

Hardy Hart

David Collins established his Cemetery shortly after 1855. For all practical purposes originally and prior to 1876 it was a private "David Collins Family Cemetery". At that time (1876) he donated it to the community. During the privacy years he obviously accommodated outsiders such as Dougald McMillian (a business owner of the community) headstone 1823-1864. Research also indicates there were others without markers such as Hardy Hart 1808-1866 (another community business owner) who was interned there. In December 1982, I interviewed A.C. Baxter (1911-1992) who was born and died a couple of hundred yards from the cemetery. In that interview he shared the following with me: During the late 1930's Margaret Hart (1847-1942) visited her father Hardy Harts Grave. She was very old and A.C. Was glad to accompany and assisted her. While he and I were talking he walked me to a spot on the north west side of the cemetery. This is where Hardy's grave was in 1938 he stated to me, within a five foot area of this spot he added . He said in 1938 the grave was old and un-cared for but was still identifiable as a grave. While we were talking I marked the spot with the toe of my shoe. Later in the day I returned with my probing rod and sure enough there had been an interment in that exact spot.