

RICHLAND COUNTY CEMETERY RECORDS

Volume II

Dutch Fork Area

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FOREWORD

The members of Columbia Chapter, SCGS, compiled this collection of Cemetery records. Members of the society realized a need to preserve the cemetery burial records in Richland County for future reference. This volume is the culmination of many years of survey work conducted by our members. Represented in Volume II are 20 cemeteries located in the Dutch Fork area of Richland County. It is not a comprehensive collection of all cemeteries in that part of the county but those identified by our members and other interested persons. Additional volumes are planned that will contain cemeteries in other parts of our county. This volume is presented in two sections. In Section One each cemetery listed has been surveyed, recorded, resurveyed and updated in the latter part of 1999 and early 2000 by members of the Chapter. The records contained here are actual transcriptions from the markers in the cemeteries with some notations of blank stones and unidentifiable markers. Most cemeteries surveyed contain a number of unmarked or unreadable markers that are not noted. Section Two contains cemetery records from the original set of data collected by the society that survey teams were unable to resurveyed and verified because they could not be located. Some of these cemeteries have been grown over, destroyed or are on posted lands and unreachable.

While the main objective of this publication is the preservation of county records, it is hopeful that other purposes will be served. We hope it will be helpful for people researching Richland County history and it will create an interest in family history that will inspire the present generation to begin to record their family data while parents and grandparents can help.

Care has been taken to make an exact copy of each marker included in this collection, using identical spelling and dates. However, allowance for human error must be made in instances where the markers have eroded over time and are so faded and indistinct the surveyor had to determine the spelling or the dates. The survey teams have found the cemeteries in various conditions. Many of them are well cared for while others are all but lost. The markers are made from all types of materials many of them standing the test of time while others have faded and are all but gone. The records of burials are not always available to family researchers so they must rely on what information they find on the grave markers. Many times, this information leads researchers to other records, which can be used to verify their findings.

In this volume the cemeteries are listed in alphabetical order. The entries for each cemetery are arranged in placement groupings within the cemetery. The remarks column contains other information found on the marker including military service records, family relationships, special designations and joint marker indications. Abbreviations used throughout are listed in the Appendix. Our surveys have spanned a 20-year period during which many of the markers have disappeared. An asterisk after the surname identifies the markers that could not be located during the resurvey of the cemetery. The asterisk indicates the marker was in the cemetery when the original surveys were made but were not located during the resurvey of the cemetery. Also, included is an name index for the burials that gives first and last name and page numbers. Wives, children and parents are not indexed in the index.

The Columbia Chapter gratefully acknowledges the work of its members, past and present, which have made this publication possible. Over the twenty-year span of this work, so many members have contributed to its compilation in one form or another so that it is not possible to recognize all of them here. The Society would like to thank Sylvia Castles, Annette Metz, Saul Moore, Charlton and Peggy Bowers and Gene Osburn for their recent work on this volume and Wade Osburn for the cover picture.

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