

CEMETERY NOTE:

Three more Downey sons are buried in row TT in the back of the old cemetery. **William Burns Downey** died in 1873, at 37 years of age. William had served in a Union cavalry regiment in Kentucky during the Civil War; when he returned to Loudoun County he resumed his position as a school teacher, and then in 1869 he became the editor and publisher of the *Loudoun Republican* newspaper. **Winfield Scott Downey** died in 1878, at 30 years of age, after being kicked in the head by a horse while working at the family mill. He left his wife Laura and two daughters. Winfield's brother **Calvin Welty Downey**, who then took over the mill, married Laura two years later in 1880 (as was customary), but then he died in 1885, also at 30 years of age. Second-time widow Laura Downey moved back to her home in Smithsburg, Md., and to Trinity Lutheran Church there; this was the congregation to which Pastor Xenophon Richardson had gone after serving New Jerusalem from 1860 to 1873, and it was later the church in which our Rev. Michael Kretsinger (served here 1954-1993) was baptized and raised. Winfield and Laura had been married at Trinity in 1876, most likely by Pastor Richardson.

Laura and Calvin Welty Downey had a son, Burns Calvin Downey, born in 1881. Burns was later active at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Washington, D.C.—where members of the Slater and Hickman families from New Jerusalem were also prominent.



