

## **Cemeteries of Screven County, Georgia Area**

**Sexton's lists of tombstones Poythress and Poythress related. Not all inclusive. None of this material is copyrighted. Cemeteries listed alphabetically. Additional "text" and occasional notes included.**

### **Bethel Lutheran Church Cemetery, Effingham County, Georgia**

Poythress, Minnie "Wife of G. H. Poythress"  
25 September 1879-27 August 1924

### **Goshen Methodist Church, Effingham, Georgia**

(Located about one mile north of the Effingham-Chatham County line on east side of Georgia Highway 21, Effingham County, Georgia)

Viola M. Poythress  
Died August 21 1916  
Age 18 years  
(Coping around grave and in coping at the foot: "Mother")

Double stone:  
William H. Poythress  
Born December 15, 1848  
Died June 5, 1927  
Janie E. Poythress  
Born April 23, 1863  
Died March 10, 1928  
(Coping around both graves and engraved at foot opposite above are "Father" and "Mother")

Infant Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T. H. Poythress  
Born November 11, 1935  
Died November 12, 1935

Theodore M. Poythress  
1911- 1975

(Metal undertaker marker)—or  
T. Milton Poythress  
10 November 1911-9 August 1975

Infant son of Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Poythress  
March 18, 1925

Double stone:  
Mary Elizabeth Zipperer Poythress  
Born October 10, 1873  
Died October 17, 1954  
“Wife”  
John Addison Poythress  
Born July 4, 1890  
Died March 2, 1960  
“Husband”

Poythress, William Hull  
T/SGT U. S. Army WW II  
19 September 1917 – 15 December 1975

**Grosse Family Cemetery, Screven County, GA**

(located between McBride Methodist Church on Ga. #24 and Briar Creek, Screven County, Ga. See detailed location map dated 26 April 1957. Inventory below made 26 April 1957; evidence exists of other graves that are not marked)

Susan A. wife of  
John R. Conner  
Born October 11, 1843  
Died July 29, 1895  
“Lovingly Remembered”

George L. son of  
J. P. and Mattie Conner  
Born May 3, 1894  
Died August 1, 1895

In Memory Of

Ada M. Conner  
Born August 3, 1876  
Died May 23, 1891  
“Our home is dark without cheer  
We miss you everywhere”

In Memory of  
Mary E. Poythress (m. Horace Cullen Poythress)  
Born nee Mercer (daughter of John H. Mercer & Susan J. Mercer?)  
March 10, 1846  
Died December 16, 1899  
“He giveth His Beloved Sleep”  
Psalm 127, Verse 2

In Memory of  
Lillian M. Conner  
Born September 4, 1862  
Died October 28, 1889

John W. Mercer  
Born June 6, 1849  
Died March 30, 1899

John H. Mercer  
Born December 25, 1820  
Died July 7, 1895

W. M. Wells  
March 25, 1850  
March 31, 1901

In Memory of  
Silas L. son of  
J. R. and S. A. Conner  
July 8, 1878  
July 4, 1885

Leslie Matthew  
Son of Mr. and Mrs.

G. L. Williams  
September 18, 1900  
February 24, 1913

Catharine V., dau. of  
John R. & Susan Conner  
Born November 16, 1860  
Departed this life  
March 12, 1882

In Memory of  
Mehala E. A. dau. of  
John H. and Susan J. Mercer  
Who was born August 10, 1850 and  
Departed this life February 13, 1856

Infant of John H. and Susan J. Mercer  
Was born September 3, 1851 and  
Died September 4<sup>th</sup>. Aged 1 day

Sacred to the Memory of  
Mrs. Susan J. Mercer  
Wife of John H. Mercer  
Who was born July 13, 1816  
And departed this life  
December 29, 1863

John H. Mercer                   (m. Susan Conner, dau. of Lewis Conner?)  
December 25, 1820  
July 7, 1895  
“Crossed over the river and resting  
under the shade of the tree.”

In Memory of  
Samuel U. Grosse  
Born September 30, 1888 (1883?)  
Died October 26, 1888 (1883?)

Edna B. Grosse  
Born September 5, 1872  
Died November 17, 1901

GROSS  
Sallie Mercer Gross  
May 2, 1847  
August 24, 1915

GROSSE  
Maude, wife of Harper L. Proctor, M. D.  
April 23, 1888  
June 8, 1916

Otherwise unidentified marble tombstone initials E. V. G.

In Memory of  
Bessie M. Gross  
Born  
August 5, 1877  
Died  
September 10, 1877

**Herrington Family Cemetery, Screven County, GA**  
(no directions)

Candassa Maner  
December 14, 1844  
September 11, 1894`

**McBride Methodist Church, Sylvania, Georgia**  
(Georgia Hwy 24, Newington Highway)

Horace C. Poythress [Cullen]

Jan 23, 1867

June 8, 1918

Now thou art gone beyond the reach of woe,  
Where sorrow's tears shall ever cease to flow.

Flossie O.

wife of

H. C. Poythress

Oct 8, 1878

Nov 7, 1914

William H. Bazemore

Mar 5 1852

May 30 1926

His toils are past his work  
is done

He fought the fight the  
victory won

Fannie Wells Bazemore

Jan 30, 1859

Feb 26 1939

Her devotion was life's  
greatest blessing,

Her memory is our  
truest inspiration

Myrtice L. Poythress [daughter of HCP above]

Feb. 26, 1913

June 10, 1984

Reddick

Etta P.  
Oct 25 1902  
July 15, 1974  
[daughter of HCP above]

Capus L.  
May 20, 1901  
Mar 1, 1971

POYTHRESS

Daniel W. Poythress, Jr.	Leila H. Poythress
June 17, 1878	Apr 26, 1874
Oct 10, 1950	Mar 9, 1928
At Rest	At Rest

FATHER	MOTHER	[Daniel W. Poythress brother of John Maner Poythress(1)and son of Meredith Poythress, Jr., Laura was a Scott]
Daniel W. Poythress	Laura wife of D. W. Poythress	
Feb 26, 1838	Apr 17, 1846	
Nov 15, 1922	Dec 11, 1919	
Gone but not forgotten	Gone but not forgotten	

POYTHRESS

Edmund B. Gross  
1818-1890

Susan Mercer  
Gross  
1824-1902

REDDICK

Lennie Laura Reddick June 23, 1876 Nov 1, 1951	Alice Poythress wife of P. A. Reddick May 11, 1855 Sept 25, 1904	[Alice Helen Poythress sister of Horace Cullen Poythress and daughter of John Maner Poythress(1)]
Though Lost ___?___ ___?___ Daughter (footstone)	Memory Dear Mother (footstone)	

W. H. Reddick  
1864-1935  
Talulah Wells Reddick  
1877-1950 (sister of Flossie O.?)

**North Newington Baptist Church (Est. 1713)**  
(2 miles NE of Newington, Screven County, Georgia)

Poythress

Thomas Boston April 7, 1860 May 13, 1937 "Father"	Julia Ann Usher Feb. 6, 1873 June 24, 1940 "Mother"
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May they find Joy in Life Everlasting

Sheddie W. Poythress  
Son of T. B. & Julia Poythress  
b. July10, 1902  
d July 21, 1903

Falligant Wm. Joseph Nov. 15, 1878 Feb. 11, 1943	Bessie Poythress wife
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Robert L. Poythress  
Jan 2, 1867  
Feb 10, 1935

Mrs. E. D. Poythress  
April 28, 1861  
May 2, 1946

Ina M. Poythress  
Daughter of T. B. & Julia A. Poythress  
5-19-1904 to 2-12-1905

Double grave:  
William E. Poythress  
Born July 11, 1833  
Died December 23, 1907  
He lived as he died, a Christian  
&  
Martha J. Poythress  
June 4, 1841  
December 8, 1935  
A Tender Mother, faithful to Her Trust, even unto Death

Sacred to the memory of  
Idella Poythress  
b. Jan 5, 1867 (1859?)  
d Jan. 26, 1883  
(note Idella was daughter of William and Martha above)

A single, large triple marker:

POYTHRESS		
Thomas Ralph 1936-1937	Joann 1908-1945	Verna Mae Bryant 1897-1946

A single, large double marker:

POYTHRESS

Bessie M.  
March 26, 1887  
August 11, 1966

James C.  
November 21, 1885  
July 20, 1950

A single, large double marker:

POYTHRESS

Gazzie H.  
February 22, 1879  
February 4, 1969

Beulah B.  
November 19, 1896  
February 6, 1982

Frank Poythress  
November 22, 1885  
September 18, 1977

A single, large marker:

PITTS

James T.  
March 3, 1853  
April 17, 1937

Magnolia P.  
January 8, 1886  
February 11, 1945

(note: Magnolia (Poythress) Pitts was the daughter of John White and Martha Virginia/"Virgin" Poythress. The Frank Poythress above is Magnolia's brother and Frank is buried in with the Pitts family).

A single large marker:

FALLIGANT

William Joseph  
November 15, 1878  
February 11, 1943

Bessie Poythress  
August 4, 1886  
February 6, 1980

Louise Poythress Lee  
January 18, 1922  
(no death date given)

Sacred to the Memory of  
Isaac Wilder  
Died July 12, 1881  
Aged 56 years, 3 mo., 18 days

In Memory of  
H. J. Poythress  
Born July 9, 1875  
Died October 9, 1876

### **Savannah Colonial Cemetery**

Section "D", small granite headstone fastened on east wall of "typhus section":

In Memory of Hetty A. Poythress  
Wife of  
Geo. Poythress of  
Burke County  
Who departed this life  
December 24, 1818

It is suggested that George Poythress and wife Hetty (mother of John Carter Poythress) went to Savannah for a Christmas holiday where she contracted Typhoid fever and died. She was buried in the typhus section as was required by law at the time. (Source: "Some Early Epitaphs in Georgia", compiled by the Georgia Society of Colonial Dames, Mrs. Peter W. Meldrin, Historian).

**Scott/Poythress/Gross/Mills/Sanders Private Cemetery, Screven County, GA**  
(location off Rifle Road in Screven County) Write up below includes genealogy notes)

It is believed that this cemetery is **not** listed nor inventoried in **either** of the previous inventories of Screven County cemeteries: "Footprints in the Sands of Time" by Willie Mae Yeomans, a private cemetery supplement to prior

**D. A. R. cemetery surveys covered in two volumes, 1955-57.**

**Restoration on a portion of this cemetery was begun soon after uncovering the gravestones and this inventory was taken 16 August, 1998. The information below transcribes text from individual tombstones. There is evidence of other graves either unmarked and or with major parts of headstones broken and missing.**

The Scott stones appear to be granite, were found standing and are reasonably well preserved. The Mills stones, enclosed with a concrete block wall about four feet high, are also granite and well preserved.

**The Poythress, Sanders and Gross stones appear to be made of molded concrete and show considerable deterioration. Most of these stones apparently toppled over many years ago. They were uncovered by probing in the accumulated leaf mast and humus. These stones are being repaired where broken and are to be replaced on the original sites.**

**Scott**

<b>Martha Scott</b>	<b>Denis Scott</b>
November 27, 1813	February 17, 1803
July 24, 1888	June 19, 1874
Rest Mother, rest in quiet sleep,	Rest Father, rest in quiet sleep,
While friends in Sorrow	While friends in Sorrow
O'er thee Weep	O'er thee Weep
[footstone: M. S.]	[footstone: D. S.]

[single stone]

**Mary Virginia Scott**

March 23, 1846

January 27, 1921

She is safe in  
her Father's home above

**Martha Ann Scott**

March 10, 1838

September 2, 1902

She is safe in  
her Father's home above

Poythress

In Memory  
of  
John M. Poythress  
Born  
July 26, 1832  
Died  
October 1, 1866  
Quiet rest our  
Angel Father

[footstone: J. M. P.]

In Memory  
of  
Rhoda E. Poythress  
Born  
March 28, 1828  
Died  
May 9, 1884  
Quiet rest our  
Angel Mother

[footstone: R. E. P.]

[following is contemporary granite veteran's marker placed 16 Aug 1998]

JOHN M POYTHRESS  
PVT CO D 47 GA INF  
CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY  
JUL 26 1832 OCT 1 1866

**In Memory**

of  
J. W. Poythress  
Born  
March 21, 1865  
Died

May 4, 1877

**Gross**

**In Memory of**

William Gross  
?/?/1825  
?/?/1886

[note: above from headstone fragments; also, the 1886 is questionable]

**In Memory of**

Ann A. Gross  
March 25, 1825  
June 20, 1912  
“Asleep in Jesus”

**Mills**

**The Mills portion of this cemetery is contained in a concrete block wall 4 feet in height built as an outside perimeter to what was the original area enclosed by 6” marble coping 23’ x 25’. This area contains the graves of Stephen B. Mills and his wife Fannie D. Mills, along with what may be inferred (from the text and stone sizes) to be four children lost in infancy. There are no inscriptions other than those shown.**

[first is double headstone, others single]

<b>Stephen B. Mills</b>	<b>Fannie D. Mills</b>
<b>March 3, 1851</b>	<b>October 3, 1850</b>
<b>January 11, 1900</b>	<b>September 17, 1897</b>

**Belle**  
**daughter of**  
**S. B. & Fannie Mills**

**Elizabeth**  
**daughter of**  
**S. B. & Fannie Mills**

**Sallie**  
**daughter of**  
**S. B. & Fannie Mills**

**Francis**  
**son of**  
**S. B. & Francis Mills**

## Sanders

**In my Father's House are Many Mansions**

**Hattie Sanders  
October 31, 1869  
April 16, 1903  
"At Rest"**

**Infant of D. W. &  
Hattie Sanders  
Apr 13, 1903  
Apr 13, 1903  
"Our Little Daughter"**

**Genealogy notes on individuals interred:**

### Scott

**Dennis Scott was the son of James Scott b.1760-1770 d. 1832 m.1 Sarah Brunson, m.2 Clarissa Harden, m.3 Temperence Rawls). After the death of James Scott, Temperence m.2 7 Nov 1833 Lewis Powell. Son Dennis Scott married Martha Gross 13 Sep 1833. Martha (Gross) Scott (1813-1888) was the daughter of William Gross who m. Harriet Burns ca 1814.**

**Martha Ann Scott and Mary Virginia Scott (sisters) were unmarried daughters of Dennis Scott and Martha (Gross) Scott.**

### Poythress

**John Maner Poythress was the son of Meredith Poythress, Jr. m.2 Susan R. Maner. Contemporaneous material states that John Poythress died in 1866 of yellow fever contracted in the War for Southern Independence.**



**Rhoda E. (Gross) Poythress was the daughter of William H. Gross and his wife, Harriet Burns Gross (d. 1849). Rhoda Gross married John Maner Poythress on 5 Apr 1854.**

**A son born after the death of his father John Maner Poythress, Horace Cullen Poythress (1867-1918) m.2 Flossie O. Wells (1878-1914). Both are buried at McBride Methodist Church Cemetery. At the present time (1998) a Poythress/Wells family reunion has been held continuously in Sylvania for over 50 years. In recent years the site has been the Meeting Room of McBride Methodist Church. Included in this group are many representatives of the historic Screven County families of Bazemore, Reddick, Austin, Godbie and Poythress.**

**The grave of J. W. Poythress is that of John Willie Poythress, a son of John Maner and Rhoda (Gross) Poythress who died in childhood.**

## Gross

**William Gross (1825-18??) is very tentatively presumed to be a brother of Rhoda Gross.**

**Ann A. Gross is an unmarried sister of Rhoda Gross. Records indicate that the tomb of Kissiah Gross, another unmarried sister, is also supposed to be in this cemetery. Her headstone was not located.**

## Mills

**Stephen B. Mills would very likely be the son of Stephen Mills II. Stephen Mills II was the son of Stephen Mills, Sr. and Sarah Kemp (the daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Freeman) Kemp (m. 15 Sep 1825).**

**This Stephen B. Mills married 1.Frances Scott 8 Dec 1868, shown on her tombstone as Fannie D. Mills and married 2.Florence Brunson. None of the names on the four infant graves in this cemetery agree with any of the ten children of Stephen B. Mills and Frances Scott Mills as listed in the History of Screven County, Georgia (pg. 226). Perhaps the case is that the SCoGaH author did not have access to the names of the four children who died in infancy.**

## Sanders

**Hattie Poythress Sanders is the daughter of Daniel W. Poythress and Laura (Scott) Poythress. Hattie Poythress m. David W. Sanders, Jr. (b. 1874) on 26 April 1900. The gravestone of their infant daughter (b. and d. 13 April 1903) would suggest that Hattie Sanders Poythress' death three days later resulted from complications of childbirth.**

**Restoration of cemetery by Donald W. Bazemore  
Write-up by: John M. Poythress  
Donald Webster Bazemore and John M.  
Poythress are respectively the great-  
great grandson and great grandson**

**of John Maner Poythress.**

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**Date 18 February, 1999  
USGS 7.5' Topo  
Jacksonboro Bridge Quadrangle  
(N32-47-27xW81-35-45)t**

**Wades Baptist Church Cemetery**

(West from city limits of Sylvania, GA for 10.9 miles to junction of U. S. 301 and State Highway 17, turn right for 2 miles. Cemetery approximately 200 yards from highway)

Hope Brannen  
May 9, 1844  
January 10, 1894  
Aged 52 years

Sarah Cooper Brannen (on same stone with Hope Brannen above)  
December 10, 1850  
April 27, 1918

Hope C. Brannen  
Born October 29, 1877  
Died April 27, 1910

Welbourne T. Brannen  
Born January 18, 1887

Died January 16, 1914

H. J. Poythress

Born July 9, 1875

Died October 9, 1875

Z. L. Poythress

Born April 16, 1873

Died March 15, 1874

L. C. Poythress

Born November 17, 1871

Died November 17, 1872

**Waynesboro Confederate Memorial Cemetery, Waynesboro, Ga.**

John Carter Poythress

Born September 14, 1796

Died September 12, 1862

**Oak Hill Baptist Church, Jenkins County, Millen, Georgia**

SIDNEY  
PAYTHRESS  
June 16, 1889  
Feb. 26, 1916  
Asleep in Jesus  
Blessed Sleep

ARTHUR  
PAYTHRESS  
June 6, 1896  
Mar. 19, 1922  
Gone But Not  
Forgotten

JAMES T.  
POYTHRESS  
FEB. 27, 1887  
MAR. 31, 1924

RACHEL F. POYTHRESS  
BORN MAY 1860  
DIED OCT. 8, 1938

IN MEMORY OF  
MY HUS. N. H.  
POYTHRESS  
JUNE 7, 1861  
JAN. 6, 1908  
There will be  
no sorrow there

MABEL E.  
POYTHRESS  
MAR. 1, 1913

GORDON E.  
POYTHRESS  
AUG. 20, 1912  
AUG. 19, 1972

OUR MOTHER  
LUCY LIVELY DALEY  
POYTHRESS  
AUG. 20, 1867  
JAN. 28, 1966

MARTHA  
WIFE OF  
\_\_\_\_ POYTHRESS  
MAR. 19, 1871  
JUNE. 24, 1909

LEE A. POYTHRESS  
DEC. 25, 1861  
JAN. 6, 1938

INFANT DAUGHTER  
OF  
L. A. & S. P.  
POYTHRESS  
JUNE 24, 1909  
JULY 10, 1909

**Old North Newington Baptist Church Cemetery, Newington, Georgia**

"From Newingtoncross railroad on Route 24, pass North Newington Baptist Church and travel about 1 1/2 miles to first dirt road to right. Continue for 3 miles to home of Lloyd Pryor. This cemetery is back of the Pryor home in a field. The graves were placed there when the church was located there. Today practically all of the tombstones are fairly well preserved. Mr. Pryor has carefully left the graves to rest in peace." (John Robert Peavy 20 May, 1999).

**Scott Cemetery, Rifle Road, Sylvania, Georgia (Screven County)**

In Memory of  
Ann A. Gross  
March 25, 1825  
June 20, 1912  
“Asleep in Jesus”