

OAKVILLE METHODIST CHURCH (FOREST CHAPEL) CEMETERY, continued.

Mother

L.F. Walker

Mar. 29, 1871

Apr. 24, 1924

CEMETERY IN THE LEVI COMMUNITY

Visited March 28, 1970. The name of this cemetery is not known. It is located on the Massa farm, 81 West Mitchell Road, between Redbud and Horn Lake Roads, about a half mile west of Highway 61. Far behind the Massa home is a riding stable and a lake. The cemetery is on top of a hill behind the lake. Mrs. Massa said she had heard the cemetery was a community cemetery. The area had many trees and ground vines. On one side, near the property line, was a metal fence with wrought iron corner posts. No tombstones could be located within the fence, but there was space within it for some five or six graves. Mrs. Massa told the compilers she had lived there for many years. She said the family from whom her family bought the property moved "north" and arranged at the time of the sale to remove such graves as they wished. When Mrs. Massa was very young, the former owners arranged for the removal of the casket of a young girl about 12 or 13 years old. The girl was buried in a copper casket with a full length glass top. She was perfectly preserved, very blond, and her body appeared to have turned to stone. The tombstones whose inscriptions are shown below and the fenced area were widely spaced over the top of the hill. Sunken spots indicated other graves existed there. In addition to the stones copied, there were fragments of at least three other stones.

Milton A.
Son of J.C. & E. Kelly
Born Mar. 5, 1867
Died Oct. 1, 1872

Saml. F. Turberville
Born Nov. 23, 1828
Died Sep. 17, 1889

Margaret C. Hoegel
Died Feb. 2, 1877
Aged 80 years
(Stone broken)

William H. Hoegel
Born May 24, 1835
Died Oct. 19, 1879
Friend after friend
departs; Who has not lost
a friend? There is no
union here of heart
That finds not here
an end.

Maria Sophia Ficke
Born Jan. 12, 1801
Died Jan. 22, 1862
(Stone broken across month)

Member of the Washington
Rifles
Hier juhett (Here rests)
Ferdinand Ficke
Born Jan. __, 18__
(Only the top of this stone
remained. The first line
was carved on a thin ribbon
and below were a drum, flag
and long rifle. The birth
date may have been Jan. 20,
182_ or 183_.)

The Washington Rifle Co. is listed in Williams' City Directory for 1860, p. 34: Organized Nov. 29, 1853, Armory, Navy Yard; Capt. N. Frech, 1st Lt. A. Munch, 2nd Lt. Joseph Specht. Rainey's 1855-56 City Directory, p. 76, lists the German Washington Rifles, organized June 9, 1853, meet for drill every Monday evening, business meeting on first Monday every month at Armory, Exchange Hall, with officers: Capt. F. Ringwald; 1st Lt. W. Muller; 2nd Lt. F. Bomer; Ord. Sgt. A. Munch; and Ensign J. Steinkuhl.

The Shelby County Probate Court Records, Index, Book I, show: P. 99, No. 2109, F.H. Fike, dec'd., S.H. Fike, adm., Sept. term, 1860; P. 99, No. 2159, Ferdinand Fike, dec'd., Wm. H. Hoegall, Adm. de bonis, Jany. term, 1861; P. 115, No. 416, Herringer, John C. and wife vs. Wm. Hoegell, petition to contest will filed April 13, 1861.

Miss Anna Leigh McCorkle's book, Tales of Old Whitehaven, p. 69, shows an invitation to a Grand Basket Picnic for August 15, 1873, and one of the managers was W.H. Hoegel. The book also lists S.F. Turberville as a member of the Whitehaven Agricultural and Mechanical Society in 1873.