sallie, their 6-year-old daughter Mary and their 3-year-old son Orville. In 1895 they lost their 3-year-old daughter Maggie. Their loss was so severe that when Maggie died the newspaper² writer made note of their severe loss. If you would like to take a look at the headstones for these children use the



link below. They are all buried in Liberty Chapel Cemetery in Montgomery County, Indiana, as is Jacob, which brings me back to what this story was supposed to be about.

We take for granted the process of burial these days. We either go pick out a nice coffin and make pre-arrangements and pay big bucks for our funeral or we leave it up to the family to do it once we have passed. That was not how they did back in the day though. Well, not until Jacob Fulwider came along. What Jacob had going for him was a casket factory right there in his hometown. I suspect with the loss to death that Jacob had known with his children, he could not help but contemplate his own mortality. I share the article below about him and will leave to you to take from it what you wish.

This is the link to get to Liberty Chapel Cemetery, specifically Jacob's memorial. Once there you can view a photo of Jacob and his siblings from around 1910 in addition to the memorials for his children.

[Jacob Fulwider Memorial on Find A Grave](#)

² Find a Grave, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/122581695/maggie_m-fulwider; accessed June 12, 2025), memorial page for Maggie M Fulwider (1 Jan 1892–15 Jan 1895), Find a Grave Memorial ID 122581695, citing Liberty Chapel Cemetery, Elmdale, Montgomery County, Indiana, USA; Maintained by Glenn Hanger (contributor 51168363).

PROMINENT FARMER OF WINGATE TO SLEEP IN CASKET OF HIS OWN CHOOSING

Crawfordsville, Ind., June 23—

In the finishing room of the Crawfordsville casket plant here Thursday, a handsome casket constructed from a native cherry tree, was hauled from beneath a protecting cover and was taken to Wingate to fill an order placed nine years ago.

Jacob Fulwider, 75-year-old farmer who died on Wednesday night, will lie in state in the casket of his choosing.

Nine years ago he decided that when death should finally come, he would take his final sleep in a casket constructed as he desired.

From the native cherry trees on his property, a wild cherry tree had been hewn and cut up into lumber.

In May of 1916, Mr. Fulwider hauled the lumber to the Crawfordsville Casket Company here and placed his order for the casket in which he some time would rest forever.

Mr. Fulwider looked over the caskets in the stock room of the factory here and chose a design of structure which suited him. Claude Ewalt, secretary-treasurer of the company said Thursday in recalling the order placed nine years ago.

The casket was constructed according to the owners orders, in the couch model. With the exception of the interior, the casket was completed and taken to the finishing room to be varnished and stained. Mr. Fulwider approved the work and ordered that it be held until called for.

There it was left to await the owners death. The advice that Jacob Fulwider was ready for his casket came to the local plant on Thursday. When taken from beneath the covering placed over it nine years ago, the casket was as beautiful as when its construction was completed.

Word of Mr. Fulwider's death found his casket ready with the exception of the interior and lining which Thursday was put in place. Then Jacob Fulwider's casket was taken home to him.

To add just a little context to who Jacob was, as I stated earlier, he was the son of Joseph Henry Fulwider (1810-1875) and Sarah Elizabeth Houff (1810-1890). Jacob Henry's parents were John Jacob Fulwider (1781-1829) and Elizabeth Lowman (1790-1855). John Jacob's parents were Jacob George Fulwider (1766-1848) and Catherine E. Carr (1769-1870). Maybe you figured it out already. The Jacob Fulwider that had the account at McCorkle Brothers' store was a granduncle to the Jacob Fulwider who harvested the tree on his farm in Indiana that his coffin was made from. This same Jacob has a grandaunt buried in Dutch Hollow. Hannah (1815-1904), who married my great, great granduncle, Jacob Hanger (1811-1849). This research could be flawed, so any mistakes you may find and report are welcomed so I can correct my mistakes. The Jacob in Indiana was my 3rd cousin 3 x removed.

Augusta County Genealogical Society

Each month from this point forward for the foreseeable future I will be including the Augusta County Genealogical Society's (ACGS) meeting calendar in the newsletter. I will be speaking at the September meeting about some of the methods I used as I went about researching those buried there followed by a field trip to the cemetery, highlighting the work that has been accomplished by all of you to restore and preserve the cemetery. I am a life member of this group, and they offer some really good programs of a wide interest to many.

While we do have members of the Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery scattered as far west as Washington State, the fact is, many of our ancestors, regardless of where we now live, came from Augusta County, Virginia. It is for this reason that from time to time the genealogical society may very well offer something of interest to our far-flung members. The meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm eastern time in the Augusta County Library in Fishersville and are available by Zoom live and are also recorded for later viewing. You do not have to be a member of the ACGS to access and view the meetings by Zoom as a live feed or to attend the meetings in person. All that you need to do is see that the ACGS has your email address and they will send you a reminder each month about the meeting date and time and the presentation topic. To watch the meetings by Zoom once they have been recorded and archived you have to be a member, but at only \$15.00 per year for dues, it might just be something you take advantage of. To get the monthly notification about the meetings as a non-member, simply click on the link below, scroll to the bottom of the home page and fill in the boxes under the heading "TELL US". In the message box, just type in that you would like to be added to the email list. And while you are on the home page check out all of the material available to members under the "Resources" tabs. I encourage you to take advantage of this resource if your time allows.

[Augusta County Genealogical Society](#)

Reminder to Log in for the Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery Website

Just a quick reminder to log into the website using your username and password if you plan to do research. The thousands of files, obituaries, marriage dates and so forth cannot be accessed unless you log in. Plus, if you decide to purchase a book from the webstore, you will automatically get the member discount.

Grave Markers

The final tally on data associated with the GPR work is listed below. You will notice that the numbers don't add up when comparing burial style to number of graves. We had a few unknowns as far as style of burial and just missed recording several others, so rather than guess, they remain unknowns. Also, the marked graves were verified as Adult/Child but not burial style.

We received the markers on June 20th and started putting them in on June 23rd. A little each day in the mornings while it was still cool since it was in the high 90s that week. We got the job finished on June 25th, thanks to the Hulvey brothers, James and J. D., and now we are just waiting for Mr. Strozier to finish the mapping part of the process and get that to us for editing and approval, and then I will get it uploaded to the website.

Unmarked Graves:	183
Marked Graves:	88
Adult:	155
Child:	97
Age Not Recorded	19
Wooden Coffin Burial:	45
Metal Coffin Burial:	5
Shroud Cloth Burial:	117
Total graves present:	271

Join us for food, fun and fellowship!

JOIN US!!

***Wednesday, July 16
5:30 PM***

***ACGS
ANNUAL
PICNIC***

***TINKLING SPRING
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
30 Tinkling Spring Dr.
FISHERSVILLE, VA***

We will honor our volunteers

***PROVIDED: Fried Chicken,
Pork BBQ & Beverages***

BRING: Covered Dish to Share

BRING: Vintage Tablecloths to use

***RSVP by Friday, July 11
to Billie Quigley at 757.749.2504 or
bquigley949@gmail.com***

ACGS Planned Programs for Members

- **Wednesday, July 16, 2025 Annual Picnic ~ 5:30 PM**
 - Coordinator: Billie Quigley
 - Location: Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
 - Bring dish to share & vintage tablecloths to use
- **Wednesday, August 20, 2025 Regular meeting ~ 1:00 PM**
 - Speaker: Debbie Harvey, Certified Genealogist
 - Topic: *"Using Artificial Intelligence to Advance Your Genealogical Research"*
- **Wednesday, September 17, 2025 Regular meeting ~ 1:00 PM**
 - Speaker: Glenn Hanger, President, Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery
 - Topic: *"Tools & Techniques to Research the 225-year-old Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery"*
 - Field trip to the cemetery directly after presentation
- **Wednesday, October 15, 2025 Regular meeting ~ 1:00 PM**
 - Speaker: Lynn Scott, Professional Genealogist
 - Topic: *"New FamilySearch Full-Text Search by Their AI"*

Website Updates: Members Section

LIFE MEMBERS

Al Wilkerson 2025

Glenn Hanger 2025

In The Library / Archives Section

Ship Passenger Lists 1732-1754 - 15 Total

Unpublished Documents - 9 Total

Published Documents - 11 Total

Life in Dutch Hollow - 186 Total

Obituaries & Death Notices - 1040 (Still several hundred, thousand to go)

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. Roughly 8,000 names.

Cook-Teaford Cemetery - 2 Files

Schoolhouses-Augusta Co. - 1800s & Early 1900s- 38

Marriages - 95

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 51 folders. There are over 350 files contained within those 51 folders. 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