

GOSPEL HILL BURIAL GROUNDS  
RT 430 STATION ROAD and REESE ROAD L TOP OF HILL  
HARBORCREEK, PA.

Formerly abandoned and overgrown, the restoration of the burial ground has been taken on by the Harborcreek Historical Society and several volunteers.

The first bodies interred there were those of two girls who drowned in Six Mile Creek in 1823. There are also 183 unmarked graves within, probably children and many slaves. Legend has it that Thomas Rees brought three negro slaves with him to Harborcreek. Robert McConnell (the only black man with a monument in Gospel Hill, probably because it is a government marker), James Titus, and Caesar. Upon freeing his slaves, Thomas Rees gave them each 50 acres of land to settle on. One, Caesar, chose to remain with Thomas. He is supposed to be buried at Thomas' feet. In fact, we read a total of 6 unmarked graves just outside the Rees family plot fence.

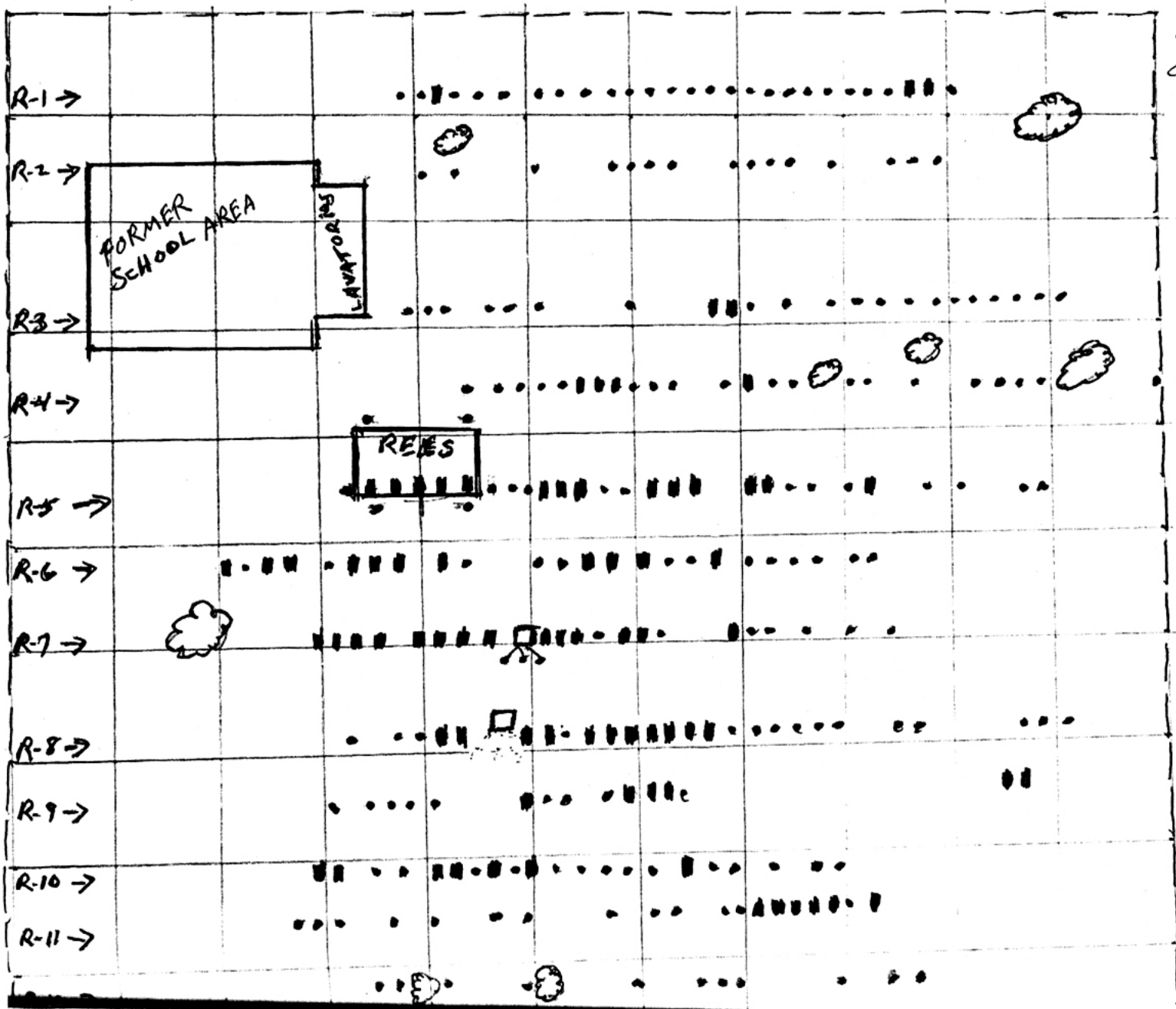
Approximately 110 feet on the West end of the burial grounds is unused. There are 12 rows, running South to North, with grave number one starting in the Southeast area.

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ENGLERT'S  
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- = GRAVESTONE
- = UN-MARKED
- = MONUMENT
- ☁ = TREE
- Remaining 100' UNUSED CAP

STATION ROAD



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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROW</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROW</u>
ALLISON, BARBRA	5	JORDAN, FRANKLIN W.	9
BAKER, AMANDA	6	JORDAN, WILLIAM GEORGE	9
BONNELL, CYNTHA	4	LEE, ANDREW	7
BONNELL, EVE (COOVER)	6	LEE, BETSY	5
BONNELL, GEORGE A.	6	LEE, JOSEPH	5
BONNELL, GEORGE	5	LEE, REBECCA	7
BONNELL, HARRISON	5	LEE, WILLIAM A.	7
BONNELL, J_____ F.	5	MAY, S. R.	11
BONNELL, JIMMIE	5	McCONNELL, ROBERT	1
BONNELL, JOHN	4	MEAD, DIYANTA	1
BONNELL, LOVISA	4	MEAD, RICHARD	1
BONNELL, MARY ANN	4	PEARSON, MARY	REES PLOT
BONNELL, PHILINDIA	5	REES, ANN	REES PLOT
BONNELL, THOMAS	6	REES, SARAH	REES PLOT
BONNELL, WASHINGTON	6	REES, THOMAS	REES PLOT
BOYNTON, SARAH	7	REES, WILLIAM	REES PLOT
▲ COHOON, DIANA	11	SEWELL, ALBERT F.	7
DUMARS, CLAUDIUS	10	SEWELL, ALFRED	9
DUMARS, DELINA	10	SEWELL, CAROLINE	7
EDSON, WILLIAM	6	SEWELL, ELLEN M.	7
EDSON, ELIZABETH	6	SEWELL, INFANT SON (of) (George & Rose)	7
FIELD, OTIS	3	SEWELL, JOHN R.	8
FITCH, FREDERICK	3	SEWELL, JOSEPHINE	8
FORSTER, MARYAM	11	SEWELL, LUANA	7
FOSTER, JANE	10	SEWELL, MARY L.	7
FOSTER, RACHEL	10	SEWELL, MARY M.	7

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROW</u>
SEWELL, NORTON	7
SEWELL, ROBERT	7
SEWELL, SIDNEY	8
SEWELL, WILLIAM A.	7
SEWELL, WILLIS G.	7
SMITH, EUGENE E.	8
SMITH, L. (LAURA E.)	8
SMITH, MARGARET	8
SMITH, MERCY E.	8
SMITH, MONROE	8
SMITH, REBECCA	8
SMITH, WILLIAM W.	8
SMITH, WILLIE E.	9
TRACY, ANDREW	10
TRACY, FANNY	10
TUTTLE, ELINOR	9
TUTTLE, MARY A.	6
TUTTLE, JOHN	6
TUTTLE, JOHN S.	9
TUTTLE, JULIAN SHEL TRE	6
WADSWORTH, HORACE	11
WADSWORTH, LOVISA	11
WADSWORTH, MARY	11

ROW 5

GRAVE #

Rees Plot-Iron Fence

- 1 Wm. Rees/ Died/ January 11, 1832/ Aged 21 years, 8 months
  - 2 Sarah Rees/ Died March 31, 1833/ in her 99th year
  - 3 Mary Pearson/ Born 1747/ Died July 24, 1827/ Aged 80 years  
(Mother-in-law of Thos. Rees - badly broken slate marker)
  - 4 Ann/ wife of/ Thomas Rees, esq./Born in the city of Burlington, N.J./  
October 18, 1768/ Died/ June 16, 1840/ in the 72nd year of her age
  - 5 Thomas Rees, Esq./ Born/ in philadelphia County/ May 9, 1763/emigrated  
to this county in 1794/ Died/ May 1, 1848/ in the 85th year of his age
- Note! Thomas' Rees' slave, Caesar, chose to stay with him, even though he  
was freed. Legend has it that Caesar was buried at Thomas' feet,  
outside the fence. (S.W. side) Unmarked also-S.E.-E.-N.E., N.W. and  
W. sides (Possibly all Thomas Rees' slaves)
- 6-7 Unmarked
  - 8 Joseph Lee/ Died/ June 18, 1853/ Aged 69 years
  - 9 Betsy/ Consort of/ Joseph Lee/ Died/ February 24, 1838/ in the 52nd  
year of her age
  - 10 Harrison Bonnell/ Died/ April 26, 1864 (broken stone)
  - 11-12 Unmarked
  - 13 J\_\_\_\_\_ F. Bonnell (Footstone & broken slate marker)
  - 14 Philindia Bonnell/ Died/ September 24, 1853/ Aged 46 years, 6 days
  - 15 George Bonnell/ Died/ January 29, 1882/ Aged 77yrs. 1 mo. 26 days
  - 16 Barbra Allison/ 1807-1846
  - 17-19 Unmarked
  - 20 Our Jimmie/ son of/ Washington & Isabell Bonnell/ Born July 18, 1864/  
Died \_\_\_\_\_ 17, 1868
  - 21-24 Unmarked

ROW 6

GRAVE #

- 1 Julian Sheltre/ son of Ann B. Tuttle/ Born July 26, 1820/ Died/ November 29, 1823 (brick surround)
- 2 Unmarked
- 3 Mary A. Tuttle/ 1829-1910
- 4 John Tuttle/ 1827-1913
- 5 Unmarked
- 6 George A./ son of/ Josephine & Elliot Bonnell/ Died/ August 19, 1880/ Aged 3 months, 9 days
- 7 Thomas Bonnell/ Died/ October 6, 1871/ Aged 96 years
- 8 Eve/ wife of/ Thomas Bonnell/ Died/ May 18, 1886/ Aged 87 years
- 9 Elizabeth/ wife of/ William Edson/ Died/ March 8, 1880/ Aged 78 years
- 10-12 Unmarked
- 13 William Edson-unreadable-no information found
- 14 Broken infant stone-2 months
- 15 Amanda/ wife of/ S. L. Baker/ Died/ September 27, 1839/ Aged 24 years
- 16-17 Unmarked
- 18 Washington Bonnell-unreadable-no information found
- 19-24 Unmarked

ROW 7

GRAVE #

- 1 Luanna/ wife of/ Ebenezer Sewell/ Died/ August 17, 1854/ Aged 69 yrs.  
(Badly broken)
- 2 Ellen M. Sewell/ Died/ April 12, 1869/ Aged 78 yrs. 13 days
- 3 Sarah/ wife of/ Joseph Boynton/ Died/ September 9, 1864/ Aged 25yrs.,  
5 months, 7 days
- 4 Andrew Lee/ Died/ April 30, 1864/ Aged 52 yrs., 3 mos., 19 days
- 5 Rebecca/ wife of/ Andrew Lee/ Died/ March 31, 1887/ Aged 76 years
- 6 William A. Lee/ Died/ February 17, 1871/ Aged 36 yrs., 8 mos., 15 days
- 7 Albert F. Sewell/ 1859-1921
- 8 Caroline Baker Sewell/ 1821-1904 (wife of Robert)
- 9-12 On Sewell Monument
- 9 Robert Sewell/ Died/ November 27, 1868/ Aged 53 years, 5 months
- 10 William A./ Died/ May 1, 1865/ at age 56 years
- 11 Willis G. Sewell
- 12 Mary L. Sewell/ daughter of Caroline Sewell/ Died/ January 26, 1886  
(Broken marker west of monument) (Age 37 yrs.)
- 13 Mary M./ daughter of/ Norton & Mary A. Sewell/ Died/ March 18, 1852/  
Aged 4 yrs., 2 months, 18 days
- 14 Norton Sewell/ Died/ November 17, 1864 ae. 55 yrs., 8 mos., 29 days  
Broken stone
- 15 Unmarked
- 16-17 Sewells-marked with field stones
- 18 Unmarked
- 19 Infant/ son of/ George & Rose Sewell/ Died/ August 25, 1883/ Aged 15 ds.
- 20-25 Unmarked

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ROW 8

GRAVE #

- 1-3 Unmarked
- 4 Josephine Sewell/ 1844-1916
- 5 Nancy Sewell/ Born/ August 27, 1848/ Died/ December 28, 1904/  
Age 86 years "MOTHER"
- BIG MONUMENT
- 6 Sidney Sewell/ Born/ March 27, 1812/ Died/ January 17, 1891/  
Aged 79 years "FATHER"
- 7 John R./ son of/ Sidney & Nancy Sewell/ Died/ July 18, 1860  
Aged 8 years, 11 months, 6 days
- 8 Unmarked
- 9 Rebecca Smith/ 1822-1905 "MOTHER"
- 10 William W. Smith/ Died/ May 17, 1878/ Aged 59yrs., 3 mos., 15 days
- 11 Mercy E./ daughter of/ Charles & Mary Smith/ Died/ August 22, 1865/  
Aged 10 months, 25 days
- 12 Eugene E./ son of/ W. W. & A. Smith/ Died/ March 23, 1862/  
Aged 1 year, 2 months, 19 days
- 13 L. Smith (Probably Laura E./ Died/ September 26, 1888/ Aged 25 yrs.)
- 14 Monroe Smith/ 1851-1913
- 15 Margaret Smith/ 1854- 1914
- 16-26 Unmarked



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ROW 1

- GRAVE #
- 1, 2 Unmarked
- 3 Robert McConnell/ Cook/Co. G./ 15 Pa. Inf./ Sp. Am. War
- 4-24 Unmarked
- 25 Richard D. Mead/ Born/ April 23. 1863/ Died/ September 6, 1865/ son  
of John B. Mead.
- 26 Diyanta/ daughter of John B. Mead/ Died/ July\_\_\_, 186?
- 27 Unmarked

ROW 2

- 1-15 Unmarked

ROW 3


- 1-7 Unmarked
- 8 Otis Field/ Died/ March 5, 1851/ Aged 45 years
- 9 Major/ Frederick L. Fitch/ Died August 14, 1882/ Aged 86yrs. 3mo. 8d.
- 10-22 Unmarked

ROW 4


- 1-2 Unmarked
- 3-5 Unmarked Bonnell infants
- 6 Lovisa/ daughter of /John & Cynthia Bonnell/ Died/ January 2, 1886/  
Aged 48 yrs. 7 months.
- 7 John Bonnell/ Died/ February 6, 1881/ Aged 69yrs. 9 mos.
- 8 Cynthia/ wife of/ John Bonnell/ Died/ July 2, 1872/ Aged 57 yrs.
- 9-12 Unmarked Bonnell infants
- 13 Mary Ann Bonnell/ Died/ July 18, 1847/ Aged 12 years.
- 14-25 Unmarked

ROW 9

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
- 1-5 Unmarked
- 6 Alfred E. Sewell/ 1855-1892
- 7-9 Unmarked
- 10 Franklin W. Jordan/ Died/ April 4, 1886/ Aged 6 years, 4 months
- 11 William George Jordan/ Died/ December 10, 1881/ Aged 14 years
- 12 Willie E./ son of/ W. W. & A. Smith/ Died/ August 26, 1865/  
Aged 2 years, 7 months, 12 days
- 13 Unmarked
- 14 John S. Tuttle/ 1803-1893
- 15  Elinor Henton Tuttle/ 1803-1859

ROW 10

- 1 Claudius Dumars/ Died/ November 29, 1889/ Aged 77 years
- 2  Delina/ wife of/ Claudius Dumars/ Born/ October 18, 1812/ Died/  
January 29, 1885
- 3-4 Unmarked
- 5 Fanny/ Friend of Lucius & Polly Tracy/ Died/ July 2, 1835/  
at age 1 year, 1 month, 2 days
- 6 Andrew Tracy/ Died/ November 11, 1846/ at age 25 years
- 7 Unmarked
- 8 Esther Hiles/ Died/ November 22, 1853/ Aged 35 years, 9 months
- 9 Unmarked
- 10 Jane Foster/ Born/ June 21, 1833/ Died/ April 25, 1871
- 11-15 Unmarked
- 16 Rachel Foster/ Born in Dalton, Mass./ August 2, 1787/ Died/ Sept. 23, 1853
- 17-21 Unmarked

ROW 11

GRAVE #

- 1-12 Unmarked
- 13 Mary/ wife of/ Horace Wadsworth/ Died/ July 29, 1867/ Aged/  
80 years, 9 months, 4 days
- 14  Horace Wadsworth/ Born at/ Middlebury, Vt./ April 21, 1786/  
Died/ June 16, 1840
- 15 Lovisa/ daughter of/ Horace & Mary Wadsworth/ Died/ May 12, 1833/  
in the 17th year of her age
- 16 Broken (Probably S.R. May,/ Diana Cahoon's first husband, who she  
married February 15, 1837, this union produced Lucina,/ Born-1837  
and Alexander/ Born-1839. She married David Cahoon October 2, 1845
- 17 Diana/ wife of/ David Cahoon/ Died/ November 4, 1846/ in the  
34th year of her age ( Newspaper says Cahoon)(She probably died  
in childbirth and has baby interred with her)
- 18 Unmarked
- 19 Maryam Forster/ Died/ August 27, 1847/ 1 year, 10 months, \_\_days

ROW 12

- 1-12 Unmarked