

Cemetery Notes



We have many young “saints” in our old cemetery, and we have now identified another. One of the markers lying on the ground in the back of the cemetery is marked only **I.G.S. 1785**. In the cemetery directories, it is identified only by those initials. But looking in the church burial records, there is only one burial for 1785 with similar initials – that is for **Johann Georg Schlötzer (Slater)**, buried Nov. 13, 1785, at age 19 years, 8 months, and 13 days. (The “I” and “J” were interchangeable in those days.) This would make his date of birth Feb. 28, 1766.

Georg was the son of **Jacob Schlötzer** and **Susanna Habich Spring Schlötzer**. Susanna gave rise to two of New Jerusalem’s prominent families: the **Springs**, and the **Slaters**. More on them next week.