

manner of incumbrances whatsoever, and that the said Thomas MacClendon doth give, grant and confirm, unto him the said John Martin, the said premises, to him, his heirs and assigns forever unto him, and all manner of persons whatsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim, or that shall or may at any time hereafter claim any estate, title or interest, to the said premises or any part thereof, shall and will sign, seal and deliver, any such better and further assurances of the hereby granted premises unto him the said John Martin, his heirs or assigns, as by him, or any of his counsel learned in the law shall require.

Witnesseth, whereof the said Thomas MacClendon, has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

(Signed) Thomas MacClendon,  
Louisa X MacClendon,  
(her mark)

Witnesses: Donald MacDonald,  
John MacClendon.

North Carolina )( January Term, 1775.  
Cumberland County )(

Herewith witnesseth the execution of this deed in open court in due form of law, proved by the oath of Donald MacDonald, and ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) Thomas Rutherford.

There is a tradition that the dead were brought to this place for burial from far down the Cape Fear, and even from Robeson, Richmond and Anson Counties. Near the graveyard may yet be seen the dim remains of the old race path where horse-racing was engaged in after the funerals. This was a relic of the Pictish Wake, which is said to be practiced in Ireland, and in a modified form in the Highlands of Scotland to this day.

Probably not more than one-tenth of the graves at this place are legibly marked; but it would require a page or more to give the names of all those that are marked; hence we will give only a few:

Christian MacLean, 1780-1851.

Norman MacLeod, died 1836, age 27.

Mary Ann MacLeod, died 1859, age 85.

Kenneth Murchison, died 1817.

Malcom Morrison, died 1829, age 72. [This was the father of Colonel John Morrison, who was Clerk of the Superior Court of Moore County for 22 years.]

Catherine Bethune, died 1827, age 78 years. [This lady was the grandmother of the late T. B. Tyson of Carthage.]

Benjamin A. Person, died 1827, aged 87.

John Tyson, 1784-1851.

Margaret, his wife, died 1863, aged 88 years. [These are the parents of the late Thomas B. Tyson, and the great-grandparents of T. B. Tyson, the present manager of Tyson-Jones Buggy Company.]

Alexander MacCaskill, died 1861, aged 70 years.

John Patterson, 1777-1842.

Alexander MacIntosh, 1773-1845.

N. MacIntosh, 1771-1809.

Norman MacLeod, died Mar. 12, 1808. [This Norman MacLeod came from Scotland in 1760 when 6 years old. His wife came in the same vessel, a child six months old.]

Colonel John Morrison, who as above stated was for a long time Moore County's Superior Court Clerk, lies buried in this graveyard, but his grave is unmarked. The monument intended for his grave has lain in a shed at Carthage for forty years, inscribed as follows:

Sacred to the memory of Col. John Morrison, who was born in Bensalem Township, Moore County, July 5th, 1803, died in Carthage 12th of May, 1870.

In this cemetery the earliest settlers sleep; the aged man and infant child lie side by side, emphasizing the brevity of life, and the small difference between a long life and a short one. "All that tread the globe are but a handful to the tribes that slumber in its bosom."

#### Old MacKeithen Graveyard

Many of the country graveyards of the early times had their origin in acts of violence. The graveyard at Bethesda is said to have begun with the grave of a stranger found murdered near the spot during the Revolution; the old Clark Graveyard and Rockfish Graveyard had their origins in the Wade and Culp Massacre; and the Old MacKeithen Graveyard had its origin in fear.

The site of this graveyard is some two hundred yards down the river from the railroad at Lakeview. It is on the spot where the first residence of the original Duncan Blue stood.

Duncan Blue came to America about the year 1760 or 1765. He had been a friend of Captain Cain Morrison in Islay in Jura, and this fact caused him to settle near Captain Morrison when he emigrated to America. He was a moderate Loyalist, but a time came when the zeal of the Whigs hated the moderate Loyalists with the same hatred that they felt for the more zealous Tories, who fought for the King to the bitter end.

Mr. Blue, whose house was in thirty yards of the dense river swamp, kept in hiding in the swamp. His little girl died of typhoid fever, and for fear of Whig cruelties they buried the child in the dooryard, so that the father could be present at the burial. From this beginning there has grown up a cemetery, which covers probably two acres; and because of the fact that so many MacKeithens are buried at this place, it is universally known as the MacKeithen Graveyard.

The following was copied from tombstones in this cemetery: