Cemetery note

At least eight members of the **Goodhart** family are buried in the old cemetery, perhaps more. The first to arrive in America was **Friedrich Guthart** (1725-1791), who lived in Berks County, Pa. His son **Heinrich/Henry Goodhart** (1751-1818) was a Revolutionary War soldier in the 5th Pennsylvania Regiment, and reportedly came to Loudoun County after the war; it is not known where he is buried, but it might be our old cemetery. Among Henry's children are two sons:

(1) Jacob Goodhart (1789-1843), who married Anna Marie Fawley (1788-1853). Both are buried in the old cemetery. Jacob's grandson Briscoe Goodhart (1845-1927), a member of New Jerusalem, enlisted in the Independent Loudoun Rangers (USA) when he was but 17 years old. Decades later, he wrote the comprehensive history of the Loudoun Rangers. Briscoe is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

(2) Henry Goodhart (1791-1870), who married Elisabeth Steinbrenner at New Jerusalem; they later moved to Ohio. Among their sons was Jerome W. Goodhart (1818-1900), who married Sophia Eamich (1817-1874). Jerome bought property in the town of Lovettsville, and opened a well-known furniture-making shop. He is buried in Lovettsville Union Cemetery, but his wife and three children are buried in the New Jerusalem cemetery. Their son Elijah (1847-1917) took over the furniture-making business; as he began making coffins, he also became the town's undertaker. When Elijah Goodhart died, the business was taken over by John W. Brown. In 1938, the old Goodhart furniture shop was demolished and replaced by the Brown Brothers Funeral Home.



