

THE BOULWARE WALLS

This burying ground was established shortly after the Revolution by Muscoe Boulware (1758-1825) and his wife Nancy Pickett, and they rest within its walls. They came from King and Queen County, of Tidewater Virginia, bought land on the Flint Hill ridge, and built a home which they called "Eagle House".

When Muscoe Boulware died, in 1825, he made bequests in his will to ten children, leaving the home place to his unmarried son Doctor William R. A. Boulware, but providing that his wife, Nancy Boulware should continue to live there.

When Dr. Boulware died in 1832, he devised the home place to his oldest brother, Thomas Boulware, but made legal provisions for the cemetery by stating, "I do hereby reserve one acre of land which I appropriate and set apart as a family burying ground, with a suitable way of access to same."

His mother continued to reside at the old home place until her death in 1836. Three of her daughters married Pickett Cousins, and both Picketts and Boulwares are buried within the old walls. The walls are quite massive, of rubble stone construction, about two feet thick, and extend nearly two hundred feet each way. The gateway pillars are of dressed stone with wrought-iron gate.

There is a tradition that the first burial in the cemetery, was that of William Boulware, father of Muscoe I, but there is no tombstone; neither is there a manument to Muscoe I, nor to his wife, Nancy Pickett. The earliest manument is that of Muscoe II, dated 1832. The latest is that of Sallie Raines Robertson dated 1889. There are a number of other manuments, among them one carrying only the inscription "My Mother".
(Judge Neil's mother)

It is proposed now (in 1946) to raise sufficient funds to set up a respectable marker to the memory of Muscoe Boulware I, and Nancy Pickett, who following the custom of the times, laid out this family burying ground.

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