

Morgantown, WV

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[ Provided Courtesy of Laurel Meyer ]

## **MCVICKER FAMILY CEMETERY**

Located on the west side of the Stewartstown road out of Morgantown, on the old McVicker farm. It has been uncared for a number of years and several of the stones have fallen over. James McVicker settled here before 1800 and kept a tavern at his home until 1819 or later. He purchased several hundred acres of ground and built a large brick home more than a hundred years ago. The home is still owned and occupied by the McVicker Family.

- McVicker<sup>1</sup> James McVicker died Dec 31, 1852  
Aged 84 years 9 months 15 days
- McVicker<sup>2</sup> Permelia McVicker wife of James McVicker  
Died Aug 22, 1847 Aged 75 years
- McVicker Anna O. McVicker<sup>3</sup> daughter of G. (or S.) M. & A. McVicker  
Died Jun 21, 1871 Aged 4 months 28 days
- James L. McVicker<sup>4</sup> son of G. (or S) M. & A. McVicker  
Died Feb 23, 1871 Aged 1 month 2 days
- Houston Sarah Houston<sup>5</sup> wife of Purnell Houston  
Died Feb 18, 1870 Aged 75 years 21 days
- Mary T. Houston<sup>6</sup> daughter of P. & S. Houston  
Died Feb 20, 1870
- Houston<sup>7</sup> Purnell Houston died ----1882----  
(this stone is face down under a tree root)

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<sup>1</sup> Father of Sarah (McVicker) Kern Houston, per marriage bond dated 31 January 1838.

<sup>2</sup> Permelia (McNamar) McVicker. Mother of Sarah (McVicker) Kern Houston.

<sup>3</sup> Twin. Appears to be George W. & Alcinda McVicker. George W. son of Madison McVicker who was son of James McVicker. See, 1850 and 1860 Federal Census, Monongalia Co., Virginia.

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<sup>5</sup> A/k/a Sarah (McVicker) Kern Houston, first wife of Jacob Kern (son of Michael Kern, Jr.). Married Purnell Houston 31 January 1838. Died of paralysis, per U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules Index.

<sup>6</sup> Mary T. Houston, daughter of Purnell & Sarah Houston. Not married. Died by suicide per U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedules Index.

<sup>7</sup> Second husband of Sara (McVicker) Kern; b. 1 Feb 1796; d. 2 March 1882. Obituary: Death of Purnell Houston - Died, at his home near Morgantown, Thursday, March 2, 1882, after a long and patient sickness, Purnell Houston, in the 86th year of his age. Mr. Houston was one of the oldest citizens of our county. He was born and raised in Monongalia and was well known in this as well as in adjoining counties. He was active, vigorous and industrious all his life; was possessed of an aggressive character, and was a man of fixed views and opinions. For several years he rode as High Constable of the county, and many incidents that took place during his public and private life are often told and are characteristic of his nature and habits. He was an industrious man, and left a comfortable estate. He died without children, his wife and daughter having died about 2 years ago. The relatives of the deceased are many, in this and other counties, and his memory will long be revered by them and a large circle of friends and family.  
<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/wv/monongalia/obits/PurnellHoustonObit.txt>

## **Oak Grove Cemetery**

This cemetery is located on Dorsey Avenue in the residential district of Morgantown. It was established by a group of local men in 1865 and opened the same year. For the next fifty years it was the main burial place in the town. In 1912 an addition, East Oak Grove Cemetery, was opened on the old Kingwood Pike outside the present city limits. With the exception of the old Methodist Cemetery stones, those records are not included here.

When Morgantown was laid out in 1785 lot 101 on Fayette Street was designated as the "sepulcher lot" for the use of all denominations and was so used. The Baptists seem to have used the west end of the lot on which the Presbyterian Church now stands. In the early days this lot was used jointly by the Presbyterians and Episcopalians. The Presbyterians used their lot on Spruce Street as a graveyard and a number of the stones are still there. The Methodists had their place of burial on the present University campus. It was used before 1800. These cemeteries, with the exception of the one on Spruce Street, have all have done away with and many of the stones are now in Oak Grove. Some stones from family graveyards have also been placed in Oak Grove. The oldest stone in that of Philander Wilson who died in 1796.

The majority of the lots are large and sold as whole lots, halves, or quarters. Some were divided by the original owners and no deed recorded. An out of date plat is on record in the court house. It shows roads and walks as first planned which were later turned into lots. This further complicates the numbering. The place is still used and well kept. The place is still used and well kept. The inscriptions were copied by lots and the lots in order of their arrangement in the section. The present manager is Mr. Rufus West of Morgantown.

McVicker Clarence McVicker 1859–1915

McVicker George W. McVicker 1831–1913

~Laurel Meyer~

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<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mcvicker/>