

# Alexander Cemetery

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The Alexander Cemetery is in Ohio County, KY. On US Highway 231, three miles north of Hartford, turn east onto Highway 1737 (Silver Beach Road). About 300 feet on the right at the second drive (gravel lane) is a sign that says Alexander Cemetery Road. Do not take this paved road. It will not go back to the cemetery. Right before that, there is a gravel lane. The gravel lane will take you directly to the cemetery.



**Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, Friday, 19 November 1920, p.1 and  
Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 24 November 1920, p.8:**



Certain of our local citizens who have relatives buried at the Alexander Cemetery are endeavoring to get funds together for the improvement of that Cemetery. This is indeed a worthy cause and it is to be hoped that the necessary funds will be raised.

The Cemetery is now in such condition that it will be necessary to dig up the roots of the honey suckle, myrtle and stubble in the ground, spade up the whole cemetery, rebuild mounds, get a start of grass, also to straighten leaning stones and repair broken ones. It is also the desire to put up a new and appropriate fence.

Perhaps few realize the historical interest attached to this cemetery. In is buried one Alexander Barnett, who was born in Virginia in 1745. His wife; who was Jane Montgomery, born 1748, is also buried there.

Alexander Barnett was a soldier in the Revolution. He served in the southern wing of the Army first with General Gates, later under Nathaniel Green. One of his brothers, Joseph, who afterwards came to Kentucky with him, also served In the Revolution. From the time of their enlistment the two brothers did not meet until at the surrender of Cornwallis at York town.

Alexander Barnett came to Kentucky with Daniel Boone in 1778, and was with him in the Paint Creek expedition. He went back to Virginia and then in 1782 or 1783 returned to Kentucky with his family, and also his brother Joseph and his family, the former settling north of Hartford and the latter in the Sulphur Springs neighborhood.

Alexander died in 1819, and his wife in 1825. Their children were as follows:

Mary, born 1770, died 1814, unmarried.

Jane, born 1772, died 1828, married her cousin Joseph Barnett, who was born 1777, died 1823.

Rachel, born 1774, died 1803, married her cousin Robert Barnett, who was born —, died 1797.

Rebekah, born 1777, died 1858, married James Baird, who was born 1781, died 1868.

Sarah, born 1782, died 1862, unmarried.

Robert, born 1784, died 1865, married Elizabeth Conditt, who was born 1794, died 1830.

Elizabeth, no record of birth, death or marriage.

Lucretia, born 1786, died —, married M. S. Bennett.

Joseph, no record of birth, death, or marriage.

Most of these children are also buried in Alexander Cemetery.

Alexander took up an enormous tract of land north of Hartford, as stated above. From this land he deeded the strip on which the Alexander Cemetery and school house are located to "Baptists and Presbyterians, and for burial purposes."

This cemetery is in an extremely disheveled condition, is fast going down, and unless it is put in condition many graves are destined to become lost. It is hoped that everyone descended from the above, and everyone who has relatives buried in the Alexander Cemetery, will desire to make a contribution toward this work. Anyone desiring to do so will please send card or letter to A. M. Barnett, Hartford, Ky., stating amount he or she is willing to give, with name and address.—Contributed.

In addition to the above and among other large families, the heads of which were old settlers of that region of the County, and numbers of their descendants repose in this burying ground are the Stevens family, the Tinsleys, Fords and Allens.



**Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Sunday, 26 February 1922, p.1B;  
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## **Historic Cemetery In Ohio County That Was Established 115 Years Ago**

Ohio county boasts an historic cemetery second to none in this section of the country. It is known as Alexander's cemetery, located near Hartford, and has but recently been restored by interested citizens of the county, whose ancestors lie buried there.- The D. A. R. chapter took a leading part in the restoration of this ancient burying ground, now 115 years established.

In the year 1808 Col. Alexander Barnett deeded the property for the purpose of a cemetery, Col. Barnett was a soldier in the Revolutionary army. He served in the Southern wing of the army, first with General Gates and subsequently under Gen. Nathaniel Green. One of Col. Barnett's brothers, Joseph, likewise, served in the beginning of the war against Great Britain for the maintenance of the United States Until the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown they did not see one another and were unaware that they were living.

### **First Burial In 1814**

Col. Barnett's daughter, Mary, who was born in 1774 and died in 1814 was the first person known to have been buried in the cemetery, six years after its establishment for that purpose. Col. Barnett himself was buried in the cemetery four years later. He was born in Virginia in 1753. The first couple married within the confines of Ohio county. – Joseph Barnett and Jean Barnett, distant cousins, are buried in the cemetery. Alexander Barnett's wife, born in 1748, five years before her husband, and who survived him nine years, dying in 1827, is buried, by his side. Col. Barnett himself came to Kentucky in 1778 as a companion to Daniel Boone, and from various histories it appears the two men were well acquainted and participated in some spirited fighting with the Indians to maintain a foothold in what then was the "Dark and Bloody Ground."

### **Pioneers of This Section**

It is from these ancestors that the large family of Barnetts, of Ohio, as well as Daviess and nearby counties are descended. They were the pioneers of this section of the state. In the ancient cemetery, which has been restored, freshened and beautified by the descendants of those "Old-timers" one sees the names of Ford, Tinsley, Steven and Allen with recurring frequency. A. M. Barnett, of Hartford, in the latter part of 1920 began enlisting various descendants of the pioneers of the county in the project of reviving the old cemetery. His efforts met a ready response and today with the markers revived and those that had decayed being replaced by bright new ones, the gravestones and more pretentious monuments freshened or replaced, the cemetery has been made a place of beauty.

When the cemetery is surrounded by the pretty iron fence which is in course of erection the descendants feel that they will have paid, a long due debt of respect to their celebrated ancestors.



**Messenger and Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Sunday, 12 February 1933, p.4A**  
**and Ohio County News, Hartford, KY, 17 March 1933, p.2:**

## **Historical County Cemetery**

An article appearing in the Owensboro Messenger some months ago in regard to an old cemetery in Muhlenberg county prompts me to advise you of a much older one in Ohio county. I refer to the Alexander cemetery about two and one-half miles north of Hartford, just off the Owensboro road.

In that cemetery lies buried Alexander Barnett, Revolutionary soldier, one of the first settlers in Ohio county, and donor of the plot of land on which the cemetery is located, also his wife and six of their nine children, and his descendents to the sixth generation.

This cemetery was set aside as such in 1809, the first burial being made in 1814. It is located on a corner of a six-acre plot of ground set aside for church and cemetery purposes, but instead of a church, a school house was erected thereon, and it is still being so used, known as the Alexandria school. The 2,000-acre tract of land from which this six-acre plot was taken was deeded to Alexander Barnett in 1797 by Governor Garrard, the second governor of Kentucky. The original deed is now in possession of a member of the family.

Alexander Barnett and his brother, Joseph Barnett (three of whose children also lie buried in Alexander cemetery) served in the Revolutionary war. They met for the first time after enlistment at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, in October, 1781, and there laid plans to move to Kentucky. Early the following year they met at the fort where Elizabethtown now stands, made a crop there, and in the winter following proceeded to Ohio county. This was ten years before Kentucky was out off from Virginia as a separate state, and at a time when Ohio county was a part of what was then Jefferson county, Virginia.

These brothers built a fort, known as Barnett's Station, the site of which is about two miles northeast of Hartford. It was begun before Christmas, and when completed they returned for their families, Alexander's residing in what is now Nelson county, Va., and Joseph's at Ft. Pitt, now Pittsburgh, Pa. Joseph had been with the Braddock Campaign against Ft. DeQuesne, and had returned with the subsequent campaign which occupied the fort (then named Ft. Pitt), and married there. He had thus been separated from his father's family for about twenty years when the Revolutionary war came on.

Barnett's Station was the scene of the only Indian raid of importance in Ohio county, the attack taking place in April, 1790. Two children of an Anderson family residing at the station were killed, and several persons were wounded, while Joseph Barnett's eleven-year-old daughter, Hannah,, was taken captive, and Alexander's thirteen-year-old daughter, Rebecca, was scalped, and left for dead. The latter, however, survived her injuries, and Hannah was recovered some six months later.

In about, the year 1797 the brothers moved from the fort. Alexander locating on the 2,000-acre tract mentioned above, while Joseph moved to the northeastern part of the county near Narrows. On the land which was the latter's farm is a lone grave, that of Alexander's daughter, Rachel (died 1803), This grave is said to be the survivor of a rather considerable family burying-ground which would antedate the Alexander cemetery.

Here also lies the remains of James Baird, son-in-law of Alex Barnett, who was a member of the first board of magistrates of Ohio county and was one of a committee of three appointed to locate the road from Hartford to Yellow Banks.

Here also is buried Jean Barnett and J. Barnett, Jr., who obtained the first marriage license in Ohio county and were married by Rev. Ignacius Pigman. The grave of Capt. Andrew M. Barnett, who was murdered by Frank James near where, the Hartford and Hawesville road crosses Panther creek is also in this cemetery. The James gang in February, 1865, came to Hartford about 20 strong disguised a Union soldiers and pursued young Barnett to guide them to Hawesville and his snow-covered body was found later by neighbors.

Here, too, is the last resting place of eight veterans of the Civil War, all Union soldiers and all descendents by blood or marriage of Alexander. J. C. Barnett and D. G. Barnett (a grandson and grandson-in-law respectively), J. A. Baird, Capt. A. M. Barnett, W. P. Bennett and W. T. Stevens, great grandsons, and A. W. Mills and Woodberry Tinsley, great grandsons-in-law.

J. C. Barnett was the father of Capt. Andrew M, Barnett and both were at home on furlough when the son was murdered. It is said that excitement was so high that no one would assist the father in the last rites and that he had to go ten or twelve miles on a sled alone to get his son's snow-covered body.

As evidence that our forefathers were surveying stock, Alexander's son, Robert Barnett, two of his grandsons, Robert E. Barnett and Alexander Barnett Baird and one great grandson, E. P. Barnett, served as county surveyors.

So after having driven the Indians out of the county 150 years ago and both Alexander and Joseph raising large families the writer is the only one by the name that resides in Ohio county.

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[Preceding article was written by Andrew Morris Barnett (1865-1938), a great-grandson of Alexander & Jane Barnett.]



**History of No Creek, Ohio County, Kentucky, by Harry D. Tinsley**  
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ALEXANDER CEMETERY

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A six-generation group buried here includes, Alexander Barnett (1745-1819); his son, Robert Barnett (1784-1865); his son, Joseph C. Barnett (1818-1893); his daughter, Matilda (Wood) Tinsley (1842-1925); her son, O. R. Tinsley (1867-1932) and his son, Almon R. (1895-1915).

A five-generation group there includes Alexander Barnett; his daughter, Lucretia (Samuel) Bennett (1786-1854); her son, Alexander Barnett Bennett (1819-1886); his daughter, Janie (Will) Delaney (1868-1918) and her son, Walter (1889-90). Another five-generation group includes Alexander Barnett; his daughter, Rebecca (James) Baird (1777-1858); her daughter, Jane M. (John Bennett) Stevens (1806-1874); her daughter, Mary E. (Alexander Campbell) Ellis (1840-1928) and her daughter, Pearla (1872-1890), also her son, B. Howard (1877-1947). There may be other five-generation groups buried there.

Here, too, is the last resting place of eight veterans of the War Between the States, and all are descendants either by blood or marriage of Alexander Barnett. They are Joseph C. Barnett and David L. Barnett, grandson and grand-son-in-law, respectively, J. A. Baird, Capt. A. M. Barnett, W. P. Bennett and W. T. Stevens, great-grandsons and A. W. Mills and Woodbury Tinsley, great-grandsons-in-law.

Although not located at No Creek, here lie many of No Creek's prominent and leading citizens of the past. A large proportion of those who rest in this cemetery bore the following family

names: Barnett, Baird, Bennett, Stevens, Ellis, Tinsley, Delaney, Ward, Benton, Allen, Taylor, Snell and Mills.



Graves of Revolutionary War veteran, Alexander Barnett (1745-1819) & his wife, Jane (Barnett) Barnett (1748-1825)



On left is grave of (Miss) Mary Barnett (1773-1814); she is the earliest known burial in the Alexander Cemetery. On right is grave of Andrew Martin Barnett (1844-1865), who was massacred by Confederate guerillas during the Civil War.



**History of No Creek, Ohio County, Kentucky, Harry D. Tinsley**  
**(Frankfort, KY: Roberts Printing Company, 1953) pp.38-46:**

JOSEPH AND ALEXANDER BARNETT  
AND BARNETT'S STATION

Although only one of these brothers resided in what is or ever was the vast No Creek community, they are the ancestors of a number of the present No Creek citizens and a sketch of both must be given here together. Since Joseph was the older I will give a sketch of him first.

COLONEL JOSEPH BARNETT  
1734-1795

Col. Joseph Barnett was born in 1734, probably in Pennsylvania and removed with his father's family to Virginia prior to 1750. He and his younger brother, Robert, were in the Braddock Campaign against Fort Duquesne in 1755, the latter being killed. The former was also with the expedition which marched against the fort some two years later and which resulted successfully. He remained at the fort, then called Ft. Pitt, as a member of the garrison, therefore becoming separated from his father's family. When the Revolutionary War broke out he entered the Northern wing of the army, according to tradition. He was in the Battle of Yorktown (October, 1781), and there met his brother, Alexander.

After much discussion they made arrangements to come to Kentucky. The following year "they met at the fort where Elizabethtown now stands, made a crop there that season, and in the Winter following journeyed to Ohio County and began a fort before Christmas, completed it," and Joseph moved his family into it in February, 1783. Apparently Joseph's family had accompanied him as far as Rogers Station, Nelson County, Kentucky, for his son, Alexander, was born at that Station, October 1, 1782, according to the tombstone inscription in Alexander Cemetery. The Judge Alex B. Baird record, which has been preserved by the family historians, mentions that Joseph had been to Kentucky before the meeting at Yorktown.

Joseph was a Justice of the Peace in the state at an early date. The earliest record to be found showing him holding that office is a paper dated August 26, 1786, in the Nelson County Circuit Clerk's office. The office of a Justice of Peace was of more importance in that day than now. The highest tribunal was at Bardstown, about four days' journey away.

At the first term of the "Quarter Sessions Court" of Hardin County held in February, 1792, Joseph was sworn in as one of three Justices or Judges of that court—this according to Haycraft's History of Elizabethtown, which also states that all of these judges were Calvinistic Baptist preachers. Miss Thelma Murphy, a Barnett descendant, has a large amount of information on the services of Joseph Barnett as a preacher.

To quote from Haycraft's History: "Honorable Judge Joseph Barnett . . . lived near Hartford, and traveled upwards of seventy-five miles to sit in court. He possessed a large estate...." He did

possess a large land estate – 27,984 acres at the time of his death. His Jefferson County (then Virginia) entries totaled 155,370 acres, and the early records of Nelson and Hardin Counties are full of land transaction in which he was a party.

To quote from Taylor's "Ohio County in the Olden Days" he said: "Among the early settlers of Ohio County were two celebrated land speculators and holders, Joseph Barnett and Ignatius Pigman. Joseph Barnett was the first of these settlers, and being a deputy surveyor made early entries of lands lying in the neighborhood of Hartford."

The Joseph Shultz place near Narrows, this county, is said to have been the home place of Col. Joseph Barnett. If so, he moved there sometime between 1790 and 1795, but some believe it was the home place of his son Joseph. The former's daughter-in-law, Rachel, lies buried on that place in an unmarked grave.

To quote again from the Judge Baird record: "Of the two brothers, Joseph died and lies buried near Elizabethtown, where he had gone to attend court, took sick and died suddenly." He died in November 1796, according to an old lawsuit. The place of his burial is not known but it is possible that he was buried in what is the Elizabethtown cemetery, originally the churchyard of the Severn's Valley Baptist Church, of which he was once a pastor.

The Judge Baird record says that Joseph had married Abigail Mills at Fort Pitt, later Pittsburgh, in the late 1760's. Probably her father was Jacob Mills, as one of their sons was named Jacob Mills Barnett. It is believed that Joseph's widow soon married Samuel McGrady, according to the proceedings of an old lawsuit in the Ohio Circuit Court records.

The children of Joseph and Abigail Barnett were as follows:

1. Robert, born ....., died in 1799, married in 1796 Rachel Barnett, his cousin, who was born in 1774 and died in 1803. They had one child, Joseph, who married Charlotte Stevens.
2. Nancy Ann, born July 24, 1767, married Sept. 15, 1785, Robert Baird, born in ....., She died June 22, 1835, being buried at Alexander. None of their descendants are known by local relatives.
3. Joseph, born in 1777, married in 1799 Jane Barnett, his cousin, who was born in 1772. He died September 20, 1823 and she May 23, 1828; both were buried at Alexander. They left children.
4. Hannah, born in 1779, married in 1802, Elijah Myers, who was born in 1783.
5. Jacob Mills, who married in 1812 Martha Lewellen.
6. Alexander, born at Rogers Station, Nelson County, Ky., October 1, 1782 and died September 21, 1844, taken from tombstone in Alexander Cemetery. He was never married. (The above family is not listed in order of arrival).

#### COLONEL ALEXANDER BARNETT 1745-1819

Col. Alexander Barnett was born in 1745 probably on Hat Creek, in now Nelson County, Virginia, and married January 26, 1769, Jane Barnett, who was born in 1748.

According to tradition, he served in the Revolutionary War, serving in the Southern wing of the army. It is also said he was in the Battle of King's Mountain, and was with Boone in Kentucky. I might add here that there has not been an official record found of his serving in the Revolutionary War.

Alexander's family did not come to Kentucky until 1788. This statement is brought out by the fact that the tombstone inscription of his son Robert shows that he was born in Amherst County,

Virginia, March 24, 1784. The Bible record of Robert's son, Joseph C., which I have seen, shows that Robert came to Kentucky with his father's family in 1788.

In September 1797, Alexander Barnett received a 2,000 acre land grant from Lewis Garrard, the second Governor of Kentucky. The original grant is in the possession of a member of the Barnett family. The Barnett home on this tract was located where the residence of Vernon Westerfield stands, about three miles from Hartford, just off U. S. Highway 231. The Alexander Cemetery, a portion of the 2,000 acre tract, is located at the West boundary of the original tract. Descendants of Col. Barnett have resided on the 2,000 acre tract for several generations. The farm adjoining the cemetery property, owned by Sam Ellis, has passed from Col. Barnett, to his daughter, Rebecca Baird, to her daughter, Jane Stevens, to her daughter, Mary E. Ellis, and to her son, Sam.

Col. Alexander Barnett was a Justice of the Peace in 1796, while this county was a part of Hardin County. He was one of ten men who petitioned the Kentucky Legislature to secure a charter for the establishment of Hartford Academy.

I will close this sketch of Col. Barnett by giving the following incident in which Alexander Barnett played an important part. This story is from the pen of Harrison D. Taylor, attorney and historian, of Hartford, Kentucky. His "Fragments of The Early History of Ohio County" appeared in The Hartford Herald, April 18, 1877-March 27, 1878, and was later published in book form by his only granddaughter, Mrs. Mary Taylor Logan. The adventure in which Col. Barnett took part, known as the "Wolf Trap Incident," appeared in The Herald on June 20, 1877 and is as follows:

"Bob Tarlton was a rowdying, idle scamp, only fit to fight to Indians and hunt coons and such like sports; still, Bob had a streak of love in his soul and was fond of the company of Miss Calloway. So, Bob, late one evening, shouldered his axe, called his dog, and struck a bee line for old Chesley Calloway's, where he prolonged his visit until the small hours of the night. But the joys of courting must at least have a recess, if not an end, and Bob had again to shoulder his axe, whistle for his dog, and depart.

"Now Col. Alexander Barnett had constructed in his woods a very ingenious wolf trap by digging a deep square hole in the ground, and fixing a balancing door or lid that would tilt and let the game fall in. Bob had an excellent coon dog, but he had treed so often when Bob would not come to his relief, that he had undertaken to teach his master that excellent business qualification of being prompt, and if his master did not make his appearance very soon he stopped barking and went his way.

"So on this dark night, as Bob was wending his way and thinking of his charming love, his dog treed and Bob started in a brisk run in that direction and soon landed in Col. Barnett's wolf pit where he was greeted in the North corner by the chaping and rattling of a hog's tusks, and in the opposite South corner by the growling of a wolf, so Bob was glad to take his stand as close as he could possibly squeeze into the Western corner, still leaving the East corner unoccupied. But in a very short time it too had its occupant, for Bob's dog left his tree and came hastening after his master's trail and fell in the unoccupied corner. There he was compelled to stay, for every whine he gave or move he made toward his master brought forth a growl and clatter of tusks that drove him back to his own corner, and never were kings more jealous of their own territory and less disposed to encroach on the territory of their neighbors than were the four occupants of that pit.

"The next morning, after breakfast, the old man shouldered his gun and with his little grandson Joe, started to the pit. Joe, of course being most anxious to see what was in the pit, ran ahead, and, to his utter astonishment, saw Tarlton's chestnut bur reaching near the top and cried out, 'Grandpa! O Grandpa! here's Bob Tarlton in the pit!' 'Why surely you are mistaken, Jose,' the

old man said. But Joe was right, the old man had almost as difficult a puzzle as the ferryman with the fox and the goose and the corn, but finally resolved to shooting the wolf first in order that Bob might have a chance to lift out his dog, then with the old man's aid Bob got out, and then with the aid of a noose made of hickory switches, pulled out the hog."

This wolf trap was located on the 2,000 acre tract and the grandson Joe, was the son of Col. Alexander's daughter Rachel, who had married Robert Barnett. He had been left an orphan at the age of five and Col. Barnett reared him. This Joe Barnett was the grandfather of Mesdames Lillian Baird, Dudley Daniel, Nathan Bennett and Ferd Bidwell, all of Hartford or vicinity.

Col. Alexander Barnett died about 3 P. M. February 16, 1819, and his wife July 14, 1825. They lie buried in the Alexander Cemetery which he set aside by deed dated October 14, 1809. Seven of their nine children are also buried there.

The children of Col. Alexander and Jane (Barnett) Barnett were as follows:

1. Mary, born in 1770 and died January 12, 1814, unmarried and was the first to be buried in Alexander Cemetery.
2. Jane or Jean, born in 1772, married Joseph Barnett, born 1777. He died September 20, 1823 and she May 23, 1828. They had five children, viz.: Felix, Thomas Alexander, Abigail (William Cooper) Rowan, Elizabeth and Joseph, latter two left no descendants.
3. Rachel, born in 1774, married in 1796 Robert Barnett. He died in 1799 and she in 1803, leaving one child, Joseph, born November 28, 1798, married Charlotte Stevens. He died in 1860.
4. Rebecca, born October 31, 1777, married James Baird, born in County Derry, Ireland, October 17, 1781. She died September 15, 1858 and he July 18, 1868. Both are buried at Alexander.
5. Elizabeth, born in 1779 and died in 1798, unmarried.
6. Robert, born March 24, 1784, married March 26, 1816, Elizabeth Conditt, who was born August 15, 1794, in New Jersey and came to Kentucky about 1808. She died September 6, 1830. He again married on October 28, 1834, Betsy (Allen) Bennett, who was born October 8, 1796. He resided where Mrs. Sabe Bennett now lives, dying August 23, 1865. His children were:
  - a. Alexander Montgomery, born Jan. 23, 1817, married his first cousin, Martha Timmons. He was a physician, practicing near Valley Mills, Texas. They had eight children.
  - b. Joseph Conditt, born Sept. 4, 1818 (see record).
  - c. Elvira Theodocia, born June 9, 1820, married Jan. 7, 1838, Allen Benton, born Apr. 19, 1818. She died March 5, 1859 and he Sept. 20, 1859. (Record of children found elsewhere).
  - d. Lucinda Jane, born May 14, 1822, married October 26, 1843, John L. Woodward. They lived near Boonville, Ind. She died in 1890.
  - e. Robert Emmitt, born October 4, 1825, married Amanda Phipps.
  - f. Elizabeth Caroline, born Nov. 13, 1827, married Stephen Woodward, and died July 29, 1852, rests at Alexander.
  - g. Morris Harper, born Apr. 19, 1830 (Record elsewhere).
7. Sarah (Sally) born February 10, 1782 and died January 6, 1862, unmarried.
8. Lucretia, born August 20, 1786, married in 1810, Samuel Bennett, who was born in 1786. He died May 16, 1837 and she November 15, 1854. Both are buried at Alexander. (see record of this family in the Bennett line).

9. Joseph, born in 1790 and died in 1795.

In writing this article references have been a paper prepared by Miss Mary Barnett, clippings from newspapers by the late A. M. and L. R. Barnett, records found in the Joseph C. Barnett Bible, and information furnished by Miss Thelma Murphy, also a Barnett and Baird descendant. Also tombstones records.

Robert E. Barnett received his father's farm, located at the intersection of the Hartford and Livermore Road and resided there until his death on December 25, 1874, a member of No Creek M. E. Church. His widow survived him until September 28, 1910, having been born April 5, 1830. The names, births and deaths of their children are inscribed on a huge marble monument, located in Alexander Cemetery, however, only six of the children rest there.

They are as follows:

Elijah Phipps, born Jan. 19, 1851. Died July 25, 1915.

Pauline, born Sept. 16, 1852. Died June 28, 1907.

Alexander, born Aug. 18, 1854. Died Dec. 28, 1910.

Nestor, born Oct. 20, 1856. Died May 2, 1930.

Junius Brutus, born Oct. 1, 1858. Died Jan. 6, 1937.

Ledru Rollin, born Feb. 16, 1861. Died May 20, 1943.

Victor Grant, born May 14, 1863. Died June 29, 1944.

Andrew Morris, born Jan. 4, 1865. Died May 22, 1938.

Harriett R., born Sept. 1, 1867. Died Sept. 14, 1868.

Robert John, born Aug. 3, 1869. Died Nov. 11, 1912.

Alzien, born July 2, 1871. Died Dec. 18, 1951.

Uzal Conditt, born Aug. 9, 1873.

Those whom are known to have resided at Barnett's Station, besides the Barnett families, were: John Anderson, ancestor of the late Reuben Anderson, of near Hartford; Michael Riley, a guard at the Station and ancestor of the late R. R. Riley, of Hartford and Robert Baird, who married Nancy Ann Barnett, daughter of Col. Joseph Barnett.



### See also

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The following commemorative memorials were erected in the Alexander Cemetery in April 2026 by Vic Barnett, an Alexander Barnett descendant. Photos courtesy of Gary Tunget:



### Alexander Cemetery Est. 1809

Was established on land donated by Col. Alexander Barnett, a Revolutionary War patriot who served under Gen. Horatio Gates and Nathaniel Greene. Daniel Boone migrated to Kentucky from Virginia in 1778. With him came Alexander, his brother Joseph Barnett, who built Barnett Station. Alexander set aside a portion of his 2,000 acre land grant for use as a burial ground and religious purposes.

First known burial was Barnett's daughter, Mary in January 1814. Col. Barnett was interred here in 1819. His wife Jane in 1827. It also serves as the final resting place for six of their nine children & numerous descendants & early settlers of this area. Family names included Allen, Baird, Barnett, Bennett, Benton, Delaney, Ford, Ellis, Mills, Snell, Stevens, Taylor, Tinsley & Ward. The unidentified graves of enslaved persons are noted to be buried in a section of the 6 acre plot, exact location unknown.



Erected by descendants of the early pioneers of this community to honor & remember the faithful enslaved individuals who were laid to rest in this sacred ground. Though their graves & names are lost to history. Their legacy endures. No longer forgotten. May God grant them eternal peace.

