

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCHYARD, EDENTON, NORTH CAROLINA

## Indexes and Maps of the Cemetery with Selected Biographical Sketches



*1850 sketch of St. Paul's Church and churchyard by Porte Crayon (Harpers Magazine)*

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## **INTRODUCTION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Early original maps of the cemetery of St. Paul's have been lost or misplaced. An accurate and lost map of the churchyard existed until the 1960s when it disappeared. This map was likely made about 1915 by the Chowan County surveyor and engineer Patrick Matthew (1853-1922). Recently, Carter Rowe, the nephew and executor of Edenton historian Elizabeth V. Moore's (1912-2010) estate, discovered an undated, unsigned and unfinished churchyard map in Elizabeth's home on West King Street. John Sykes, an historian who worked with Miss Moore identified that map as one made by Jasper Wiggins Hassell (1923-2003), a professional Chowan County land surveyor. He likely made the map about 1975. This map shows the exact location and shape of the great majority of marker stones present in 1975.

At the May 2011 annual meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati organized by Thomas Wood in Edenton, the membership voted to provide a small grant to the EVM Foundation for a preliminary history of St. Paul's churchyard to be compiled by Charles Racine. This map and index together with a description of the "Governor's Graves" is part of this effort.

## **TIMELINE FOR ST. PAUL'S**

- 1701 Creation of St Paul's Parish by the first vestry
- 1712 Town on Matecomac Creek laid out by Edward Moseley on land east of Broad Street
- 1722 Additional land west of Broad Street platted with four lots provision for a town cemetery
- 1722 Charles Eden died and town named Edenton
- 1736 St. Paul's Church construction began
- 1753 First burial with a surviving head stone: Margaret Davieson
- 1767-1774 Construction of St. Paul's church completed
- 1769 C.J.Sauthier Map of Edenton shows churchyard, church and rectors study
- 1808 Edenton Methodist Church graveyard established
- 1850 Porte Crayon sketched the church and churchyard
- 1889 Beaver Hill Cemetery established
- 1889 Colonial Dames and R.B. Drane began moving Governor's Graves
- 1890 Southern Magnolias along south walk planted by Robert Brent Drane
- 1915 Plat map of burials in Churchyard by Patrick Matthew (lost)
- 1933 Hurricane destroyed churchyard trees; Mabel Moore wrote about damage
- 1953 Visit by Richmond landscape architect Charles Gillette to evaluate churchyard
- 1960 Churchyard enclosed by a wall and *Spirea* hedge.
- 1975-80 Jasper Hassell surveyed and mapped churchyard.
- 1989 Last burial: Louise Badham Dixon
- 1994 Davyd Foard Hood evaluated churchyard
- 2003 Hurricane Isabel took down trees and broke stones.

## I. INDEXES AND MAPS

### Jasper Hassell's Cemetery Map and Index

Jasper Hassell's 1985 map below shows scaled drawings and locations of about 500 stones. He divided the churchyard into four quadrants, A, B, C and D to the SW, SE, NW and NE respectively, of the church. Jasper numbered most of the gravestones on the map and then made a key for each area with a number, name and death year. A number of graves were not numbered or identified, and there are names without numbers. We therefore made a separate map for each area with a key and filled in missing names and dates. This was accomplished by visiting the cemetery and using the stone inscriptions that identified the person and date.



*Jasper Hassell map of St. Paul's Church and churchyard cemetery divided by walks (with church at center). Hassell divided the cemetery into four sections, A (lower left), B (lower right), C (upper left) and D (upper right) showing numbered graves and names with death date.*

## **INDEX AND MAP: AREA A (SOUTHWEST)**

The oldest stone (Margaret Davieson 1759) (but certainly not the oldest grave) is located here along with the moved Governor's Graves (GG in index). There are old crepe myrtles, a Pearl Bush and large oaks and a Spirea hedge. Main family groups are Pruden, Wood and Leary. An interesting stone (72) is the combined grave of three Clarks, two Kennedys and a Greenwood. Edward Wood Jr (1820-1872) and his wife Caroline Moore (Gilliam) Wood (1824-1886), owner of Greenfield and inheritor of Hayes are buried here (65).



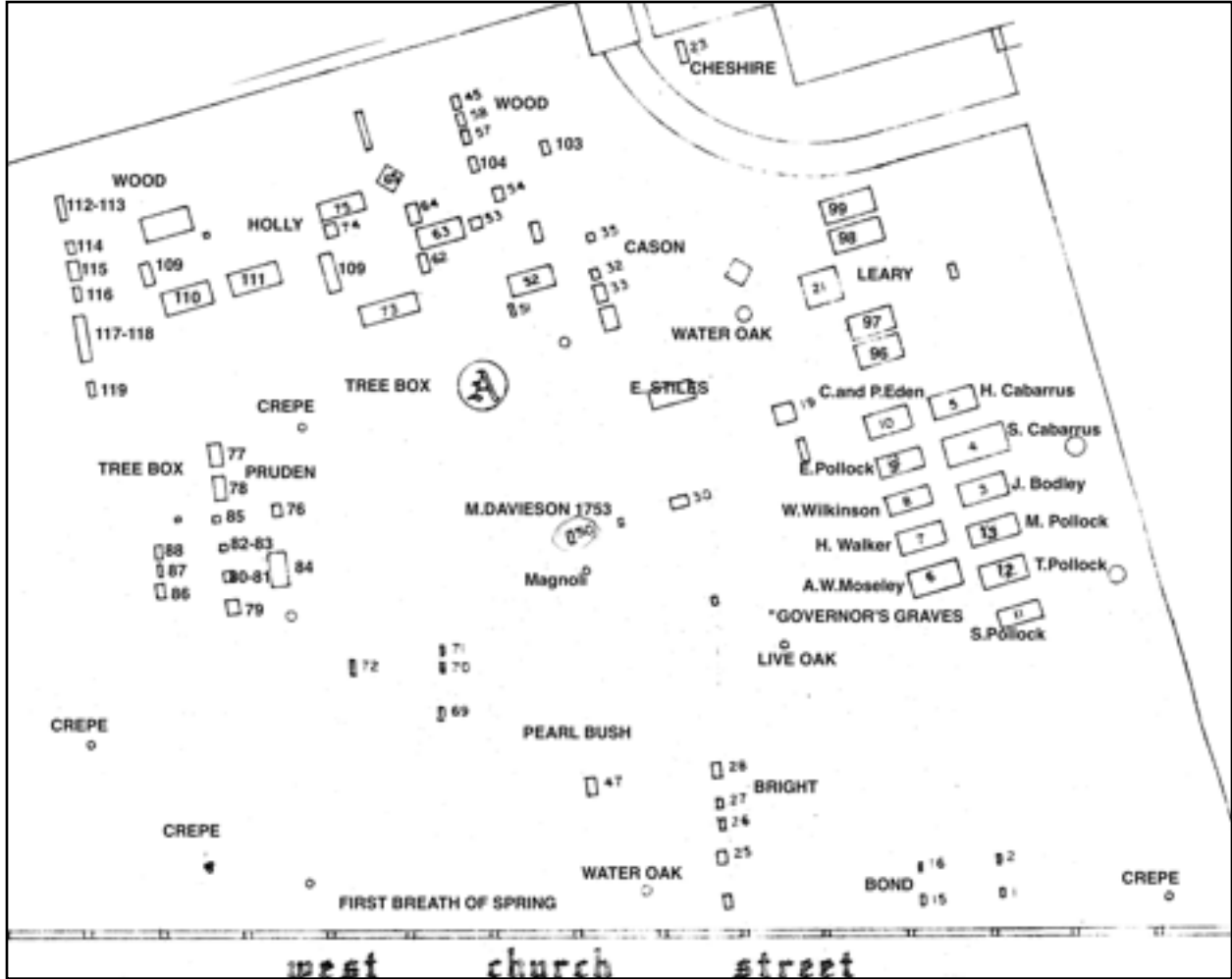
AREA A	DD	LOC
Bateman, Patty S.	1892	47
Bodley, Joshua -GG	1775	3
Bond, Eliza	1826	16
Bond, Henry	1817	15
Bond, James Cotton	1852	2
Bright, Margaret	1862	26
Bright, Martha	1877	28
Bright, Mary	1862	27
Cabarrus, Henrietta-GG	1784	5
Cabarrus, Henrietta-GG	1799	5
Cabarrus, Stephen-GG	1808	4
Cason, Clifton	1883	32
Cason, Clifton S.	1890	33
Cason, Mary C.K.	1907	35
Cheshire, James	1873	23
Clark, Francis	1849	72
Clark, Frederick	1849	72
Clark, Harriett	1847	30
Clark, William	1849	72
Coke, Bettie W.	1876	54
Cotton, Clara	1848	1
Davieson, Margaret	1753	50
Eden, Charles and Penelope -GG	1722	10
Fagan, Emily Wood	1922	104

Gallup, Jeremiah	1779	69
Gallup, Sophia	1793	71
Gilliam, Elizabeth	1876	75
Gilmer, Harold W.	1951	112
Gilmer, Harold W. Jr.	1951	114
Gilmer, Sarah B.	1947	113
Greenwood, Frederick	1855	72
Hines, Samuel	1894	73
Kennedy, Alethea	1855	72
Kennedy, William	1860	72
Leary, Bessie B.	1972	97
Leary, Elizabeth	1868	
Leary, Ernest W.	1961	98
Leary, Herbert R.	1954	96
Leary, Katherine	1905	2
Leary, Myrtle R.	1964	99
Leary, Walter	1897	19
Leary, William	1890	21
Lillington, George-GG		5
McCurdy, John R.	1896	25
McCurdy, Mary Anne	1903	25
Mitchell, Pennie B.	1887	86
Moseley, Anne Walker-GG	1732	6
Norfleet, Edward W.	1881	88
Norfleet, Mary O.	1883	87

Pollock, Martha-GG	1701	13
Pollock, Sarah-GG	1725	11
Pollock, Thomas-GG	1722	12
Pruden, Alfred	1882	80
Pruden, Edward	1881	82
Pruden, Frank Wood	1897	76
Pruden, Kate	1886	80
Pruden, Mary R.	1876	85
Pruden, Molly	1889	79
Pruden, Nannie	1882	82
Pruden, William D.	1878	84
Smith, Joseph G.	1833	51
Smith, Robert H.	1841	52
Stiles, Ezra	1784	31
Swetman, Sarah -GG	1723	9
Walker, Henderson- GG	1704	7
Wilkinson, William -GG	1706	8
Wood, Charlotte D.	1931	103
Wood, Edward	1898	62
Wood, Elizabeth B.	1896	53
Wood, Elizabeth B.	1938	117
Wood, Elizabeth L.	1921	109
Wood, Elizabeth M.	1936	106
Wood, Fan Lamb H.	1964	111
Wood, Frank	1899	74

Wood, Frank	1926	107
Wood, George C.	1948	110
Wood, Henrietta	1869	45
Wood, Henrietta S.	1881	57
Wood, James	1876	64
Wood, John G.	1920	105
Wood, Julian	1943	118
Wood, Mary B.	1962	116
Wood, Caroline M.G. and Edward Wood	1886 1872	65
Wood, Mary Louisa A.	1962	119
Wood, Pattie M.	1882	63
Wood, Rebecca A.C.	1921	108
Wood, Sarah	1972	115
Wood, William C.	1867	58

Map of Area A in Southwest Quadrant of St. Paul's Churchyard showing location of graves numbered to the Index key on preceding pages.





## **INDEX AND MAP: AREA B (SOUTHEAST)**

Of the four areas, this has the highest concentration of stones (125). Family groups include Moore (enclosed by an iron fence), Badham, Collins, Page, Shephard, Poppleston, Norcom, Satterfield, Benbury (some moved here), and Jones. Elizabeth King of Edenton Tea Party fame is buried here. The area is fairly open following the 1933 hurricane and hurricane Isabel (2006) but there are a couple of roses in the Collins area planted February 1998.



*Moore family plot in Area B. (Photo by C. Racine)*

AREA B	DD	LOC
Badham, Capt. William	1873	97
Badham, Elizabeth E.	1956	23
Badham, Edward	1848	84
Badham, John Cheshire	1949	24
Badham, Louisa Jones	1921	103
Badham, Mary	1951	22
Badham, Samuel	1844	85
Badham, Sarah F.	1836	86
Badham, Sarah P.	1903	20
Badham, Thomas C.	1906	21
Badham, William	1929	94
Badham, William M.	1835	87
Benbury, Elizabeth	1852	13
Benbury, John A.	1862	8
Benbury, Joseph R.	1858	15
Benbury, Louis	1841	14
Benbury, Penelope	1798	3
Benbury, Richard	1807	2
Benbury, Thomas	1857	12
Blair, Henry	1809	90
Blair, Mary	1810	90
Blount, Ann C.	1796	140
Blount, Jacob	1801	140
Britt, Mary	1853	89

Britt, Mary G.	1853	82
Britt, Sarah	1855	88
Cairns, William	1850	47
Charlton, Sallie	1884	52
Charlton, Thomas	1848	53
Christian, Maryan	1817	1
Coffield, Mary Jones	1976	
Coffield, William H.	1958	
Collins, Ann Rebecca D.	1833	167
Collins, Arthur	1913	158
Collins, Edward	1843	162
Collins, Hugh W.	1854	
Collins, Hugh D.	1843	
Collins, Josah Page	1834	168
Collins, Josiah I	1819	141
Collins, Josiah II	1839	166
Collins, Josiah III	1863	159
Collins, Mary Riggs	1872	160
Collins, William Kent	1857	161
Cox, Ann Booth Pollock	1855	189
Cox, John	1856	188
Cox, Mary	1806	112
Hubbel, William	1844	83
Jones, Edward P.	1852	185
Jones, John M.	1898	179

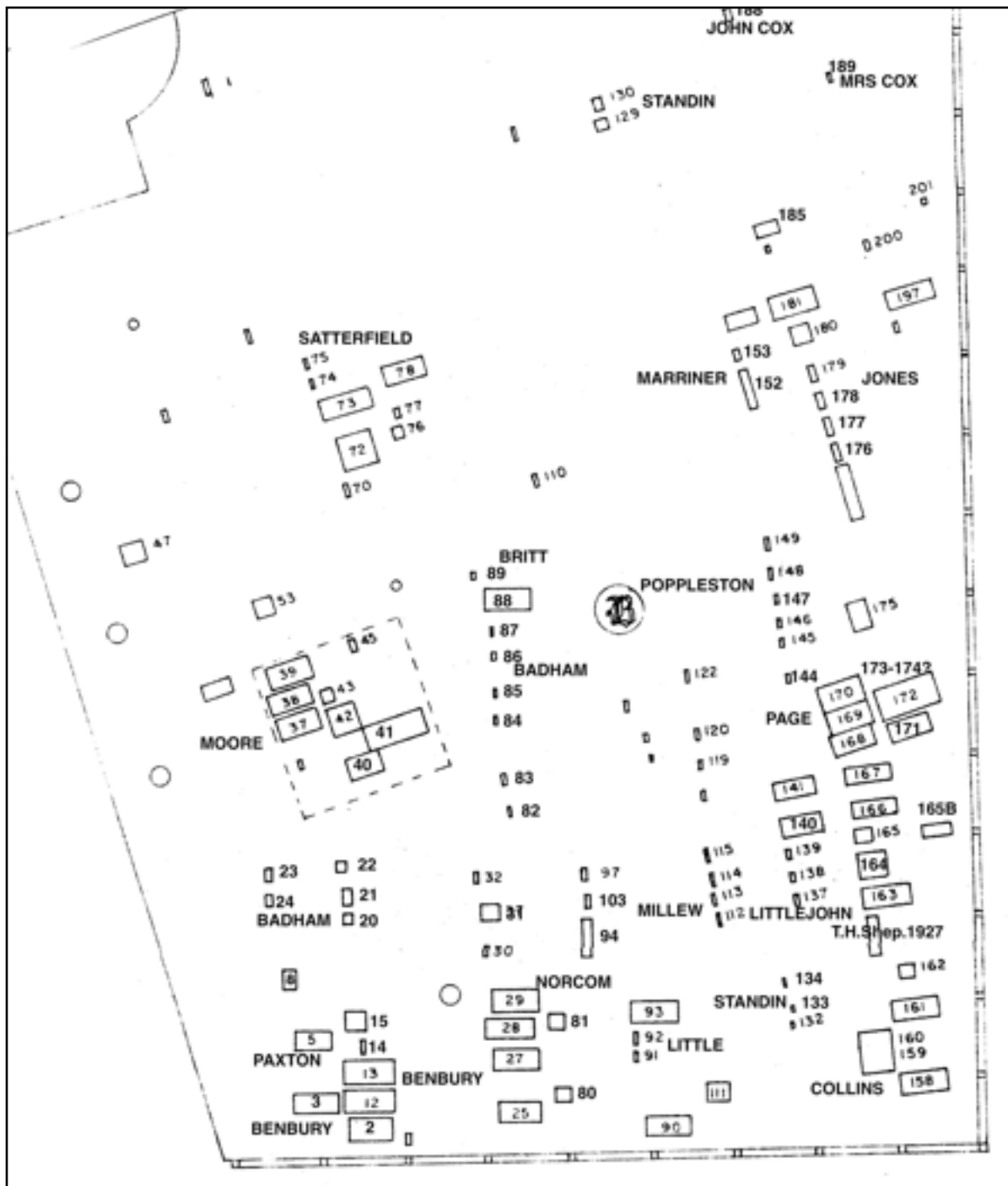
Jones, John M.	1879	180
Jones, Joseph	1864	197
Jones, Lela Margaret B.	1926	178
Jones, Lila M.	1932	176
Jones, Richard	1848	187
Jones, Sara	1849	181
Jones, Sara H.	1954	177
King, Elizabeth	1816	93
Little, Archibald	1795	92
Little, Elizabeth	1799	91
Littlejohn, Jacob B.	1817	137
Littlejohn, Jacob B.	1816	138
Littlejohn, Josiah	1812	139
Littlejohn, Nancy	1844	134
Marriner, Julia Jones	1964	152
Marriner, Margaret Manning	1907	153
Matthew, Mary	1918	38
Matthew, Patrick	1922	37
Millen, Alexander	1807	113
Millen, Helen	1799	114
Millen, John	1805	115
Moore, Alfred	1884	40
Moore, Augustus	1851	42
Moore, Mary E.	1927	
Moore, Mary E.	1842	43

Moore, Sophie A.	1841	44
Moore, Susan A.J.	1884	41
Moore, William A.	1884	34
Morgan, George	1810	110
Norcom, Benjamin	1838	28
Norcom, Elizabeth	1849	27
Norcom, James	1850	79
Norcom, John	1856	29
Norcom, Penelope	1843	25
Norcom, W.A.B.	1881	81
Norcom, Mary M.	1868	80
Page, Ann	1830	169
Page, Collins	1851	170
Page, Henrietta Collins	1868	173
Page, Herbert	1895	174
Page, Mary Matilda	1837	171
Page, Matthew, Dr.	1853	172
Parish, George W.	1872	201
Paxton, Lavinia	1852	6
Paxton, Richard	1853	5
Popelston, Caroline	1804	146
Popelston, James	1836	149
Popelston, John	1812	145
Popelston, John C.	1810	147
Popelston, Samuel	1825	148

Popelston, William	1822	144
Respass, Eugene	1955	152
Righton, Susan	1909	39
Righton, Susan	1866	45
Satterfield, Eliza S.	1841	76
Satterfield, Eliza S.	1841	78
Satterfield, Elizabeth B.B.	1837	73
Satterfield, Elizbeth G.B.	1838	72
Satterfield, George W.	1841	78
Satterfield, James B.	1837	74
Satterfield, William F.	1840	75
Satterfield, William S.	1827	70
Satterield, Caroline M.	1852	77
Shepard, Alethia	1848	165
Shepard, Ann C.	1847	165
Shepard, Ann D.	1847	165
Shepard, Gertrude M.	1907	163
Shepard, William B.	1852	164
Skinner, Elizabeth	1852	111
Skinner, Joshua	1852	111
Standin, Ann	1861	130
Standin, Malcom	1859	132
Standin, Mary	1844	133
Standin, William	1866	129
Warren, Elizabeth C.	1847	31

Warren, Hugh	1912	175
Warren, John C.	1833	30
Warren, Mary C.	1852	32
Wills, Henry	1827	120
Wills, Henry, Jr.	1804	121
Wills, James	1836	122
Wills, Lydia	1817	119
Wills, Samuel	1802	118

Map of Area B in Southeast Quadrant of St. Paul's Churchyard.



### **INDEX AND MAP: AREA C (NORTHWEST)**

This small area near the front of the main church entrance contains important stones of family groups including Skinner, Drane, Badham, Dillard, Dixon and Moore. Tristram Lowther Skinner, killed during the Civil War at Mechanicsville is buried here with his wife, Eliza Fiske Harwood. His father Joseph Blount Skinner and mother Maria are buried here. Reverend Robert Brent Drane, rector of St. Paul's from 1876-1932, is buried here. His son Frederick B. Drane who was an Episcopal missionary in Alaska and Archdeacon of the Yukon is also buried here.



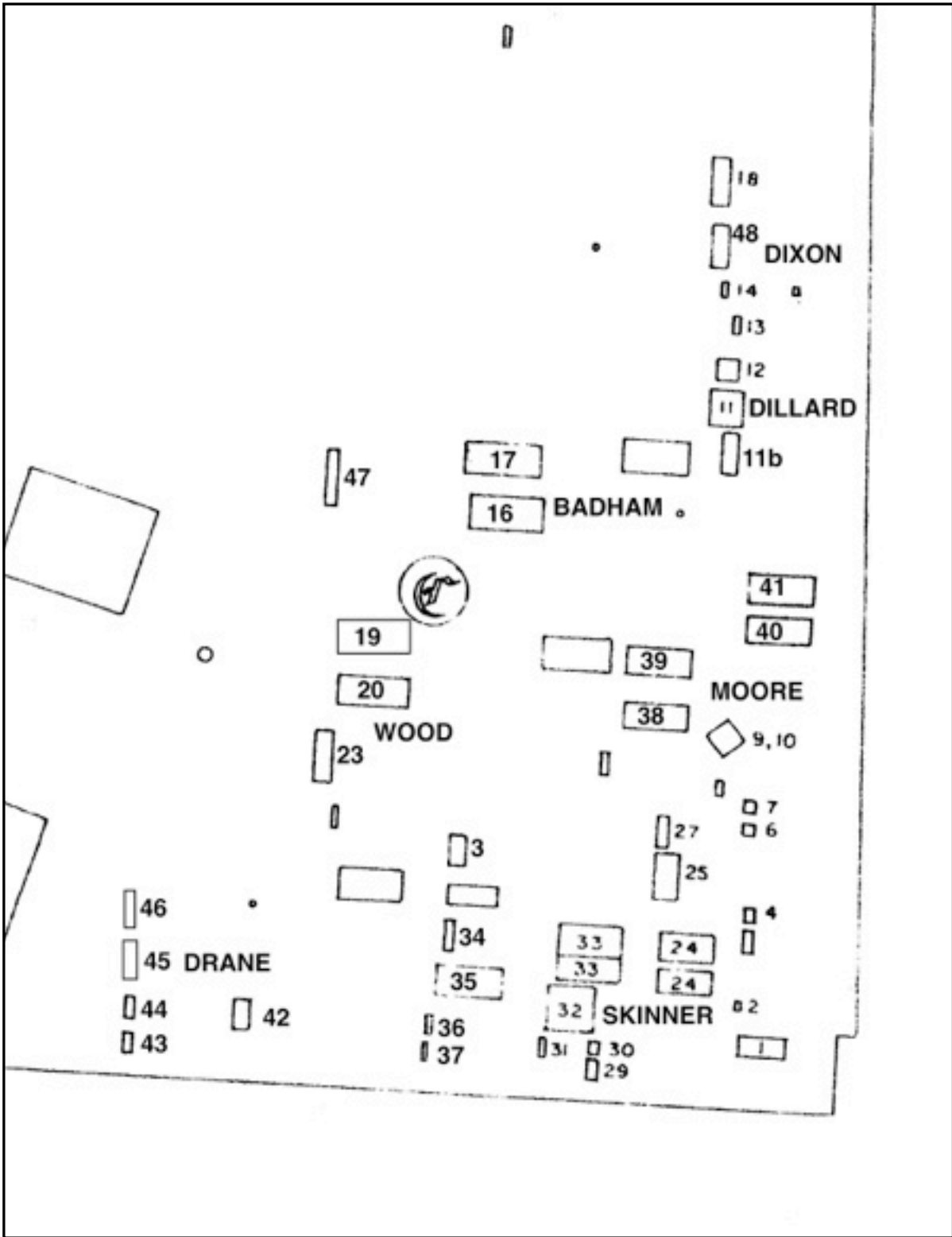
*Area C (northwest) is to the right of brick path with the main church entrance in background.  
(Photo by C. Racine)*

AREA C	DD	LOC
Badham, Emily Wood Fagan	1969	17
Badham, Richard Paxton	1950	16
Debnam, Elizabeth Robert Wood	1992	19
Dillard, Mary	1880	12
Dillard, Mary B.	1866	13
Dillard, Richard	1887	11
Dillard, Richard	1928	11b
Dixon, Duncan	1896	14
Dixon, Elizabeth	1845	15
Dixon, Mary Beverly	1959	48
Dixon, Sallie D.	1910	18
Drane, Frank Parker	1918	42
Drane, Frederick Blount	1982	45
Drane, Maria Louisa Warren	1921	44
Drane, Rebecca Bennehan Wood	1984	46
Drane, Robert Brent	1939	43
Herndon, Rodes	1834	2
Herndon, Sarah	1836	1
Holmes, Harriet	1883	22
Holmes, W.D.	1908	21
Hoskins, Harriet W.	1857	4
Hoskins, Thomas S.	1857	

Lowther, Penelope	1820	33
Moore, Carrie H.	1958	38
Moore, Fannie	1852	8
Moore, John A.	1888	9
Moore, John A., Jr.	1888	7
Moore, John Augustus	1947	40
Moore, Mabel Vann	1965	41
Moore, Mary Elizabeth	1965	39
Moore, Mary S.	1928	10
Skinner, Charles	1871	6
Skinner, Charlesworth B.	1882	26
Skinner, Charlotte	1832	24
Skinner, Eliza Fiske Harwood	1888	37
Skinner, Frances	1881	27
Skinner, Frank Gilliam	1871	5
Skinner, George	1881	28
Skinner, Harwood	1853	30
Skinner, Harwood Fiske	1941	34
Skinner, Henry	1909	25
Skinner, Joseph B.	1852	31
Skinner, Joseph Blount	1851	32
Skinner, Maria	1855	29
Skinner, Maria Lowther	1822	33
Skinner, Penelope Dawson	1841	35

Skinner, Sophie	1891	3
Skinner, Thomas	1832	24
Skinner, Thristrim Lowther	1862	36
Sumner, Alethea Hoskins	1890	
Tarkington, Tempe	1900	47
Wood, Frederick Phillips	1949	20
Wood, Henry Gilliam	1950	23





Map of Area C in Northwest Quadrant of St. Paul's Churchyard with family groups.

## INDEX AND MAP: AREA D (NORTHEAST)

This is the largest area but appears to be the least crowded, although there are certainly many unmarked graves here. About 90 stones survive, including the elaborate stone carved by John Struthers of Philadelphia for Margaret Lavinia (Coffield) Warren (1827-1854) and her father James Coffield (1790-1843). Family groups include Warren, Bond, Jones, Haughton, Manning and Thompson. The oldest grave stone in Area D (from New England) is that of Mary (Jenkins) Walker (1737-1763).



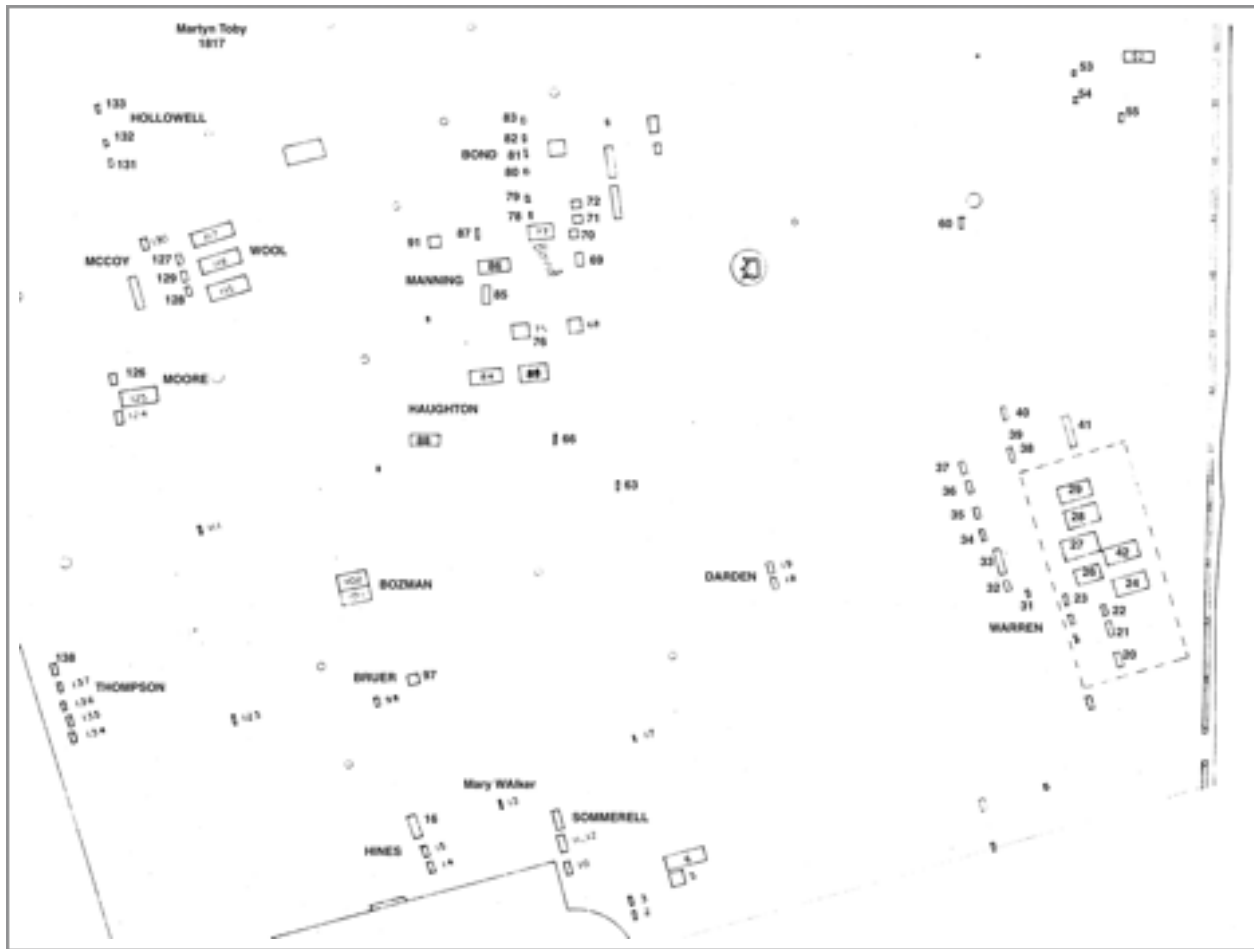
*Northeast corner of St. Paul's churchyard with live oak and flowering Forsythia.  
(Photo by Mary Kay Coyle)*

AREA D	DD	LOC
Avery, Sarah F.	1829	123
Barney, Mary	1828	84
Bond, Annie McD.	1912	69
Bond, Augustus	1846	80
Bond, Henry A.	1891	70
Bond, Henry Clay	1846	79
Bond, Hilda Grandy	1880	65
Bond, James McD.	1874	82
Bond, Joseph M.	1849	81
Bond, Margaret M.	1862	71
Bond, Margaret M.	1841	78
Bond, Mary M.	1839	77
Bond, McDowell	1864	83
Bozman, Chloe	1846	102
Bozman, Joseph	1838	101
Bratton, J. L., Jr., Co. A		53
Bruer, James G.	1826	98
Bruer, Joyce Rascoe	1904	97
Coffield, James	1843	27
Coffield, Lavinia	1828	28
Crummy, Edna Ellen	1900	55
Darden, Anna	1882	19
Darden, Joseph	1886	18
Dermody, Thomas	1771	1

Dixon, Corissande	1855	6
Dixon, Mary McD.	1849	5
Hartmus, Elizabeth F.	1825	66
Haughton, Eliza	1873	76
Haughton, Infant children of Malachi and Eliza		89
Haughton, Jemima	1846	88
Haughton, Malachi	1847	75
Hines, Frank	1881	14
Hines, Helen	1908	16
Hines, Margaret	1905	15
Hines, Richard	1915	
Hollowell, Infant son of WH and MJ		131
Hollowell, Jesse		132
Hollowell, Mary J.	1898	133
Johnson, Robert, 1st NC	?	54
Knox, Sarah	1833	29
Manning, Charles	1880	72
Manning, Emily	1849	91
Manning, Sarah E.D.C.	1833	85
Manning, Sarah H.	1844	86
Manning, Sarah P.	1816	87
McCoy, Bernice	1901	130
McCoy, James B.	1892	129
McCoy, Pattie	1888	128

McCoy, Penelope	1915	127
McDonald, William	1792	3
Moore, Augustus M.	1902	125
Moore, Elizabeth W.	1936	126
Moore, Mary E.	1903	124
Neil, Honore	1810	52
Norcom, Penelope H.	1843	63
Pickett, Elizabeth	1855	68
Robinson, Martha	1862	111
Sommerell, Elizabeth	1894	12
Sommerell, Sallie	1881	10
Sommerell, Thomas	1881	11
Thompson, Eliza	1885	135
Thompson, John	1891	136
Thompson, Thomas	1898	134
Thompson, W.E.A.	1904	138
Thompson, Walker	1891	137
Thompson, William A.E.	1924	137A
Toby, Martin	1817	122
Walker, Mary	1763	13
Warren, David Minton	1944	41
Warren, E. Alethea	1971	37
Warren, Francis B.	1930	34
Warren, Gladys K.	1987	39
Warren, Harry B.	1902	32

Warren, James C.	1915	42
Warren, John W.	1949	35
Warren, Margaret	1854	26
Warren, Mary A.	1965	36
Warren, Penelope C.	1974	40
Warren, Sallie	1921	21
Warren, Sallie B.	1881	31
Warren, Thomas	1912	20
Warren, Thomas Davis	1878	24
Warren, William	1905	33
Warren, William P.	1947	38
Wood, John		60
Wool, Annie B.	1887	115
Wool, Elizabeth	1914	117
Wool, Jacob	1900	116
Young, Elizabeth	1805	2



*Area D (northeast quadrant) of churchyard; bordered by Broad Street on right, Gale Street at top and church outline at bottom.*

## II. SELECTED BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

This section is incomplete and is far too large a task for someone who only lived in Edenton for five years. But I hope descendants and families will contribute to these biographical sketches. The number in parentheses next to a family name is the number of family members Elizabeth Vann Moore lists in her unpublished "Index to Graves" at St. Paul's. Many of the people she lists do not have stone markers.

### AREA A (SW)

#### WOOD (22)

According to J. Zehmer (*Hayes: The Plantation, Its People and Their Papers*), James Wood settled in Hertford shortly before the American Revolution where he built the Eagle Tavern. One of his children was Edward Wood (d. 1829) who married Elizabeth "Betsy" Creecy. Betsy ran the tavern after Edward died. A son Edward (1820-1872) lived in Hertford with his mother and according to Zehmer, James C. Johnston of Hayes Plantation in Chowan visited the Tavern and got to know Edward, gave him a pony and cart and later offered to educate the boy. However Betsy declined and sent Edward to Warrenton Academy.

After schooling the young Edward worked briefly in a bookstore in Raleigh. He left to assist his widowed aunt, Mary Skinner to operate a fishery at Montpelier on Albemarle Sound near Hayes. Wood had found his calling, for he soon bought up many of the surrounding fisheries including, but not limited to Greenfield, Wakefield, Somerset, Sandy Point and Athol. He first lived in Edenton but moved to nearby Greenfield after he bought it. He moved back to Edenton and lived in the house now known as the Allison house on West King Street. His son Frank and daughter Annie were born there and the house was owned for many years by his descendants. During the Civil War, he and his family moved back to Greenfield, where his son Julian [Julien] was born.

James C. Johnston asked Edward Wood to evaluate his old fishery at Collins Point. Edward Wood (d. 1872) married to Mary Caroline Moore Gilliam had ten children including Francis or Frank Wood who married Rebecca A. Collins and later Mary A. Collins. Julien married Elizabeth Benbury Badham and they had eight children.

Edward was a prosperous and innovative farmer who produced and exported large quantities of grain and cotton before the civil war. When James C. Johnston died in 1867 he willed Hayes and Mulberry Hill to Edward Wood. Edward Wood (d. 1872) had spent time in a Union prison during the Civil War and many of his descendants are

buried at St. Paul's where he and James C. Johnston attended church. Woods still occupy Hayes, Mulberry Hill and Greenfield.

According to Thomas B.P. Wood, grandson of Julien Wood, Elizabeth Benbury Wood (1892-1896) died at the age of four due to burns suffered when her dress caught fire while playing with matches at the Homestead across the Green from her house. When her dress caught fire she ran across the Green to her house which of course increased the fire. Her grave is near the church entrance and has a carved angel. A stained glass window with an angel was ordered from Tiffany in New York in her memory to be installed in the church. However by mistake it was delivered to Calvary Church in Tarboro and installed by the warden, Frederick Phillips.

### **AREA B (SE)**

One of the most interesting graves in the north corner of this area is that of Ann Booth Pollock (Clark) Cox (1797-1855). On her stone is engraved the following story: "Mrs .Cox was the Grand daughter of Col. Edward Buncombe, a Revolutionary War Patriot who was fatally wounded and left for dead, on the field, at the battle of Germantown. He was taken from the field on the next day by a British officer who recognized him as an old School mate. Was carried to Philadelphia where he died of his wounds, a prisoner of war, in the winter of 1777 or 78. His residence within the present county of Washington, NC is still remembered as the seat of the most generous hospitality, both to friend and stranger."

### **MOORE (23)**

The Moore family Plot in Area B (SE) is enclosed by an iron fence with a tall stone obelisk marking the grave of Judge Augustus Moore (1803-1851). Judge Moore moved to Chowan County from Perquimans and married Susan Maria Jordan Armistead Moore. They bought the Barker House (from James Rice Creecy) on Broad Street in 1832 and their descendants lived there for the next 120 years (until it was moved to the waterfront). He trained lawyers who became judges and his office near the house became known as the "Judge's Shop". Also residing in the house throughout most of their lives were four of the Moores' seven children: William Armistead Moore (1831-1884), Susan Augustus Moore Righton (1836-1909), Mary Elizabeth Moore (1844-1927) and Alfred Moore (1849-1884).

After her husband's death in 1851, Susan Armistead Moore moved to Poplar Neck, built the present house and operated the plantation. She read to her partially blind son William A. Moore by candlelight and he served in the NC House of representatives from 1868-1972 and was a Superior Court Judge from 1871-1879. The youngest son Alfred was the county's register of deeds.

Mary Elizabeth Moore resided here her entire life and in her last years she was joined by John Alfred Moore (1867-1934) and Elizabeth Margaret Warren "Bettie" Moore (1878-1936). Also in the family plot is Patrick Matthew (1853-1922, an accomplished engineer and artist (born on October 25, 1853, at Gourdie Hill, Errol, Scotland) who married Mary Elizabeth Armistead Moore Righton in 1892.

Mabel (Vann) Moore (1882 - 1965) born in Franklinton, N.C. married John Augustus Moore (who operated a cotton mill there) in 1910, and after many years moved back to Edenton

in 1933 where she became an important gardener and hardworking volunteer in the Churchyard. She asked Charles Gillette to evaluate the churchyard landscaping.

### **COLLINS (10)**

This family in Washington and Chowan County, N.C. began with the arrival in Edenton of Josiah Collins I (1735-1819) from Somerset England. In 1784 he formed a partnership called the "Lake Company" to develop a large crop (including rice) plantation on the shores of Lake Scuppernong (later named Lake Phelps) in Washington County. They ditched the swampy ground and built a canal from the lake to the Scuppernong River and Albemarle Sound to move crops to market. They developed water control structures and saw mills to produce lumber from the cypress surrounding the lake. While the first two Josiahs lived in Edenton and commuted to Somerset, the Josiah Collins III (1808-1863) decided to live at Somerset, and with his wife Mary Riggs, they build a house on the shore of the Lake. They continue to attend St. Paul's and before the Civil War moved to Hillsborough where Josiah died. While most of the early Collins's are buried at St. Paul's some are buried at St. Matthews in Hillsborough (George Pumpelly Collins (1835-1903), Josiah Collins IV (1830-1890)).

Notable graves here include the two young sons of Josiah Collins III and his wife Mary Riggs. Hugh Daves Collins and his brother Edward Riggs Collins (in the same grave) both drowned in 1843 playing in a small boat in the canal in front of Somerset Plantation. Another son William Kent died when he was thrown from his horse and hit a cypress in front of the plantation house.

### **PAGE (8)**

Dr. Matthew Page (1801-1853) planter, Episcopal layman, and physician was the son of John Page of Pagebrook, VA and his wife Maria Horsmanden Byrd of Westover. He was born in Clarke County, Virginia at his father's estate Pagebrook. He moved to Edenton where he married Mary Matilda Collins daughter of Josiah Collins Jr. They built a grand house (now called Pembroke Hall) across King Street from Thomas Warren's house. They had five children, but only the youngest survived. These children are buried at St. Paul's. In 1848 he married his wife's sister, Henrietta Elizabeth Collins. They had two sons, Collins and Herbert Henry, only the second of whom survived infancy. They are buried in Area B just north of the Collins graves in the SE corner of the cemetery.

### **BADHAM (28)**

William Badham was born in Chowan County, N.C. in 1836. In 1855 he bought Beverly Hall. On February 24, 1862, at the age of twenty-six, he enlisted in the Confederate service and was elected captain of what became Company B, 3rd Battalion, North Carolina Light Artillery. This company was also known as "Edenton Bell Battery" and as Badham's Battery. Badham saw action around Richmond, Va. and Wilmington, N.C., before being paroled at Greensboro, May 1, 1865. He married Louisa Jones of Chowan County and had at least two children, one of whom died at the age of nine months.



## **BENBURY (11)**

General Thomas Benbury was born in 1736 in Currituck and died on Feb 6, 1793, an ensign in the Chowan Co. regiment. Although his grave is not located in the churchyard, he was a member of the first vestry and is commemorated by a plaque of the wall of the church:

“An officer in the American Revolution Member of the Provincial Congress Vestryman of this Parish, Signer of the Test 19 June 1776 He served his country faithfully In war and in peace” In the Revolutionary War, during October and November 1780, John Norfleet's old grist mill, then called "Norfleet's Mill," was the encampment site for North Carolina militia forces commanded by General Thomas Benbury, who were opposing a British force then operating in the Suffolk and South Quay areas of Nansemond County.

Thomas Benbury's son Richard Benbury (b. 1765) and grandson Thomas (b. 1792) are both buried in the churchyard. In addition the two sons of Thomas Benbury and wife Elizabeth Cotton (Creecy), John Avery and Lemuel fought in the Civil War, and while John Avery died of wounds, Lemuel Creecy survived. Several Benbury graves were moved to St. Paul's from Athol Plantation when the Marine base was established in 1942.

## **SHEPARD (8)**

William Blount Shepard (1844-1913) was the son of William Biddle Shepard (d. 1852) (buried here) and Ann Daves Collins, daughter of Josiah Collins II of Somerset Plantation. Orphaned at an early age, William Blount Shepard was raised at Pembroke Hall by his maternal aunt, Henrietta Collins Page, wife of Dr. Matthew Page of Edenton. During the Civil War, Shepard served the Confederacy as a lieutenant under his distant cousin, General James Johnston Pettigrew, at the Battle of Gettysburg. Shepard briefly attended the University of Virginia, but returned to Edenton to become an important businessman and farmer. He organized Edenton Cotton Mills, Edenton Peanut Company, and the Bank of Edenton. An active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Shepard served on the vestry forty years. He also held membership in Unanimity Lodge No. 7. Shepard's brief political career included services as a justice of the peace (1886) and as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives (1893). Shepard was married three times: Louise C. Harrison of Faunsdale, Alabama; Pauline C. Cameron; and, after Pauline's death, to her younger sister Mildred C. Cameron of Stagville Plantation in Durham County, N.C. The first union produced two children, Thomas and Louise. Born to the second union was Ann Cameron Shepard (Mrs. William A. Graham), who was instrumental in the historic restoration of Edenton. Mr. Shepard died at sea off Jamaica while on a pleasure cruise, January 30, 1913 and is buried in Hillsborough at St. Matthews Episcopal Churchyard.

## **AREA C (NW)**

### **DRANE (5)**

Robert Brent Drane (1851-1939) was born in Wilmington, N.C. where his father Robert Brent Drane (1800-1862) was rector of St. James Episcopal Church. The elder Drane died from Yellow Fever there during the Civil War and his son was sent to Tarboro to be raised by his uncles, Toole Parker and Joseph Blount Cheshire who lived near Calvary Church.

The younger Drane was ordained in Wilmington and became rector of St. Paul's Edenton from 1876 to 1932. His wife was Maria Louisa Warren (Skinner). His son Frederick Blount Drane who also became an Episcopal minister and from 1913 to 1925 was a missionary in Alaska becoming "Archdeacon of the Yukon" upon the death of Hudson Stuck in 1920. In 1924 Frederick married Rebecca Bennehan Wood (1892-1984) and their daughter Frances Drane Inglis lives at the Homestead in Edenton.

### **SKINNER (31)**

The Skinners originally came to Perquimans County where they earned a reputation as "The Big House People" because there they built large plantation houses with the help of the carpenter James Leigh, whose daughter married Benjamin Skinner (1795-1861) the owner of Cove Grove. The Skinners also moved across the Perquimans River into Chowan where they established large plantations. Joshua Skinner was born in 1724 and died in 1777 in Perquimans County. His son Col. Joshua Skinner Jr. (1753-1829) and his wife Martha Ann (Blount) (buried in Hertford) had 12 children, and one of their children Joshua Skinner, Jr. (d. 1853) built Athol on land they purchased from the Benburys in 1836. Athol became one of the largest plantations in the county. Another son, Joseph Blount Skinner (1781-1851) is buried here (Area C), and as a lawyer, merchant, planter and railroad proponent is one of the best known Skinners buried at St. Paul's. He was certainly one of the best known leaders during the first half of the 19th century in Chowan County. In 1804 he (Joseph Blount Skinner) married Maria Louisa Lowther and they owned plantations in Chowan, Bertie and Perquimans counties. He was also a well-known lawyer in Edenton. He developed one of the first large commercial seine fisheries at Edenhouse. Their son Tristram Lowther Skinner (1820-1862) was killed at Mechanicsville, and his remains removed from there to the grave of daughter, Penelope Eden Skinner. Another son (and the only "Joshua" buried here) is Joshua Skinner III (1798-1852) who married Elizabeth Little Blair. They are both buried in the same grave.

## **AREA D (NE)**

### **BOND (33)**

Dr. Samuel Dickinson bought the Cupola House from heirs of Francis Corbin in 1777. One of Dickinson's daughters, Penelope Barker Dickinson, married Nathaniel Bond and one of their sons (Joseph Dickinson Bond (1822-1891) married Susan Todd. Four spinster daughters lived there until the house was sold in the 1920s. The Bonds lived here for the next 139 years until Miss Tillie (Penelope Matilda) Bond (1860-1925) sold it to a preservation group. Miss Tillie wrote a small pamphlet "*The Cupola House of Edenton, A Concise History*" which John Collins has reprinted. She and her sisters are buried here. Today there are a number of Bonds living in Chowan County, including James Bond who was in the Air Force during World War II, and his son Millard who is the postmaster in Tyner.

### **MANNING (15)**

There is an historical marker on E. Queen Street in front of Edenton Academy :  
"THOMAS C. MANNING 1825-1887 U.S. Minister to Mexico; chief justice, La. Supreme Court; La. adjutant gen., 1863-65; taught at Edenton Academy. Lived here."

Thomas Courtland Manning was born to Joseph and Sarah Haughton Manning (both buried at St. Paul's) on September 12, 1825 in Edenton. He attended the [University of North Carolina](#) and then read law, obtaining a license to practice. Manning returned to Edenton where he worked as both a lawyer and a teacher. He served on the faculty of Edenton Academy in the Latin and Greek Department. Thomas Manning left his home state in 1855 and moved to Louisiana, opening a law firm in Rapides Parish.

Manning was appointed to Louisiana's secession convention in 1861, and soon afterward began his Confederate military service. In 1863 he was chosen to be the state's adjutant general, and with that office attained the rank of brigadier general. The following year Manning was appointed an associate justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, but returned to private practice at the close of the war. In 1877 Manning returned to the Supreme Court as chief justice. His term ended when a new state constitution in 1880 reformed the court. Two years later Manning again returned to the Supreme Court and served until 1886, when he was appointed United States minister to Mexico.

Thomas C. Manning married Mary L. Blair in Edenton in 1848. Together they had eight children. Manning died in New York City, October 11, 1887, while attending a meeting. He was buried in New Orleans.

### **WARREN (30)**

The Warrens were an important Edenton family and many of their descendants still live in Edenton. Dr. Thomas D. Warren (1817-1878) moved to Edenton from Virginia. He

first married Penelope Johnston Dawson Skinner, then Margaret Lavinia Coffield in 1843, and finally Alethea Collins in 1865. He accumulated farms and plantations in Chowan County, and was the physician to Josiah Collins at Somerset, where he also treated the many slaves. He contributed much money to the Confederacy during the Civil War and lost most of it. Two of his wives (except for Alethea Collins) are buried here. Margaret Lavinia (Coffield) Warren his second wife is located within this plot with a remarkable grand marble memorial. His grandson David Minton Warren (1890-1944) is also buried here, but his great grandson David Minton Warren is buried at Beaver Hill in Edenton.

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