

Cemetery note:

**Friedrich Schlötz** (Slates) (1759-1830) and his wife **Margaret Roller Schlötz** were among our earliest members at New Jerusalem, and were buried in the old cemetery. Friedrich was a “Hessian” soldier, according to family histories, although the soldier may have actually been his father Friedrich, who died in Frederick County, Md. in 1805. The Hessians were German auxiliaries fighting with the British in the American War of Independence. Many Hessian soldiers defected and remained in America, where they became good U.S. citizens.

Adam came to The German Settlement, probably in the early 1780s, and operated a farm, sawmill, and distillery near Dutchman’s Creek. Ferdinando Fairfax sold him 169 acres of land in the year 1800. From the beginning of our church records in 1784, Friedrich and Margaret are listed as baptismal sponsors for many families, including Slater, Roller, Wolf, and Fahly

The burial record for Margaret says she died April 22, 1828, at 61 years and five months of age. Friedrich died Sept. 19, 1830, at 70 years. They were buried in the old cemetery along with some of their children; others went to Carroll County, Ohio.

In 1940, at a Slates family reunion held in Ohio, descendants were concerned that the old New Jerusalem cemetery had been abandoned, and decided to move the family to the newer Union Cemetery and erect a monument. In 1941, the remains of Friedrich and Margaret, and their son Adam and grandson George were moved to the new cemetery. The grave of their infant daughter Elizabeth (born and died in 1790) was unmarked, and is still in the old cemetery.

