

**MEMORIAL TO CONGREGATION MEMBERS INTERRED
IN THE MEETING HOUSE BURIAL GROUND**

A memorial plaque that honors the members of the Meeting House congregation who are interred in its churchyard is located in the northeast corner of the burial ground. The text of the memorial reads:

“Old Presbyterian Meeting House Burial Ground

“Sacred to the memory of those for whom these grounds serve as their final resting place.

“These church grounds contain the mortal remains of some 300 persons. Buried here are the Rev. William Thom and the Rev. Dr. James Muir, the congregation’s first and third ministers; John Carlyle, founding trustee and first overseer of Alexandria; Dr. James Craik, surgeon general in the Continental Army and personal physician and close friend of George Washington; William Hunter, Jr., mayor of Alexandria and founder of the St. Andrew’s Society; and members of their families. Also buried here are patriots of the French and Indian War and Revolutionary War, the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution, founding members of the Masonic Lodge that George Washington served as master, and members of many of the families that founded Alexandria.

“Members of the Meeting House congregation were interred in the Meeting House graveyard from the early 1770s until 1809, when the Presbyterian Cemetery was established on Hamilton Lane, about a mile west of here. Buried there are the Rev. Dr. Elias Harrison, the congregation’s fourth minister, together with numerous other citizens of Alexandria, including merchants, ship captains, eight mayors, patriots of the Revolutionary War, and veterans of the War of 1812, the Civil War, and the two World Wars. The congregation of the Meeting House continues to operate the Presbyterian Cemetery to this day.

“May the peace of those interred in these hallowed grounds be everlasting.

“Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

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