Muir

Old Presbyterian Meeting House burial ground · Rev. Dr. James Muir, the minister of the Meeting House for 31 years

Meeting House burial ground

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Rev. Dr. James Muir

(1757 – Aug 8, 1820) · born in Scotland
Minister of the Meeting House, 1789–1820
Kept the church's earliest surviving records
Chaplain of Lodge 22; prayer at the South
Cornerstone of the District of Columbia, Apr 15, 1791
As Chaplain of the Lodge, read the Masonic rites
with Dr. Dick at **Washington's tomb**, Dec 18, 1799;
the Lodge then heard the funeral sermon
at his church, preached by Rev. William Maffitt
Preached on Washington's death at his church,
Sunday afternoon, Dec 29, 1799
In the 1814 **peace delegation** to Admiral Cockburn
His household included an enslaved woman
Burial: *13 feet beneath the north aisle;*
memorial tablet No. 14 in the yard

Married

Elizabeth Muir

His wife
Burial: *churchyard, near his tablet*

The minister who married and buried the town: he married William and Jane Newton, and buried the Newtons and Capt. John Harper.

Not the cabinetmaker: John Muir of the Presbyterian Cemetery (see the other Muir tree) is not known to be kin.

Frances Wardlaw Muir

(d. 1791)
Burial: *churchyard*

Two daughters named Elizabeth

One, **Elizabeth Love Muir**, was buried here in
1876: the last known burial in the ground