

Henry Moore Burying Grounds

Winnsboro, Fairfield Co., South Carolina
1779-1852

This research paper prepared by Stewart Coleman Whittle, April 2004

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Overview

Thirty-five persons are known to be buried at the Henry Moore Burying Ground near Winnsboro, Fairfield County, South Carolina. The grave yard is on property owned by the heirs of Henry Moore and his son, William when the last burial there occurred in 1852. A complete ownership history of the land on which the graveyard is situated is not available to me.

The first burial at the Henry Moore Burying Ground was Agnes W. Robertson in 1779. She was a younger sister of Henry Moore's future wife, Jane Robertson. At this point, I cannot say that the first burial occurred when Henry Moore owned the site.

Two more children of Alexander Robertson were buried there: Janney Robertson in 1792 and in 1841 Jane Robertson Moore was buried there without a grave marker. The father of all the Robertsons, Alexander himself, was buried in 1796.

The first Moore to be buried there was Henry Moore, Junior, in 1808. The last Moore to be placed there was a great grandson of Henry Moore, unnamed, who died in 1852, the offspring of Jane Sterling Kersh nee Moore. All together, 15 Moores are buried there, including Henry Moore the antecedent of them all. He, like his wife, Jane, was buried without a grave stone. See item 4 above.

Friends of the Moores were permitted to bury their family members in the graveyard. A total of 16 other persons are buried there.

Two surveys of the Graveyard have been carried out and recorded.

The first was by Eliza R. Wylie of Richburg, South Carolina, a descendant of Henry Moore. Her report was found at the NSDAR Library: "Arkansas Genealogical Research Records, Vol 27, Arkansas DAR, 1945-46", pages 204 through 208. The survey and the report appear to have been prepared in 1920's although no sure dates of survey and report are anywhere to be seen. This estimate is based on a paragraph in her report, see item 4 above.

The second was prepared by John H. and Gail Weldon of Micanopy, Florida in March 1994. This report was obtained from the Fairfield Co., SC, Genealogical Society in Winnsboro, SC. I think that John is a descendant of Samuel and Nancy Weldon who are buried there.

Survey by John & Gail Weldon

Gravestone Inscriptions Keyed to a Map

- Retyped Survey Report, March 2004
- Originally performed and reported by John H. And Olivia G. Weldon on March 28, 1994
- A copy was obtained from the Fairfield Co. SC, Genealogy Room of the Fairfield Museum
- This rendition of the Survey Report is prepared by Stewart Coleman Whittle and includes his comments, the focus of which is the Robertson & Moore families and selected descendant lines. These names are rendered in bold face.

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Gravestone Inscriptions Keyed to a Map

Map Key	Inscription	Weldon Comments	Whittle Comments
1	<p>In Memory of Henry Moore, Jnr. who died 14th June 1808 aged 7 years, 3 month, and 8 days</p> <p>Life How Short, Eternity How Long.</p> <p>Footstone: H.M.</p>	Upright, not broken, white marble	Son of Henry Moore and Jane Robertson
2	<p>In Memory of Charles Moore who died 19th Dec 1822 aged 19 years, 5 months, and 6 days</p> <p>Youth is the time to serve the Lord, the time to insure the Great Reward. No more alas the grave is now thy bed. In prime of youth thou art numbered with the dead, consigned in dust to lie to that great day when Christ our Savior shall his power display</p> <p>Footstone: C.M. 1822</p>	Upright, not broken, white marble	Son of Henry Moore and Jane Robertson

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3	<p>In Memory of Alexander Moore who departed this life the 27th November 1826, aged 30 years 9 months and 12 days</p> <p>Tread lightly on his ashes ye that are magnanimous for he was your kinsman. Weed his grave clean ye men of goodness; for he was your brother. Alas Poor Alexander, thou are gone, that warm heart of thine with all its generous expansion, is now compressed into a clod of the valley and we hope thy soul has fled to other regions on high from whence it emanated</p> <p>Footstone: W.A.M.</p>	Upright, not broken white marble	Son of Henry Moore and Jane Moore
4	<p>Sacred to the Memory of Mrs. Eliza M. Cathcart wife of James Cathcart, Junr. And daughter of Maj. Henry Moore Aged about 29 years</p> <p>It may with truth be recorded to her memory that she was and affectionate child, wife and mother.</p>	White marble slab; engraved, broken into 3 pieces, but legible. No footstone	<p>Nee Eliza Marlon Moore daughter of Henry Moore and Jane Robertson</p> <p>Date of death about 1835 based on known birth date in 1806 from Bible records.</p>
5	<p>Sacred to the memory of Sara Julianna McMullan who was born October the 7th 1809 and died February the 7th 1838.</p> <p>G. Brown</p> <p>Footstone</p>	Stone broken but engraving intact G. Brown is speculatively identified as the engraver by the Weldons	<p>nee Sarah Julianna Moore daughter of Henry Moore and Jane Robertson. Wife of Joseph I. McMullan</p> <p>DATE ERROR¹</p>
6	<p>Sacred to the memory of William Stewart infant son of J.I. & S.J. McMullan born 26th October 1829 and died 24th May 1830</p> <p>And Jesus said suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of Heaven.</p>	Stone broken and part of engraving missing No Footstone	<p>William Stewart McMullan</p> <p>Son of Sarah Julianna McMullan nee Moore</p>

¹ This daughter was born on October 9 1809. The correct date is reported in the Henry Moore Bible and by the Eliza Wylie record of the gravestone.

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7	<p>Sacred to the memory of Henrietta Moore daughter of Col. William & Caroline Moore born July the 9th 1830 and departed this life May the 19th 1836 aged 5 years 10 months and 10 days</p> <p>Sleep Precious dust in lonely silence here, far from the giddy and unthinking crowd while tender sympathy lets fall a tear, ... that marbles... the proud</p> <p>Footstone: H. M.</p>	Broken but most of engraving intact	
8	<p>Sacred to the memory of John Walter Moore infant son of William and Caroline Moore, who departed this life March 5th 1837, aged 1 year, 6 months, and two days</p> <p>Dear little babe though esteemed so dear, no effort could detain you here</p>	Broken but engraving intact	No footstone recorded
9	<p>In memory of Sarah Jullana Smart infant daughter of Wm. And Caroline Moore, who departed this life May 31st, 1810, aged 2 years, 1 month, and 5 days</p> <p>He that took little children in his arms and blessed them has said, or seemed to say, suffer this little child also to come unto me for such is the Kingdom of Heaven</p>	Broken but engraving intact	<p>No footstone recorded</p> <p>nee Sarah Jullana Smart Moore</p> <p>DATE ERROR²</p>
10	<p>Sacred to the memory of Wm. Alexander Moore son of Wm. & Caroline Moore born July 25 1826 died June 30 1838</p> <p>What tho our sweet and tender flower lies nipt and moulders in the dust he'll live and bloom in brighter bowers when Jesus comes to raise the just</p> <p>Footstone: W. A. M.</p>	Broken but engraving intact	

² This daughter of Wm. & Caroline Moore died on May 31, 1840. First, the death date of 1810 is before Wm. and Caroline married, in 1825. Second, the correct date is in the Bible Records of the parents. Third, the Eliza Wylie record of the gravestone shows 1840 as the year.

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11	<p>Placed here in memory of their mother Mrs. Caroline Moore who died the 16th of March 1849 by her three surviving daughters</p> <p>Oh Sweet is still thy sadest memory, O mother dearest hope no gone, a deep the grief we bear for thee, bereaved we'r sadly left alone</p> <p>Footstone: C.M.</p>	<p>Broken but engraving intact</p> <p>Monument placed upright on 3/27/94 by John and Gail Weldon</p>	<p>Nee Caroline Smart</p> <p>The three surviving daughters were in Drew Co., AR; Jane Sterling Kersh nee Moore, Margaret Elizabeth Moore, Mary Caroline Moore.</p>
12	<p>Placed here in memory of their father Col. Wm. Moore born 15 Novr 1793 and died on Sunday night 11th May 1851 by his three surviving daughters</p> <p>O sweetest of valleys, how calm could I rest in thy bosom of shade with those I love best where the storms which we feel in this cold world may cease and our hearts like thy waters be mingled in peace</p> <p>Footstone: W. M.</p>	<p>Broken be engraving intact</p> <p>Monument placed upright on 3/27/94 by John and Gail Weldon</p>	<p>The three surviving daughters were in Drew Co., AR; Jane Sterling Kersh nee Moore, Margaret Elizabeth Moore, Mary Caroline Moore.</p>
13	<p>Infant son of Mrs. Jane S. And Wm. D. Kersh buried 1st Dec 1852</p>	<p>Broken - upright and buried part way</p> <p>No Footstone</p>	<p>Unnamed, mother is Jane Sterling Kersh nee Moore, daughter of Wm. Moore</p>
14	<p>In memory of J. H. A. Watson son of H. and [? H.] Watson born on the 25th July 1825 and died on the 9th September 1846</p> <p>Footstone</p>	<p>Broken but engraving intact</p>	<p>Father Hardway Watson, mother Harriet Watson nee Moore daughter of Henry and Jane Moore</p>
15	<p>In memory of Harriet C. daughter of J. and E. Kennedy born on the 3rd of August 1839 and died on the 8th of October 1844</p>	<p>Broken but engraving intact</p> <p>No footstone</p>	<p>Parents are Joseph and Eliza Kennedy</p> <p>Wylie reports the birth date as 8 August.</p>
16	<p>In memory of William H. Infant son of J. and E. Kennedy born on 31st July 1842 and died on the 12th of October 1843</p>	<p>Broken but engraving intact</p> <p>No footstone</p>	<p>Parents are Joseph and Eliza Kennedy</p>
17	<p>In mem... Mis. Eli... the 13th ...184.. aged 26</p> <p>Footstone</p>	<p>Broken but engraving not intact</p>	<p>Text reported in Wylie report.³</p>

³ Mrs. Eliza Ann Kennedy wife of Captain Joseph Kennedy born on the 21st of Sept. 1820 departed this life on the 13th of Sept 1847 aged 26 years.

Map Key	Inscription	Weldon Comments	Whittle Comments
18	In memory of John W. Kennedy son of Joseph and Eliza [?A] Kennedy who was born on the 27 th of March 1838 and departed this life the 25 th Novr. 1850 aged 12 years 7 months and 29 days Footstone	Verse not recorded Broken but intact	
19	In memory of Samuel Weldon who departed this life April 2 nd 1829 in the 77 year of his life Go home my friends dry up your tears it is my lot to tarry here when Christ doth come I will arise and see you with my mortal eyes. Footstone: S. W.	Broken but has been placed upright but deeper in ground	
20	Sacred to the memory of Nancy Weldon wife of Samuel Weldon who departed this life July 21 th AD 1830 in the 79 th year of her age. Footstone	Broken but intact. Monument placed upright on 3/27/94 by John and Gail Weldon	Date in Wylie record shows as 2 nd of July
21	Sacred [to] the memory of [Es]ther Mary daughter of William and Esther Herron who died Oct 25 th 1832 Aged 2 years 6 months 25 days Alas how changed that love which ...Fleeting How soon we're calle'd and shall my bleeding hear[t] that God whose ways are ... vainly cherish and anxious [pain] for her who rests above	Broken and engraving somewhat intact	
21	21A	Broken footstone, could not find monument	Not placed, not counted in total buried here
22	In memory of Martha Morrow Robinson who died June 9 th 1816 aged 21 years and 3 days Happy soul thy days are ended all thy mourning days below go by angels gua[r]d attended to the side of Jesus go.	Tree fell on monument and broke it into 9 pieces. Pieces dug out from under tree 3/27/94 and laid out to record engraving by John and Gail Weldon	
23	Here Lieth the body of Alexander Robertson who departed this life Febry the [17] 1796 aged 61	Small dark rock. Writing is script. Broken but lettering is intact.	This gravestone and #24 are adjacent. Wylie reports the date as Feb. 16 1796.

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24	<p>Agnes W. Robertson died June 2 1779 in the 8th year of her age</p> <p>[#24A]</p>	<p>Small dark rock. Writing is script. Broken but lettering is intact</p>	<p>One head stone with two names on it. Numbers 24A and 24B were assigned</p> <p>Daughter of Alexander Robertson. [#23]</p>
24	<p>Janney Robertson died Nov 14th 1792 in the 3rd year of her age</p> <p>[#24B]</p>	<p>Small dark rock. Writing is script. Broken but lettering is intact</p>	<p>One head stone with two names on it. Numbers 24A and 24B were assigned</p> <p>Daughter of Alexander Robertson. [#23]</p>
25	<p>In memory of Robert Ellison Senr who departed this life on the 9th of March 1806 in the 63rd year of his age</p> <p>Footstone</p>	<p>Stone upright. Lettering in script on white marble</p>	
26	<p>In memory of Elizabeth Ellison wife of Robert Ellison Senr who departed this life on the 15 of January 1793 in the 43rd year of her age</p> <p>Footstone</p>	<p>Stone upright. Lettering in script on white marble</p>	
27	<p>In memory of Joseph Ellison son of William & Mary Ellison who departed this life Sept 19th 1822 aged 13 years 6 months</p>	<p>Broken but stuck in ground with most of lettering showing</p>	
28	<p>In memory Susannah only daughter of William and Isabella W. Adger who departed this life on the 18th of October 1826 age 1 year 7 months</p>	<p>Engraved slab. Slab has been broken and pushed off elevated piers</p>	
29	<p>Sacred to the memory of Rebecca Y. Ellison who died Sept 22nd 1827 aged 2 years and eight months</p>	<p>Upright not broken white marble</p>	

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30	<p>Sacred to the memory of] William Ell [ison] who departed this li[fe] A.D. 183... aged 57 years 9 month and 16 days</p> <p>As a man he was truly amiable; As a friend, constant and faithful; As a husband, tender and affectinate; As a father, kind and indulgent; Christian, faithful, cheerful, devoted, obedient, benevolent in his affliction, which was severe [he] was [tranquil] and resigned in his conflict with the last enemy death, he was tranquil serene ... triumphant Reader, May your last end be like his. This flesh shall slumber in the ground till the last trumpet's joyful sound; then burst the chains with sweet surprise and in his savior's image rise</p>	Slab engraved/ Broken into 6 pieces. Most of the engraving is intact	
31	<p>Memory of Susanna Ellison the wife of John Ellison obiet 28th Feby 1817 in the 39th year of her age</p> <p>beloved by all who knew her the righteous hath nothing in death to loose</p> <p>Footstone</p>	Upright, not broken white marble	
32	<p>In memory of an infant son of John and Margaret Adger who departed this life February 17th 1836</p>	Engraved slab. Slab has been slid off piers. Not broken.	
End of List			

Additional information from a Survey by Eliza R. Wylie

In addition to the notes and footnotes added to the Survey by John and Gail Weldon, I offer the following item of interest from Mrs. Wylie's report as presented in the referenced DAR volume.

"Between Caroline Moore on right and Sarah Juliann Smart left are two unmarked graves which are Maj. Henry Moore and his wife. The son of Major Henry Moore's overseer, (Robert R. Crawford) went to the graveyard with me.⁴ He said that his father, Robert R. Crawford told him that Major Henry Moore requested no marker be put to his grave, but to plant a cedar tree there. At the foot of one of the unmarked graves was a large cedar tree which had just died. Without a doubt I think that is his grave. The large 8-room brick house was torn down by a party who bought the land and carried to Winnsboro to build his home. Mr. Crawford showed me the spot where Major Henry Moore's house stood there were some scattered brick."

Mrs. Wylie's first sentence quoted above describes a layout of gravestones which does not appear to match the map drawn by John & Gail Weldon. The gravestone for Caroline Moore nee Smart is Map Key number 11. The gravestone for Sarah Julian(n)(a) Smart Moore is Map Key number 9. Mrs. Wylie places two unmarked graves between them. The gravestone for Wm. Alexander is between them on the map.

The map shows two large fallen trees. One rooted near the solitary foot stone, Map Key number 21A and Number 21, the grave of Ester Mary Herron. The second lies diagonally across a bordered plot containing most of the permitted families' graves. Neither can readily be identified as the cedar tree requested by Henry Moore as told by Mrs. Wylie. I do not doubt that a cedar tree was planted. If in Mrs. Wylie's survey in the early part of the 20th century, she viewed a fallen cedar tree, it might have rotted completely away by 1994.

It is also a mystery how she observed an unmarked grave; was it a depression?

Additional Remarks by Stewart Whittle

Thinking that the map might reveal clues if the dates of death were superimposed on the gravestone layout, I entered the death dates and found little of interest. The succession of gravestones was not translatable into much useful information. The Moore line graves are lined up and the first grave is dated 1808. The Ellisons' graves are clustered in the small yard, the earliest is 1793, and the two Adger graves are mingled. The Robertson gravestones are isolated from the others.

Based on the engraved death dates, the oldest gravestones are Robertson childrens'. The stone is described as small and dark. The engraving is described as "script". Two Robertson children who died 13 years apart are presented on one stone. It is notable that the gravestone of their father, Alexander Robertson, is of the same stone and engraving style. These circumstances suggest that both stones were manufactured at one time and not as the individual deaths

⁴ A rough estimate of the date of this visit is based on age range of a son who lives 70 years beyond his father's employment by Henry Moore. I estimate that it took place in the 1920s.

occurred. When that singular time was, is not known other than the creation of the two similar gravestones occurred after Alexander Robertson died 1796. If this is true, then the earliest gravestone placed in the Henry Moore Burying Ground may be that of Elizabeth Ellison, who died in 1793. The burial of the first person remains Agnes W. Robertson, deceased 1779.

I am unsure that it needs to be said because it must be obvious to the reader, but to bring closure to this research document, the gravestones of the Henry Moore family are literate affirmations of faith in the Lord Christ, hope of salvation everlasting and charity.

List of Family Names in the Burying Ground

Family Name	Map Key Numbers	Family Name	Map Key Numbers
Adger	28, 32	Moore	1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Cathcart	4	McMullan	5, 6
Ellison	25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31	Robertson	<i>23, 24A, 24B</i>
Herron	21	Robinson	22
Kennedy	15, 16, 17, 18	Watson	14
Kersh	13	Weldon	19, 20

The Map Key numbers for Moore descendants are bold. The Map Key numbers for Robertson family members are bold italics. Mrs. Wylie was principally concerned with the Moore family which was her ancestral family. Therefore, many of the gravestones for other families were omitted from her report as presented in the DAR volume. In the List, the bold Map Key Numbers are gravestones reported by her as Robertson and Moore family members. A few others do occur in her report. She was explicitly uncertain whether or not they were her relatives. Variations in the reported data between the two Surveys are annotated or footnoted in the display of the John & Gail Weldon Survey Report.



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MOORE FAMILY CEMETERY

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By her 3 surviving daughters.

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b. 15 Mar. 1793 and/died on Sunday night,/ 11th May, 1851,/By his 3 surviving daughters.

HENRIETTA MOORE/Dtr of Col. Wm &/Caroline Moore/
b. July 9, 1830/d. May 17, 1836/Aged 5 yrs.

JOHN WALTER MOORE/Son of Wm. &/Carolina Moore/
d. Mch. 5, 1837/Aged 1 yr., 6 mo., 2 days.

WM. ALEXANDER MOORE/Son of Wm. & Caroline Moore/
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SARAH JULIANA SMART/Infant dtr of Wm. /Caroline Moore/
d. May 31, 1840.

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