

Chatham Cemetery Company, Inc.  
Founding Members

1. Adams, Samuel - President and founder of Galveston Mills in Gretna (or Elba as it was known at that time). He was not buried in the Chatham Cemetery.
2. Blair, Joseph D. - He came to Chatham with his wife, Ellen, when he was elected County Treasurer in 1868. He was not buried in the Chatham Cemetery.
3. Carter, Hutchings Lanier - Planter. He married Eliza Poindexter and they lived in her widower-father's home. The house is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Arey, 42 Franklin Place.
4. Carter, James - Planter. He was the son of James and Lucy Washington Carter and the brother of Hutchings Carter. He married Betty Rutledge Pigg and they had four children. They lived in a Victorian frame house on Main Street on the site of the house owned now by Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Harold, 112 North Main Street. Both Carter families are buried in the Chatham Cemetery.
5. Coles, John W. - unidentified.
6. Collie, James H. (probably Hodges) Sheriff of Pittsylvania County in 1872. He and his family are buried in Chatham Cemetery.
7. Dabney, Charles E. - Second Lieutenant, Company 'E', Virginia Cavalry, 1861. Otherwise unidentified. There is a Chiswell Dabney lot in Chatham Cemetery, but Charles E. is not in it.

8. Gilmer, John - Lawyer. Son of Peachey Ridgeway and Mary H. Gilmer of Albemarle County. He came to Chatham about 1850 to practice law with his brother, George, who had come in 1830 and was Judge from 1853 to 1857. He married Eliza Patton, from Danville, in 1860. They had nine children. He bought 100 acres of land east of Chatham and built his home there. The house burned in 1906. Both he and his brother are buried in Chatham Cemetery.
9. Guthrie, J. L. - tobacconist. He came to Chatham to go into the cigar manufacturing business with Jesse Hargrave. He built the house on South Main Street now owned by Mrs. Reginald Kenney. Ethel Sossman lived in it a short time after his death. He and his wife are buried in Chatham Cemetery.
10. Hargrave, Jesse - merchant, banker, manufacturer. He came from Sussex County and found a job as clerk in Wier's Emporium. He married Ruth Hunt, daughter of Captain John Hunt and granddaughter of Dr. Daniel Brown who came south with Greene's army. Ruth and Jesse Hargrave had four children, one boy and three girls. Ruth died in 1862 and he married Susan Payne, daughter of Philip Payne of Campbell County. They had no children.

He bought Wier's Emporium and was a successful business man in many endeavors.

He bought the home of William Rison and his wife Sally Ann Townes

on the corner of Main and Center Streets. It was torn down in 1977 to make way for the Agriculture Building.

11. Hurt, William Bailey - merchant. He was the son of W. W. Hurt and his wife, Nancy Linn, of Chrystal Hill in Halifax County. He married Ellen Hicks Carter and they had ten children. They lived in a house on the site of the Saunders home on Hurt Street. The street is named for him. He is buried in the Chatham Cemetery.
12. Jones, Edward Thomas - merchant. He was the son of John Winston and Ann Hutchings Jones. He married Sally Echols, daughter of Obediah and Louisa Hurt Jones and they had five children. He and his children were born on the western outskirt of Chatham, where the extension of Depot Street curved left around the Jones land. The house still stands. He is buried in the Chatham Cemetery.
13. Keatts, Charles Thomas, merchant. He was in business with his brother, T. C. Keatts, who was a sculptor of monuments. The general store was on the west side of Main Street and burned in 1902 when the Bennett Hotel, Hunt's Store, and the Post Office also burned. The Keatts lived in the house on South Main Street owned now by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Harris. C. T. Keatts first married Harriet Carter, his second wife was Betty Stone Matthews.

14. J. C. Lucke (pronounced "Luke") -  
tobacconist. He lived in the  
house built by Jane Lanier Lucke,  
probably his aunt. The house is  
now owned by Dr. and Mrs. Howell  
Watson.
15. Martin, Chesley - Physician.  
He studied under Dr. Rawley White  
of Peytonsburg and married the  
doctor's daughter, Rebecca White  
Smith, a young widow, in 1834.  
They had four daughters and two  
sons, one son died in infancy.  
In 1844 he bought thirty acres  
of land in Chatham and built his  
home in a grove of oak trees. The  
house is now owned by Mrs. Mary  
Tucker on Hargrave Boulevard.  
The Martins are all buried in  
the Chatham Cemetery. However,  
the Martin private cemetery was  
in existence until 1963, when the  
remains were transferred to the  
family lot in Chatham Cemetery.  
Among them were Mrs. Martin's  
brother, John Lawson White, and  
her mother, Ann Donnevant White.
16. Martin, Rawley White - Physician.  
Son of Dr. Chesley Martin and his  
wife, Rebecca White. He was a  
Colonel in the Confederate Army  
and a hero. Hundreds of babies  
were named for him. He married  
Ellen Johnson and they had five  
children. He bought the home  
built by John Lawrence Poindex-  
ter and lived there until he moved  
his family to Lynchburg, about  
1908. His family is buried in  
the Chatham Cemetery.

17. Pigg, L. (Lysander) H. (Henry), known as "Sandy". Son of Hezekiah and Martha Henry Rutledge Pigg. Merchant, landowner, he started the first newspaper in Chatham, The Tribune, and was instigator of a water line from Ward's Spring to Chatham. He married Sallie Whitlock Coleman, who died in 1882 and is buried in the Chatham Cemetery. He designed her tombstone, which is in the shape of a tree. He died at the age of 44 in 1894 and is buried in his family graveyard near Piggs Mill. He had no children.
18. Ragsdale, C. D. - tobacconist. He and his partner, Foote Wooding, built a brick warehouse in Chatham. He lived in the Tunstall house, just south of town, later bought by Charles Hayme. He and his family are buried in Chatham Cemetery.
19. Scruggs, Langhorne - County Clerk. Son of Drewry Scruggs and his wife, Rhoda Whitehead. He came to Chatham as a deputy clerk in the Clerk's Office. Four years later he was elected County Clerk. He served twenty-five years and studied law. He married Mildred Bennett, daughter of Coleman Bennett. They had one child, Sallie Tunstall. He is buried in the Chatham cemetery.
20. Scruggs, W. C. - unidentified. May have been Langhorne's brother. He is not buried in the Chatham Cemetery.

21. Shepherd, Tandy Rice - tanner. He came from Fluvanna County in 1845, and had a thriving business on Strawberry Creek. He married Eliza Ann Dyer, daughter of Coleman Dyer and they had six children. They lived in Whittletown. One room of the house remains back of the home of Mrs. John Edwards. He is buried in Chatham Cemetery.
22. Sims, William S. - lawyer. He came from Mississippi. He studied at Yale and came to Chatham as the law partner of James Murray Whittle. In 1861 he married Matoaka Whittle and built their home in Whittletown, land that was given to the town by Judge Whittle with the condition that it always be called Whittletown. Early deeds included the stipulation. The handsome house is still known as 'the Sims House'. It is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mitchell.
- Only his wife and an infant bearing her name are buried in the Chatham Cemetery. William Sims died while serving as consul in Panama and was buried there.
23. Tredway, William Marshall Jr. - lawyer. He came to Chatham in 1859 when his father bought the Whittle house in South Chatham and moved his family from Danville. He married Rebecca Chesley Martin, daughter of Dr. Chesley Martin and they had several children.

They are buried in the Martin lot in the Chatham Cemetery.

24. Vaden, Robert W., - Industrialist. He was the son-in-law of Samuel Adams and Treasurer of Galveston Mills. He is not buried in the Chatham Cemetery, but his son Giles Vaden, has a lot in which his family and some of his ancestors are buried.
25. White, Richard - Physician. Son of Dr. Rawley White and his wife, Ann Donnevant of Peytonsburg. He studied in Scotland and came to about 1834. He married Rebecca Fitzgerald, daughter of William Fitzgerald, in 1836. They had several children.

He bought thirty-five acres of land, near the Courthouse, in 1837 and built his home which still stands on North Main Street. It is owned by Frances Hallam Hurt, (Mrs. Henry C.).
26. R. C. White - cashier in Chatham Savings Bank in 1876. Otherwise unidentified.