

Sketch: Notes on the Patteson Graveyard, near Pulaski in Giles County Tennessee

Patteson Cemetery

Location: Hwy 64E, monuments moved to Maplewood Cemetery

Col Nelson Patteson; 8 January 1762; 4 March 1824

Rebecca Patteson, wife of Col Nelson Patteson; died 15 August 1827

Daniel McCormick Patteson, son of James and Sarah, 25 December 1826; 4 January 1846

Capt James Patteson, son of Nelson and Rebecca; 20 February 1784; 3 August 1856

Nelson A Patteson; 1 July 1795; 22 December 1814

Sarah T Patteson, wife of J Nelson Patteson; 16 April 1822; 5 December 1852

Rebecca C, dau of James and Sarah Patteson; 18 August 1818; 5 September 1830

James Masterson Patteson, son of James and Sarah; 31 January 1825; 25 December 1829

Leanah McCormick, wife of John McCormick; 30 March 1763; 28 September 1849

Leanah Louisa, dau of James and Sarah Patteson; 17 January 1829; 18 November 1833

[source] Cemetery Records of Giles County Tennessee; published by Giles County Historical Society of Pulaski Tennessee; no date recorded.

The Patteson Cemetery . . . was a "homeplace cemetery" made at the house like so many were. It fell into disrepair, and the historical society stepped in and decided it wanted to salvage the large, ornate handsome stones, which were deteriorating in the elements. They removed the stones to the Maplewood Cemetery in Pulaski, but not the bodies.

[source] Note from researcher Regina Roper, 1994.

Notes from the Flournoy Rivers Manuscripts:

The Flournoy Rivers Manuscripts were published in the Pulaski Citizen (Pulaski, Giles county Tennessee) in the years 1895 – 1898. These Manuscripts have been copied as true as possible by Mrs Carl (Clara) H Parker and Edward Jackson White.

The Patteson Graveyard

This is a few hundred yards in the field east of Colonel Ballentine's house on east hill – just back of – east of – Pleas Anderson's home. Colonel Ballentine owns the land. There are three enclosures, one a narrow rectangle about twelve feet wide east and west and probably twenty yards long, north and south. West of and adjoining it is a square of about fifteen feet. These are enclosed by massive rock walls, breast high and about two feet thick. The other to the east side is enclosed by a small iron fence. There are no marked graves in this or in the west one. South of these are some graves not marked. I think Squire J Nelson Patteson is buried in the iron enclosure with his last wife and youngest daughter Altheria.

Everything is a wilderness of thorn trees and bushes, vines, briars and weeds and bespeaks desolation and neglect. All of this family left here years since for Texas, Arizona and the west. Some of the thorn trees are almost as large as one's body, while the trumpet vine runs luxuriantly.

The old settlement stood just to the South-west of the graveyard and I presume the graveyard was placed in the garden, according to a very prevalent custom of those days. Not a vestige now remains and a negro cabin occupies the house site.

The only stones in the larger enclosure are an upright column or tombstone about eight feet high and south of this about five feet is a plain shaft about four feet high, unlettered. Upon the former, on the west face is the following:

Colonel Nelson Patteson, born January 8, 1762, died March 4, 1824, aged 62 years, 1 month, 25 days.

Just below is:

Rebecca Patteson, wife of Col Nelson Patteson, Died August 15, 1827. Age unknown.
[note] Rebecca Patteson was a daughter of John Markham, of Chesterfield County, Virginia. He was Sheriff, 1665 (sic – later corrected to 1765), and JP 1758, died 1771 – Will at Chesterfield Court House, Virginia.

Captain James Patteson, son of Nelson and Rebecca Patteson, Born February 29, 1784, Died August 3, 1856. Aged 72 years, 5 months, 2 days.

Nelson A Patteson, son of Nelson and Rebecca Patteson, born July 1, 1795, Died December 22, 1814, Aged 19 years, 5 months, 21 days.

Sarah Patteson, Born 18 August 1818, Died September 5, 1830.

James Masterson Patteson, son of James and Sarah Patteson, born January 31, 1825, Died December 25, 1829.

The weather begins to affect the north face and soon several of the dates will be illegible. The inscriptions on the north face are:

Leanah McCormick, wife of John McCormick, born March 30, 1763, Died September 28, 1849. Aged 86 years, 5 months, 29 days.

Leanah Louisa, daughter of James and Sarah Patteson, born January 17, 1829, died November 18, 1833. Aged 4 years, 10 months.

Daniel McCormick Patteson, son of James and Sarah Patteson, born December 25, 1826, died January 4, 1846, Aged 19 years, 10 days.

Sarah T Patteson, wife of J Nelson Patteson, born April 16, 1822, died December 5, 1852. Aged 30 years, 7 months, 19 days. [note] I think she was the first wife of Squire J Nelson Patteson, a daughter of Charles Buford. His last wife was a Nave, of the same connection as Mrs WO Bennett, Mrs Woodring, Mrs William Wells.

Family records suggest that Patteson family members were buried in the Patteson Family Cemetery in Giles county. Later the family monument was moved to the Maplewood Cemetery. It is thought that the bodies were not moved

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[Rebecca Markham Patterson \(Patteson\) at Find A Grave](#)

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