

Andrew Jackson Edwards Cemetery, Est. 1907  
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**Birchleaf, Dickenson County, VA**

Directions: From Haysi, VA, go east on Rte. 80, to Birchleaf. Turn left on Rte. 607, go approximately 1.5 miles to Rte. 617, turn left, go about .9 mile. The cemetery is on the right and is visible from the road.

1<sup>st</sup> row: [all rows listed from left to right]

Double Stone:

**Robbie L. Owens** 1892 - 1965 "We Will Meet Again" **Fannie E. Owens** 1896 - 1985 "We Will Meet Again" [Fannie Edwards, d/o Joshua C. & Flora Mclvor Wright Edwards]

**Nadean O. Quin** May 22, 1934 - Jan. 19, 1956 "Thy life was beauty, truth, goodness and love" [d/o Arthur & Elsie Edwards Owens]

Triple Stone:

[one empty stone, "mother"]

**Owens, Daniel R.** Mar. 8, 1926 - Mar. 10, 1970 "Asleep in Jesus, Peaceful Sleep" [s/o Arthur & Elsie Edwards Owens] **Owens, Lucretia Rae** Oct. 6, 1958 - Oct. 2, 1998 "daughter" [d/o Daniel R. Owens]

Double Stone:

**Deel, Hibbert** 1914 - 1973 "Asleep Til Jesus Comes" **Ruby** 1916 -

**Brian Scott Owens** Jan. 3, 1972 - Jan. 4, 1972 "Mother to Jesus"

Our Son **Danny Ray Owens** Mar. 22, 1973 - Oct. 19, 1973 "God Bless You Darling Son, Our Arms Are So Empty"

**Eleanor Ratliff** Nov. 9, 1944 - Dec. 5, 1944 "From Mother's arms to the arms of Jesus"

**Mary Lynn Edwards** Aug. 26, 1948 - Sept. 24, 1948

2<sup>nd</sup> row:

Double Stone:

**Owens, Arthur** 1900 - 1982 m. Jan. 23, 1920 "Sleep Until Jesus Comes" **Elsie** 1902 - 1978 [Elsie Edwards, d/o Joshua C. & Flora Mclvor Wright Edwards]

Double Stone:

**Owens, Arthur, Jr.** 1924 - 1975 [s/o Arthur & Elsie Edwards Owens] m. Nov. 9, 1945 **Florence** 1931 - 1974

**Ray C. Counts** Aug. 19, 1918 - Nov. 27, 1945 "Dear Companion and Loving Father" Military stone: Ray C. Counts Virginia PFC US Army World War II Aug. 19, 1918 - Nov. 27, 1945 [Ray Clinton Counts, s/o William H. & Frances Hay Counts, m. Onnie Allene Edwards]

**Duty, Winfield Scott** Apr. 16, 1890 - Nov. 8, 1965 "Peacefully Asleep" Military stone: Winfield Scott Duty Tennessee 2d Lt. US Army World War II April 16, 1890 - Nov. 8, 1965 [m. Carrie Ethel Arrington]

Double Stone:

**Sykes, Brice A.** Feb. 12, 1907 "Precious Daddy" [s/o James S. & Rhoda Angeline Sykes] wed May 5, 1950 **Allene** Mar. 5, 1923 "Loving Mother" [Onnie Allene Edwards, d/o Charlie & Carrie Ethel Arrington Edwards m. 1) Ray Clinton Counts]

**Edwards, Charlie** June 29, 1900 - Mar. 24, 1939 "A Friend to All" [s/o Joshua C. & Flora McIvor Wright Edwards, m. Carrie Ethel Arrington]

**Elder Parkis Edwards** April 2, 1928 - April 29, 1971 "A Friend to All" Military stone: Lee Parkis Edwards Virginia S1 US Navy World War II Apr. 2, 1928 - Apr. 29, 1971 [Leo Parkis Edwards, s/o Charlie & Carrie Ethel Arrington Edwards]

**Shelby Jean Mullins** Mar. 9, 1937 - Apr. 6, 1937 "Asleep in Jesus"

**Jeremiah Edwards** Oct. 28, 1863 - Oct. 1, 1936 [s/o Andrew Jackson & Lucretia Deel Edwards]

**Margaret Edwards** May 17, 1865 - Feb. 3, 1931 [Margaret Yates, w/o Jeremiah Edwards & d/o Jeremiah & Mary Anne Deel Yates]

?**James Edwards** born June 4, 1909 died June 4, 1909? [stone hard to read, possibly James Carson Edwards s/o Jeremiah & Margaret Yates Edwards]

**illegible stone**

**Beatrice Edwards** born Sept. 13, 193\_\_ died \_\_ 193\_\_ [stone hard to read]

**Juanita Edwards** borned Mch. 19, 1927 died May 1927

**Curtis Edwards** 1937 - 1952 "Asleep in Jesus" [s/o Arthur & Margie Hay Edwards]

**Priscilla Ann Edwards** Sept. 16, 1946 - Nov. 2, 1946 "Suffer little children to come unto me"

**James Ayers Edwards** Aug. 5, 1923 - Aug. 3, 1964 "The Lord is my Shepherd"  
Military stone: James Ayers Edwards Virginia GM3 USNR World War II Aug. 5, 1923 - Aug. 2, 1964 [Note: different dates of death listed on stones]

Double Stone:

**Tivis Edwards** Jan.15, 1901 - Nov. 11, 1966 "A Kind Husband and a Loving Father"

[s/o Jeremiah & Margaret Yates Edwards] **Barbara E. Edwards** Aug. 25, 1908 - July 3, 1991 "A Kind Wife and a Loving Mother" [Barbara Alice Colley, d/o James Harvey & Mary Ann Edwards Colley]

Reserved - **Edwards**

Reserved - **Edwards**

Reserved - **White**

3<sup>rd</sup> row:

**Arrington, Larry Douglas** Apr. 18, 1947 - Aug. 29, 1964 "Weeping may endure for the night, but joy cometh in the morning"

Double stone:

**Edwards, Cowan** 1898 - 1960 [s/o Joshua C. & Flora Mclvor Wright Edwards]  
**Bonnie A.** 1904 - 1998 [d/o Newborn H. & Sarah Jane Duty Arrington]

Double stone:

**Henry A. Mullins** Feb. 25, 1889 - Dec. 12, 1944 "At Rest" [s/o Richard & Cynthia Stone Mullins] **Tiny Mullins** June 24, 1890 - Oct. 6, 1974 "At Rest" [Prutina "Tiny" Edwards, d/o Joshua C. & Flora Mclvor Wright Edwards]

**Lacy Edwards** born Feb. 26, 1907 died Apr. 9, 1931 "Gone but not forgotten" [s/o Joshua C. & Flora Mclvor Wright Edwards]

Double stone:

**Mullins, Darrell** 1920 - 1987 "Precious Memories" [poss. s/o Henry & Pruntina "Tiny" Edwards Mullins] married Dec. 16, 1947 **Malvia** 1908 - 1989 "Precious Memories"

**J. C. Edwards** born Dec. 7, 1870 died Dec. 31, 1928 "Asleep in Jesus, peaceful rest"

[Joshua C. Edwards, s/o Andrew Jackson & Lucretia "Crissie" Deel Edwards]

**Flora Edwards** July 10, 1877 - Apr. 13, 1940 "A Tender Mother and Faithful Friend"

[Flora McIvor Wright, w/o J. C. Edwards & d/o Solomon E. & Victoria Gibson Wright]

**Andrew J. Edwards** Mar. 9, 1833 - Apr. 10, 1925 "Rest Soldier, Rest Thy Warfare is O'er" Military stone: Andrew J. Edwards Pvt. Co. E 21 VA Cav. Confederate States Army Mar. 9, 1833 - Apr. 10, 1925 [Andrew Jackson Edwards, s/o Lewis & Nancy Howell Edwards]

**Crissie D. Edwards** Feb. 18, 1837 - July 12, 1918 "Asleep in Jesus Peaceful Rest"

[Lucretia "Crissie" Deel, w/o Andrew J. Edwards & d/o David Widener & Mary "Pop" Anne Colley Deel]

**Jeramiah Yates** May 10, 1837 - Jan. 14, 1923 "Rest Soldier, Rest Thy Warfare is O'er" Military stone: Jeremiah Yates Pvt. Co. B 2 Vsl. Confederate States Army June 10, 1837 - Jan. 14, 1923 [Note: different dates of birth on stones]

**Polly Anne Yates** Mar. 6, 1839 - May 7, 1907 "Asleep in Jesus, peaceful rest" [Mary "Polly" Anne Deel, w/o Jeremiah Yates & d/o David Widener & Mary "Pop" Anne Colley Deel]

?**Minabell Edwards** born Mar. 11, 1905 died Aug. 14, 1907 [old stone, hard to read] [possibly Minnie Dove Edwards, d/o Jeremiah & Margaret Yates Edwards]

### illegible tombstone

stones with no dates:

**Baby** born to Arthur & Margie Edwards

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**Son** born to Jr. & Va. Edwards

4<sup>th</sup> row:

Double stone:

**O'Quinn, Andy** Nov. 11, 1960 married Nov. 8, 1997 **Helen Pauline "Polly"** Oct. 5, 1956 - Jan. 3, 2002

Double stone:

**O'Quinn, Clyde E.** Mar. 20, 1927 - Dec. 13, 1998 wed Mar 24, 1953 **E. Gay** May 2, 1926

**Deel, Michael Joe** Apr. 6, 1951 - Sept. 3, 1980 "To the Best Daddy in the World and Most Loving Husband"

**O'Quinn, Terry W.** Oct. 24, 1958 - Sept. 1, 1978 "Asleep in Jesus" Military stone: Terry Wagne O'Quinn Pvt. US Army Oct. 24, 1958 - Sep. 1, 1978

Double stone:

**Owens, Henry H.** May 10, 1893 - Mar. 7, 1963 Military stone: Henry H. Owens Pvt. US Army World War I May 10, 1893 - Mar. 7, 1963 **Flora M.** Jan. 15, 1899 - Oct. 3, 1972 "Asleep in Jesus" [Flora McIvory Edwards, d/o David Widener & Martha Alice Wright Edwards]

**Elder L. Hadley Edwards** July 27, 1905 - July 31, 1962 [Lawrence Hadley Edwards, s/o David Widener & Martha Alice Wright Edwards]

**Eva Lee Edwards** 1909 - 1958 "Asleep in Jesus, Peacefully Rest" [Eva Lee Powers, w/o Elder Lawrence Hadley Edwards]

Double stone:

Mother **Alafair Yates** June 18, 1877 - Sept. 17, 1947 [d/o Andrew Jackson & Lucretia Deel Edwards] Father **James H. Yates** May 18, 1876 - Dec. 18, 1953 [s/o Jeremiah & Mary "Polly" Anne Deel Yates]

**Dave Edwards** 1875 - 1948 "Farewell Until We Meet Again" "He was a good Father and friend to all" [David Widener Edwards, s/o Andrew Jackson & Lucretia Deel Edwards]

**Alice Edwards** Aug. 10, 1878 - May 7, 1946 "Farewell Until We Meet Again" "She was a Kind Loving Wife and Mother" [Martha Alice Wright, w/o Dave Edwards & d/o Solomon E. & Victoria Gibson Wright]

**S. E. Wright** born July 16, 1853 died Apr. 18, 1924 "Thy life was beauty, truth, goodness and love" [Solomon E. Wright, s/o John B. & Nancy J. "Big Nan" Deel Wright]

**Rinda Wright** Aug. 24, 1858 - Aug. 24, 1933 "Asleep in Jesus, loving Mother" [Lucinda "Rinda" Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup>. w/o S. E. Wright & d/o Charles & Matilda Colley Anderson]

Mother **Prutina Counts** 1868 -1928 "She was a kind and affectionate wife, a fond mother and a friend to all" [Clinsy Prutina Edwards, w/o Elijah Shelby Counts & d/o Andrew Jackson & Lucretia Deel Edwards]

5<sup>th</sup> row:

Double stone:

**Mullins, Leslie** Dec. 26, 1913 - Oct. 15, 1988 [poss. s/o Henry & Prutina "Tiny" Edwards Mullins] married Feb. 23, 1933 **Goldie** April 20, 1911 - April 24, 1992

Double stone:

**Mullins, Leslie, Jr.** Mar. 7, 1948 - Aug. 13, 1982 married Sept. 3, 1977

**Lavonda** Nov. 10, 1956 Military stone: Leslie Mullins SP5 US Army Vietnam  
Mar. 7, 1948 - Aug 13, 1982

**Freddie Edwards** Feb. 16, 1901 - Jan. 22, 1971 "Asleep in Jesus" [s/o Noah M. & Crissie Deel Edwards]

**Hettie Mae Edwards** Feb. 28, 1901 - Feb. 10, 1962 [w/o Freddie Edwards, d/o George McClellan & Loretta Ann Epling Hackney]

**Elma Edwards** Feb. 26, 1921 - Mar. 15, 1966 "Asleep in Jesus" [d/o Freddie & Hettie Mae Hackney Edwards]

**Emory Blankenship** June 10, 1884 - Nov. 26, 1959 "A Sinner Saved by Grace"

**Bertha C. Fuller** Jan. 3, 1904 - Sept. 3, 1988

Double stone:

**Edwards, Arthur** 1900 - 1972 [s/o David Widener & Martha Alice Wright Edwards] **Margie** 1905-1974 "Rest in Peace" [Margie Hay, d/o Christopher Columbus & Emma Elizabeth Colley Hay]

Double stone:

**Wright, John** Sept. 19, 1880 - Oct. 2, 1962 [s/o Solomon E. & Victoria Gibson Wright] **Judia** Sept. 10, 1906 [Judia Riley, 2<sup>nd</sup>. w/o John Wright]

**Billy J. Rasnick** Aug. 27, 1936 - June 1, 1990 "A Friend To All" "In God's Care"

Father **Charlie H. Rasnick** July 7, 1893 - Dec. 24, 1967 Military Stone: Charlie H. Rasnick Virginia PFC HQ Co. 317 Infantry World War I 1893 - 1967

**Margaret A. Rasnick** Aug. 24, 1902 - Feb. 24, 1946 "She believeth and sleeps in Jesus"

**Yates, Stanford** Nov. 3, 1900 - July 13, 1930 "Gone But not forgotten" [s/o James & Alafair Edwards Yates]

**George Doyle Rasnick** Mar. 14, 1951 - July 2, 1951 "I Shall Go To Him"

**Landon Morris Rasnick** Aug. 10, 1957 - Aug. 13, 1957 "I Shall Go To Him"

**Garman E. Edwards** April 24, 1925 - Sept. 10, 1960 "Asleep in Jesus Peaceful Rest" Military stone: German E. Edwards S1 US Navy World War II 1925 -1960 [Garman Earlse Edwards, s/o Noah M. & Rhoda Ella Fuller Edwards, drowned with his two sons Byron & James]

**Daniel Lee Edwards** 1954 - 1995 "An Inspiration To All Who Knew Him" Military stone: Daniel Lee Edwards US Army Sep. 20, 1954 - Jun. 27, 1995 [s/o Garman E. & Mildred Rasnick Edwards]

**Edwards, Byron E.** Nov. 9, 1949 - Sept. 10, 1960 "Asleep in Jesus" [s/o Garman E. & Mildred Rasnick Edwards]

**Edwards, James R.** Nov. 9, 1950 - Sept. 10, 1960 "Asleep in Jesus" [s/o Garman E. & Mildred Rasnick Edwards]

6<sup>th</sup> row:

Double stone:

**Smith, Kathy Sue** Nov. 14, 1951 **Arley Charles** Dec. 20, 1947 - Mar. 11, 1998 Military stone: Arley Charles Smith SP4 US Army Vietnam Dec. 20, 1947- Mar. 11, 1998

Double stone:

**Owens, Ellis Ray** Oct. 17, 1923 "Great Daddy" wed June 5, 1946 **Gazel M.** Dec. 29, 1927 "Wonderful Mother"

Reserved

**Brian Leo Hall** March 5, 1975 - May 24, 1999 "Our Beloved Son"

Double stone:

**Edwards, Jerry** Mar. 9, 1946 - Oct. 13, 1993 [s/o Arthur & Margie Hay Edwards] married May 19, 1990 **Sue** July 15, 1949 Military stone: Jerry R. Edwards US Army Mar. 9, 1946 - Oct. 13, 1993

Double stone:

**Colley, Lawrence** Oct. 4, 1900 - Aug. 30, 1988 [Lawrence, s/o Noah C. & Mary McFarland Colley] married Feb. 6, 1920 **Mae** Apr. 22, 1903 - Mar. 25, 1986 [Lilly Mae Edwards, d/o Jeremiah & Margaret Yates Edwards]

Double stone:

**Edwards, Myrtle** 1910-1987 [Myrtle Arrington, d/o John A. & Cansada Owens Arrington] **Holiday** 1906-1978 "Asleep in Jesus" [s/o Jeremiah & Margaret Yates Edwards]

Double stone:

**Arrington, Harmon L.** June 29, 1894 - June 19, 1964 [s/o John A. & Cansada Owens Arrington] **Pheby Ann** June 16, 1890 - Nov. 17, 1971 [Phoebe Ann Fuller]

**Ella Owens** July 8, 1893 - Feb. 11, 1963 "Asleep in Jesus"

Double stone:

**Duty, Roy Calvin** Jan. 28, 1920 - Sept. 3, 1977 "Restful Sleep" Military stone: Roy C. Duty PFC US Army World War II 1920 - 1977 **Duty, Bonnie V.** May 15, 1910 - Feb. 2, 1999 [Bonnie Victoria Edwards, d/o David Widener & Martha Alice Wright Edwards]

7<sup>th</sup> row:

**Willard B. Powers** Aug. 17, 1919 - Sept. 27, 1976 Military stone: Willard B. Powers S. Sgt. US Army World War II Aug. 17, 1919 - Sept. 27, 1976

**R. Lucy Powers** Oct. 17, 1912 - Apr. 19, 1978

**Gracie G. Fleming** Mar. 18, 1903 - June 25, 1996 "An Inspiration To All Who Knew Her"

Reserved - **Anderson**

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Double stone:

**Anderson, Victor** Jan. 7, 1907 - July 23, 1973 "Gone But Not Forgotten" [s/o Charles H. & Sarah Raines Anderson] Military stone: Victor Anderson VA Pvt. US Army Jan. 7, 1907 - July 23, 1973 **Adkins, Verna A.** Mar. 9, 1914 - Jan. 2, 1993 "Gone But Not Forgotten" [d/o David Widener & Martha Alice Wright Edwards, m. 2) Walter Adkins]

8<sup>th</sup> row:

**Floyd R. Mullins** 1919 - 1991 "An Inspiration to all who knew him"

Double stone:

**Mullins, Leonard C.** Apr. 18, 1925 - Sept. 13, 2002 **Pauline** Sept. 26, 1924 - May 13, 2001 Military stone: Leonard C. Mullins Cox US Navy World War II Apr. 18, 1925 - Sept. 13, 2002

9<sup>th</sup> row:

**Frankie A. Fuller** Mar. 12, 1922 - Mar. 26, 1980 "Gone Home"



Double stone:

**McKinley Edwards** Oct. 3, 1898 - Jan. 19, 1965 "Thy Trials Ended, Thy Rest is Won" [s/o Lewis & Sarah Anderson Edwards] **Ella Edwards** July 15, 1904 - Nov. 22, 1994 "Thy Trials Ended, Thy Rest is Won" [d/o Benjamin Howell & Margaret Wood Edwards]