

# St. George's Episcopal Graveyard



When the City of Fredericksburg was established in 1728, two lots were set aside for the church and graveyard. The present church and graveyard occupy one of the original lots. The graveyard is the oldest one in Fredericksburg.

Although some graves were removed to make room for the present church building in 1849, others were not disturbed.

There is an old tradition that says Colonel Fielding Lewis of Kenmore, Revolutionary War patriot and brother-in-law of George Washington, is buried beneath the front steps of the church. Fielding Lewis more likely lies at his son's plantation in Clarke County.

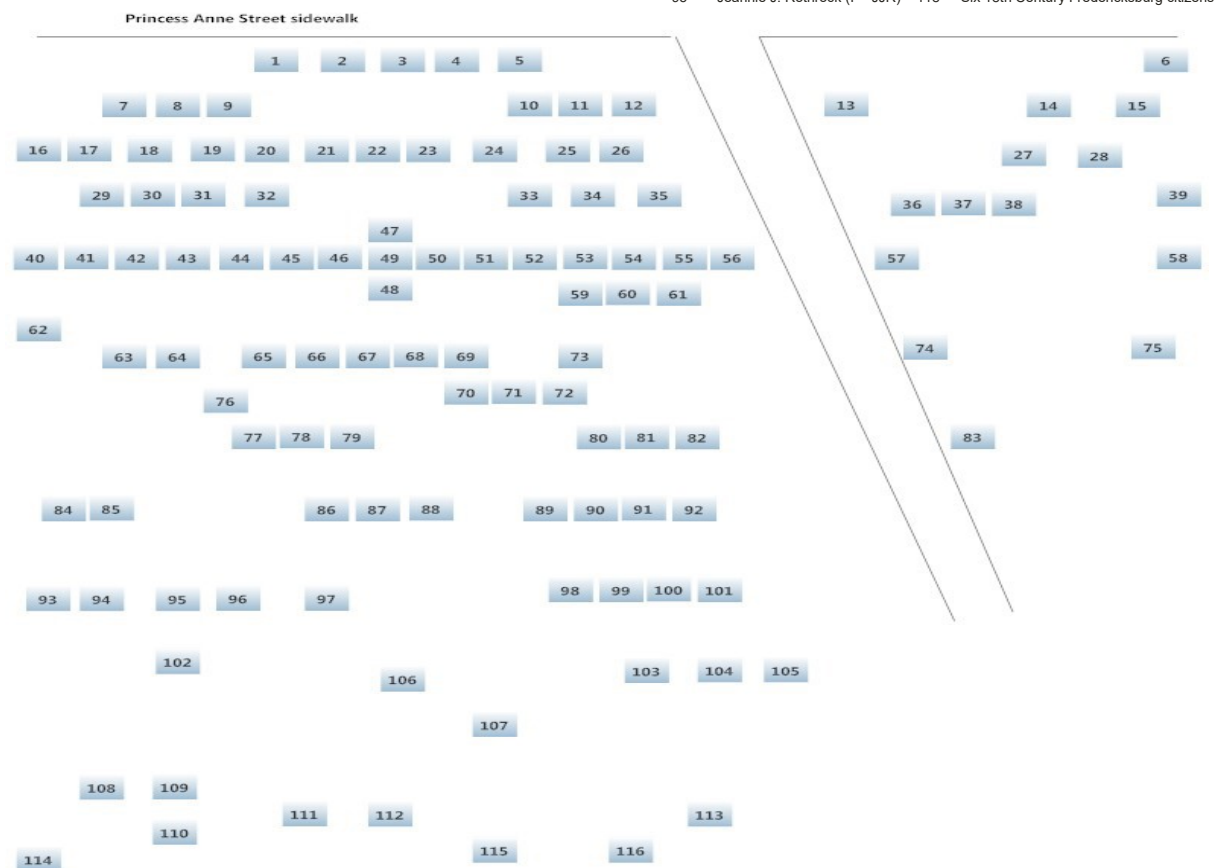
In 1892, the Ladies' Cemetery Guild of St. George's Church undertook to clean up and document the history of the cemetery. The earliest legible date to which they could attest without question was 1752, John Jones, tavern keeper. Two years later, there was an Archibald MacPherson, aged 49; and two years later William Paul, brother of John Paul Jones, was buried there in 1774 [#14]. The latest ascertainable date is 1924, on the grave of Virginia B. Patton. [#21]. See *listing and map*.

At the time of the ladies' survey, 164 tombstones could be identified; some had no dates, others, no ages. There are 35 known burials without stones. As part of their project, the ladies spent \$150 of the funds raised for cleaning, landscaping, planting, and sowing the cemetery grounds. At the time of their report, they were planning to use the remainder of the money to "enclose the front of the cemetery with a handsome iron fence," which is still in service today.

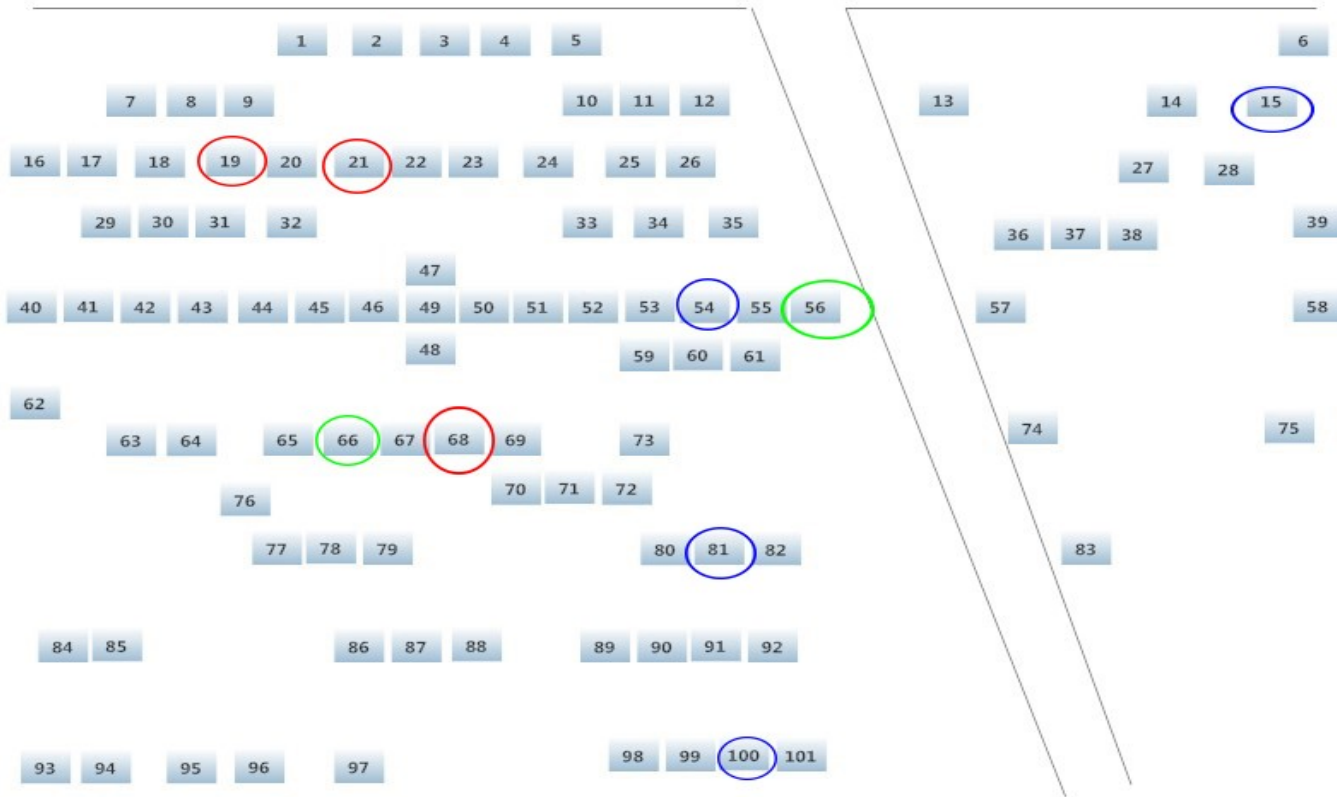
On All Saint's Day 2002, St Georgians re-interred the remains of six 18th Century Fredericksburg citizens dug up during the renovation of Market Square. On All Saint's Day 2007, a plague was added to that site. In 2008, St. George's began interring cremains in a memorial garden near Faulkner Hall.

1	Unknown - rock marker	14	Mrs. Mary Duncanson
2	John Jones	15	James Duncanson
3	Mrs. Winefrid Ritchardson	16	Unknown - rock marker,
4	Mr. George Richardson & dau. Nancy. George H. Rothrock is probably buried next to her	17	Catherine Taliaferro (F-CT)
5	Miss Lucy Chew	18	Thomas Ware (F-TW)
6	Archibald McPherson	19	Thomas R. Ware (C.S.N.)
7	Reuben & Eleanor Reat Thom	20	James Ware (F - JRW)
8	Catherine Thom (F - "CT")	21	Anthony & Virginia Patton (F - ABP VBP)
9	Mary Thom	22	MaryCoakley (F-MC)
10	Sam Duffel (F-"SD 1806)	23	John Coakley (F - JC)
11	Mrs. Ann Chew	24	Mrs. Elizabeth Coakley(F -EC)
12	Mrs. Elizabeth Young	25	Catherine Coakley
13	William Paul	26	John Coakley (F-JC)

27	Unknown	50	Thomas Goodwin (F - TG)	73	Unknown - sandstone/slate face flaked off	96	Unknown - flat table, broken, illegible
28	Margaret Garts	51	Mary Goodwin (F - MG)	74	Unknown - rock marker, no headstone	97	Unknown - rock marker, no headstone
29	Joseph H. Downman	52	Thomas Goodwin (F - TG)	75	Charles Colson	98	Mrs. Margaret Pilcher
30	Unknown	53	Ann Maria Goodwin (F - AMG)	76	Elizabeth Sommerville Knox (F - ESK)	99	R.W. Ball (F - illegible)
31	Parke G. Hillyard (F - PGH)	54	William Smith	77	Mrs. Maria Ann Blakey (F - MAB)	100	Alexander Rose
32	Elizabeth Lucas (F - EGL)	55	Mrs. Mary Smith (F - MS)	78	Elizabeth M. & Eliza Cox (F - EMC)	101	Mrs. Catherine Maury
33	Unknown - rock marker	56	William Smith, Jr. (F - WS)	79	William & Ann Turner Allen (F - WA,ATA)	102	George W. Rothrock (F - GWR)
34	Unknown - rock marker	57	Mary C. Harrison (F - MCH)	80	Unknown - rock marker, no headstone	103	Mrs. Anna Taylor Mason (F - ATM)
35	Casper W. Goodwin (F - broken at ground level	58	Mrs. Catherine Simons	81	Seth Barton	104	(also A.T.M., broken)
36	John B. Pearson	59	Elizabeth Goodwin (F - EG)	82	Samuel L. Duffel	105	John T. Ford (F - JTF)
37	Unknown - rock marker	60	Catherine Rose Hart (F - CRH)	83	Unknown - rock marker, no headstone	106	Unknown - sandstone face flaked off
38	Unknown	61	John Whitfield	84	Mrs. M.J. Chewning Clark Carlin (F -MJC)	107	Margaret Hitz (probable)
39	William Lewis & son George & daughter Ann James Baggott	62	Walter Spilman (F - WS)	85	Larkin Johnston	108	S.W. Fry (F - SWF)
40	Elizabeth Edmundson Carter (F)	63	William & William Garrett Pearson(F -WP)	86	St. George Tucker Coalter	109	Henry Garrett White
41	Felix H. Taliaferro (probable)	64	Mrs. Emily Cooke (F - EMC)	87	Judge John Coalter	110	John F. McGuire (F - JFMc)
42	Elizabeth Carter (F - illegible)	65	Benjamin Boughton (F-BB)	88	Mrs. Mary Hildroop (F - MH)	111	Rev. Edward & J.C. Lewis McGuire
43	Eleanor Benson (F - EB)	66	John Patterson (F - unreadable)	89	Unknown - illegible	112	Mrs. Ann Robey (F - AR 1811)
44	Michael Jackson (F - MJ)	67	John S. Berry	90	James W. Lucas (F - JWL)	113	James E. Marshall (F - JEM)
45	John G. & Frances A. Hull	68	Lawrence & Anne M. Berry , and infant	91	Hiram Pilcher (F - ? P)	114	Col. John Dandridge
46	Sarah Hill	69	Carter Beverly (F-CB)	92	Frederick Pilcher	115	Chester Bailey (F-CB)
47	Mary Allen	70	Philip J. Helmstatter (F - PJH)	93	Louisiana Johnston Rothrock & Fayette (F- LJR / FR)	116	William Ashby
48	John H. Goodwin (F - THG)	71	Mrs. Elizabeth Lyon (F - EPL)	94	Jane W. & Ann Thompson Johnston (F - JWJ / ATJ)	117	Unknown
49		72	Edward Seth Barton	95	Jeannie J. Rothrock (F - JJR)	118	Six 18th Century Fredericksburg citizens



### Princess Anne Street sidewalk



## St. George's Veterans Tour Civil War

### #68C John S. Berry (1841-1920)

Berry was born in the Scotia building on Charles Street. At his death Berry was actually a vestryman of Trinity Episcopal and only was buried here because his family bought a plot. During the Civil War he served in the Fredericksburg Artillery in Braxton's battery. Badly wounded in battle of Fredericksburg, he transferred to Adjutant General in Richmond and served with Judged William S. Barton. He also served 35 years as deputy clerk of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg under Robert S. Chew. (The Chew family served as clerks for 99 years).

### #21a Anthony Patton (1838-1903)

Patton is a cousin of General George Patton through common ancestor Robert William Patton (1750-1828) of whom he was a grandson. He served in the Civil War as a member of Braxton's Company, Fredericksburg Virginia Light Artillery. Enlisted in 1862 he was discharged from combat duty due to a disability, chronic rheumatism in late 1862. He was detailed in June, 1863

in Richmond as a clerk in the Medical Director's office. His widow was a daughter of John Coakley, prominent St. Georgian. Patton was a merchant living at 407 Hanover Street.

### #19 Thomas R. Ware (1814-1889)

He has the distinction of serving in both the Union and Confederate armies. He was engaged in naval battle at Hampton Roads on board the "Patrick Henry". For the Confederates he later served as a paymaster.

## Revolutionary War

### #15 James Duncanson (1735-1791)

Col. James Duncanson came to VA from Forres, Moray, Scotland in the 1750's. He emigrated to Fredericksburg to go into business with his brother, Robert and was a merchant. In 1756 he joined the Virginia Militia and served until 1761 under Washington in the French and Indian War. In 1758, he participated in the Forbes expedition to Fort Duquesne (Pittsburgh). He also served in the local Committees of Correspondence in 1774 during the struggles over the port of Boston. He participated in the Revolution, and was one of the wealthiest men in this part of Virginia.

### #54 William Smith. (1746-1802)

He was a trustee in 1799 and served on Vestry 1799-1802 until his death. He was cited by the Vestry in 1788 as a trustee for helping to repair the church. He was a dry goods merchant and a postmaster of Fredericksburg. His obituary added that he was gentlemen much admired. During the Revolution, he served Virginia on the Committee for Articles of Confederation 1774. During the war he gave beef to the cause and the use of a stable.

### #81 Seth Barton (1755-1813)

Barton purchased Fielding Lewis' estate of Kenmore in, 1799 and brought 5 children to live them. Originally from RI, he served in the Revolution War army and afterwards became a successful shipping merchant in Baltimore. In 1802 tried his "immediate grounds as a subdivision", including the mansion itself. In 1812 he helped develop Liberty town at the intersection of Barton and Liberty Street. Then he was involved a 3rd subdivision at the intersection Hanover and Kirkland Streets, including both sides of Hanover Street extended, and included the 10 acre tract which became the Brompton estate.

### #100 Alexander Rose (1800)

Originally from Jamaica, he died Nov. 28, 1800. He was a Major/Captain in the Revolutionary War and retired as Major, Sep.14 1778.

## War of 1812

### #66 John Patterson (1780-1814)

He was a merchant -John Patterson and Company. Patterson never married but lived with his sister, Mrs. John James, wife of Captain John James of Matthews County, on what was known then as "Gunnery Green". Captain John James owned three vessels the "Contented", the "Anne Elizabeth" and the "Delight". Most of Captain James' voyages were to the West Indian Islands from Cuba down to the smallest. In the War of 1812, when the British were expected to land at Aquia Creek and march to Fredericksburg, John Patterson with a company of volunteers went to repel the invaders. He was taken with camp fever and brought home ill. He told Mrs. James (his sister) that he never expected to marry but that he wanted to live for her sake and her children's. He died at the age of thirty-four, and had a grand funeral for he was very popular. John Patterson was buried in our graveyard by the music of the drum and fife playing the sweet mournful strains of "Rosalin Castle" and there interred with Masonic rites.

### #56 William Smith (1787-1815)

He entered the army as a Lieutenant and "departed this life whilst in the service of his country on the 30th January 1815." He was a merchant of which was written that he "offered best imperial tea sugar, coffee, French brandy, molasses, brown sugar, cotton cards."