Thom

Old Presbyterian Meeting House burial ground · Alexandria's first Presbyterian pastor and his mother

Meeting House burial ground · Context, or burial not confirmed

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Rev. David Thom
Died before 1773

Married

Mary Thom
(c. 1717 – Aug 5, 1773)
Came with her son from Philadelphia
Died of yellow fever, aged 55
Burial: *with her son; stone lost*

Rev. William Thom
(c. 1751 – Aug 8, 1773)
Entered the ministry at 20
Alexandria's first Presbyterian pastor, 1772
Received the Arells' deed to the church ground,
July 12, 1773 (see the Arell tree)
Died of yellow fever at 22, three days after his mother
Burial: *tentatively B:7; stone lost*

"Thorn": Timothy Alden recorded their lost epitaph in 1814, but his typesetter spelled the name Thorn, and the error has been copied ever since. The church's records settle it: Thom.

Seven empty years: after Thom, the congregation had no installed pastor until Rev. Isaac Stockton Keith in 1780.