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From: morganbreeden@aol.com
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2009 5:22 PM
To: Veness, Beverly R
Subject: Re: Williams Cemetery
Attachments: 1937 05-06-1937 WPA - Nicol Cemetery-1.JPG; Nicol Cemetery.doc

Hi Bev,

Not a problem! The first reference I saw to it being called a public cemetery was in WPA document associated with Hatchers Memorial -- they implied it was the Baptist Church Cemetery but I also think they simply called it the Brentsville Public Cemetery. Attached is another reference to it but this time it is called the Nicol Cemetery at Brentsville. Same place with a different name. The families Nicol/Williams/Davis and others are all related through marriages. Howard Churchill has more information on this specific lot than do I although he will be giving me what he has. I'll check with him to see if the new trustees action has been approved yet and let you know.

Best wishes,
 Morgan.

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From: Veness, Beverly R <bveness@pwcgov.org>
To: morganbreeden@aol.com
Sent: Fri, Jul 17, 2009 5:01 pm
Subject: RE: Williams Cemetery

Hi Morgan,

Just to let you know Don is uncomfortable about switching the name until he has more concrete proof. He also needs to know if the county and state recognize the new name since it is designated as a historic site in Prince William.

The library has just closed so I've got to get going. Just wanted to let you know I have not changed our records (yet.)

Bev

From: Veness, Beverly R
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2009 8:57 AM
To: 'morganbreeden@aol.com'
Subject: RE: Williams Cemetery

Hi Morgan,

Thanks for the explanation. We will change our files to read Williams Cemetery (formerly known as Brentsville Public.)

Bev

From: morganbreeden@aol.com [mailto:morganbreeden@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2009 8:44 PM
To: Veness, Beverly R
Subject: Re: Question about Williams Cemetery

Hi Bev,

7/20/2009

The information on the Davis family is from research conducted by Howard Churchill (page attached). Neither of them would likely be on Ron's lists because neither have an inscribed stone -- only a field stone -- located in the Williams Cemetery in Brentsville. Based on information provided by Howard, the cemetery we had called the Brentsville Public Cemetery was never that -- it had always been the Williams/Davis/Sinclair families, all of whom are related. In recent years there were three internments there by the Webster family believing it was a public cemetery but Howard has papers that seem to prove different. They are in the process of having the trustees renamed since all of the former trustees are now dead.

Information on French Jackson and Ada was transcribed from an old Davis Family Bible I believe.

Thank you for asking! I like to know it is being read and I always try to specify the source of my information but this particular one I didn't for whatever reason.

Morgan.

-----Original Message-----

From: Veness, Beverly R <bveness@pwcgov.org>

To: morganbreeden@aol.com

Sent: Mon, Jul 13, 2009 10:53 am

Subject: Question about Williams Cemetery

Hi Morgan,

In going through your "Brentsville Neighbors" July 2009 issue, we have a question about French Jackson Davis. You provided a picture of him on page 3. His burial is not in Ron Turner's book so how do you know he was born in Brentsville in 1862 and died there on Sept. 12, 1895? There is a death record for F.J. Davis dying on this date -- is that where you got your info? Is there a tombstone? How do you know that Ada, his wife, is also buried there? We cannot find a death record for her. Does she have a tombstone?

Another question is the Williams Cemetery the same as the Brentsville Public Cemetery? I know the Churchills were petitioning for the name change. Are you no longer calling the cemetery Brentsville Public?

Thanks,

Bev

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