

Herbert-Cuttrell Cemetery

The following information on the compilation of the Herbert-Cuttrell Cemetery in Middletown, was compiled by Robert L. White and Richard Napoliton on October 18, 1999. It was a difficult job for the most part to obtain the names we have listed below. There are but a few stones that are readily accessible and not broken or lying covered in thick vegetation.

Many of the stones that are listed on page 2 are from the compilation that was accomplished by Henry C. McLean on May 21, 1938.

Herbert-Cuttrell Cemetery

Old Country Road, Middletown, N.J.

John Cuttrell, died March 24th 1869 aged 61 years 4 mos. and 15 days.

#Large stone with the image of a boat carved in the top of the stone, within a large shield, like a policeman's shield, the borders of which looks like braided rope.

Mary Herbert, wife of John Cuttrell, born March 1, 1804 and died July 11, 1894.

#Stone broken, hard to read.

Francis Cuttrell, who died January 26th 1864 aged 80 years 5 mos. and 22 days.

Kate O. Cuttrell, widow of Stephen S. Hathaway, born February 20, 1826 and died February 13, 1878. At Rest

In Memory of Jane Devoe, wife of Francis Cuttrell, who died July 5, 1865, aged 78 years 3 mos. and 23 days.

#Stone broken in many pieces and parts missing.

Stone broken, parts missing. died June 13, 1887.

James Herbert, who departed this life April 23, 1859, aged 77 years and 25 days.

Henry V. Herbert, who died February 11th 1849, aged 32 years 6 mos. and 26 days.

Joseph Morris, died October 14, 1825, aged 55 years and 3 mos.

Stone to the right of Joseph Morris, totally worn and illegable.

James Herbert, died October 5th 1876, aged 91 or 94 years, 7 mos. and 7 days.

James Herbert, died May 4, 1834, aged 87 years, 11 mos. and 21 days.

#Revolutionary War Veteran, Monmouth County Militia.

In Memory of Catherine, dau. of James and Catherine Herbert, who died July 9, 1849, aged 25 years, 1 mo. and 22 days.

In Memory of Martha, wife of Daniel Boudray, who died May 29, 1838, aged 32 years and 11 mos.

In Memory of Mary, wife of James Herbert, who died August 12th A.D. 1837, aged 91 years, 1 mo. and 22 days.

Jacob V., Son of John and Mary Cuttrell, who died April 18th 1849, aged 3 years,
8 mos. and 28 days. Foot stone inscribed J.V.C. Small roses carved in top of
stone.

Caroline, dau. of John and Mary Cuttrell, who departed this life March 4th 1842, aged
1 mo. and 8 days.

Another stone, badly worn and broken. Jane, dau. of John or James ?
Could be wife of John I. Walling and dau. of James and Catherine Herbert, died
July 2, 1828, aged 23 years, 1 mo. and 2 days. (Henry C. McLean.)

Mary, dau. of John and Mary Cuttrell, died March 14, 1851, aged 1 year & 28 days.
(Henry C. McLean.)

Mr. McLean also shows Mary, dau. of John and Mary Cuttrell, died March 11, 1851,
aged 1 year and 22 days.

Catherine Herd, died January 18, 1860, aged 88 years. (McLean.)

Catherine, wife of James Herbert, died April 22, 1859, aged 77 years, & 25 days.
(McLean)

Broken brown stone, name gone. (McLean)

Martha W. Pearce, born August 17, 1850 died July 26, 1851. (McLean.)

Scout leads cleanup of cemetery



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● Boy Scout Michael Legg has led an effort to improve the Revolutionary War-era Herbert-Cuttrell Cemetery, Middletown Township. Legg holds remnant of headstone (below).

Making mark on history

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MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP —

In 1776, Monmouth County militiaman James Herbert was ready for duty, committing himself to help fight in the Revolutionary War.

Now, 221 years later, a Boy Scout has kept Herbert from being forgotten.

Michael Legg of Middletown Village School Boy Scout Troop 142 had a new tombstone placed on Herbert's grave at a memorial ceremony Thursday.

The original stone had broken away, leaving no mark where Herbert was laid to rest at his family's cemetery on Old Country Road.

"It was just something we had to do, out of respect," said Legg, a tall 18-year-old.

Legg, fellow Scouts, and volunteers stumbled over a broken piece of Herbert's tombstone while cleaning up the 21-grave cemetery for Legg's Eagle Scout project. Replacing it became their mission. Joseph Uras, owner of a local monuments shop, offered to donate a marker for Herbert's grave.

Laying the new tombstone this week completed the restoration of



the cemetery, known as the Herbert-Cuttrell or Drummer Boy burial ground.

Of the 33 cemeteries classified as abandoned in Middletown, the Herbert-Cuttrell was considered among the worst. The site had been abandoned for years and its owners were listed as unknown. Every tombstone was broken off its base. Garbage covered the site, which was overgrown with weeds.

The township's Landmarks Commission was anxious to have the cemetery cleaned, so they suggested Legg take on Herbert-Cut-

trell when he came offering his services this summer.

"Michael is a real conscientious child. He's a good hard worker," said Mary Ann Kiernan, the commission's secretary and a research assistant at the Monmouth County Archives and Resource Center.

Kiernan was one of the project volunteers and identified the remnants of Herbert's old tombstone. The year 1834 was still visible on the stone, tipping her off it was Herbert's. The old soldier died in 1834 at the age of 87.

Kiernan considers Herbert to be the most important person buried at the cemetery. Historic records indicate he was 29 when he volunteered in various regiments of the county militia, either as a private or minuteman. His service included a skirmish at Stout's Hill near the township.

Herbert's son, James Jr., also is buried at the cemetery. Before dying at the age of 94 in 1876, the younger Herbert requested in his will that the cemetery be enlarged to one acre and be enclosed by a fence. He wanted the site to remain his family's burial ground.

Legg, a football player at Middletown High School South, considers his cemetery project "no big thing."