

Cemetery note:

In 1990, the marker for a Confederate soldier was found lying face down on the ground in the back of the cemetery, and was restored by a descendant working with Dot Rickard.

Peter Jeremiah Kabrick (1831-1862) was a grandson of Johann Peter Köbrich (1751-1833) , who arrived in Philadelphia in 1773 from Hesse, Germany. After a short stay in Maryland, Johann Peter went to Hampshire County, Virginia (now W.Va.). His son George (1796-1866) came to the German Settlement (Lovettsville), and married Elisabeth Miller at New Jerusalem in 1822. Their son Peter was born in Lovettsville in 1831, and baptized at NJLC. Peter's mother died when he was three years old; his father remarried Jane Morrison of Morrisonville, where Peter was raised. Peter married Mary Catherine Fry in 1854 (the photo is reportedly his wedding picture), and Peter and Mary had two children.

Peter and his brother John Mortimer Kabrick both voted against secession in the May 1861 referendum, but when the war came to this area, Mortimer left the area for Harper's Ferry and eventually the Midwest. Peter enlisted in White's Cavalry (35th Battalion, Va. Cavalry), one of the few from New Jerusalem to join the Confederate forces. On Aug. 27, 1862, Peter was among the group that attacked a group of Unionist Loudoun Rangers led by NJLC's Luther Slater at the Baptist Church in Waterford. While attempting to release the horses belonging to the Loudoun Rangers, Peter was shot by Charles Webster (who married into NJLC's Downey family), and was mortally wounded; he died a few weeks later. Peter's widow Mary remarried Mr. Gustavus Franklin in 1867 at NJLC – the last Kabrick entry in our church records. Mary is also buried in the old cemetery.--Submitted by Mike Zapf and Ed Spannaus

