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--- MAJOR ANDREW KEYSER GRAVEYARD ---

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1. SUBJECT:

Major Andrew Keyser Graveyard.

2. LOCATION:

4.5 miles northwest of Luray, Virginia. 3.5 miles west of Bixler's Ferry, on east side of Route #616.

3. DATE:

1828, date of oldest inscription.

4. OWNERS:

Raymond Strickler, present owner.

5. DESCRIPTION:

This graveyard is about forty by twenty feet, surrounded with an iron fence. It is covered with honeysuckle and under growth.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

In this graveyard is buried Charles Keyser, the pioneer, and his son, Major Andrew Keyser, who enlisted in the American army in 1780. He served under Captain Conway Oldham and in Lieutenant Robert Jouett's Company, in Colonel Richard Campbell's Regiment. He fought in the battles of Guilford Court House, Camden, Ninety-Six and Eutaw Springs. He was born December 16, 1758 and died November 23, 1833. He married Sarah Rinehart in 17 ---.

Charles Keyser, the pioneer, was born in Germany, in 1702. He came to America in 1751 or 1752. He was a British soldier under General Braddock. His grave was opened on October 9, 1876, one hundred and two years after his death. The skull, teeth and hair were in a wonderful state of preservation.

The following are the inscriptions on the tombstones:

- 1. Pamela A. wife of Jared M. Hottle, and daughter of Andrew and Mary Keyser. Dec. 21, 1827. Jan. 25, 1867.
- 2. Amanda, wife of Charles Keyser. Died Feb. 27, 1900 Aged 86 years, 25 days.

One precious to our heart is gone
The voice we loved is still
The place made vacant in our home
Can never be refilled.

Our father in his wisdom called
The boon his love has given
And though on earth her body lies
Her soul is safe in heaven

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3. Col Andrew Keyser Died July 2nd, 1876.
Aged 72 years, 3 mos. & 20 days.
The father ----- and soldier friend.
4. Andrew, son of A. & L. Keyser. Born Aug. 9, 1849.
Died Jan. 17, 1852. Aged 2 yr. 5 mo. 8 da.
5. Charles Keyser. Born Sept. 21, 1806. Died Oct. 18, 1891
Aged 85 yrs. 1 mo. & 16 days.

A precious one from us has gone
A voice we loved is still
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

God in his wisdom has recalled
The boon his love has given
And though the body slumbers here
The soul is safe in heaven.

6. Here lies the body of E. Keyser. She was born D C M 1781
D C M 18 --- (This is a home made stone)
7. Julia A. wife of Col. Andrew Keyser. Died March 22, 1880.
Aged 66 years, 6 months & 9 days.
8. Mary, wife of Andrew Keyser. Died Nov. 11, 1834.
Aged 24 years, 7 months & 14 days
9. Robert G. Infant son of Andrew & Mary Keyser
March 8. Oct. 7, 1828.
10. Here lies the body of Sarah Keyser. She was born
D C M 11, 17 -- Died 1851. (This is a home made stone)

7. ART:

8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Informants: Mr. Peter Keyser, Luray, Virginia.

Keyser Genealogy, owned by Mr. Harry Strickler.

LIST OF GRAVES MARKED IN MAJOR ANDREW KEYSER CEMETERY.

- Hottle, Pamela A. 1.
- Keyser, Amanda 2
- Keyser, Col Andrew 3
- Keyser, Andrew 4
- Keyser, Charles 5
- Keyser, E. 6
- Keyser, Julia A. 7
- Keyser, Mary 8
- Keyser, Robert C. 9
- Keyser, Sarah, 10