

Self-Guided Tour
of the

Dandridge

Revolutionary

War

Graveyard



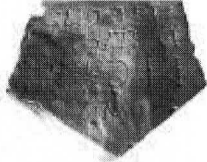
Text by Robert Jarnagin
Jefferson County Historian – February 2007
Brochure Design – Bonnie J. Spencer

In front of the stone monument are the graves of John Blackburn's grandson, Benjamin, and granddaughter, Catherine, along with their spouses. Benjamin was a ruling elder in the Hopewell Church during the period of the Civil War. He was an ardent Union supporter who risked his life at the hands of a group of young Rebels who demanded he take down his Union flag which flew from a tree in front of his house. He refused and was nearly hanged from the tree.



Moving west toward the center of town one can find the gravestone of another Revolutionary War veteran, James McCustion. On his farm at the headwaters of Long Creek, James had a brick making operation that later was moved to Dandridge by his grandson Samuel. The bricks of our 1845 Court House came from the McCustion brick-yard.

There are many more graves located here than are visible today. In the pioneer days the burials were located in the "yard" of the church, and this graveyard was used by the earliest Hopewell members prior to the move of the church in 1843 to Hopewell Street.



James McCustion
b. April 12, 1737 - d. Sept. 24, 1812
Born Pa. Lived in Guilford, NC, and the Headwaters of Long Creek, East TN
Catherine McCustion
d. March 9, 1813

