

First Burial Yard

The First Burial Yard is also called the Old Burying Ground, Depot Hill Yard or the Connor Yard. It is the oldest public burial place in Henniker. Laid out by a town meeting in 1770 it is on four acres one half mile south of the Town Hall at 2 Depot Hill Road. On the early deed maps it is on Lot 10 Range 7. A.D.L.F. Connor was a nearby landowner and served as the first sexton. It is no longer used for burials, the last being in 2016, unless by family request in an established family plot.

The oldest inscription is that of William Peters who died when a tree fell on him on July 5, 1775. He was the son of James Peters, the first settler in Henniker. According to F.L. Childs, Henniker historian, “apparently not more than a quarter of the graves are marked by other than uninscribed boulders.” Improvements were made by A.D.L.F Connor in 1885 including the granite wall and wooden gate.



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