

Cemetery Note:

Joseph Waltman (1800-1870) was an important benefactor of Lutheran churches in this area. Joseph's grandfather, Georg Jacob Waldmann Sr. (1745-1823), was born in the German Palatinate (today's Rheinland-Pfalz), and came to America and the German Settlement (Lovettsville) sometime before the birth of Joseph's father, George Jacob Waltman Jr. in 1769. The family operated "Waltman's Ferry" across the Potomac, and were active members of New Jerusalem.



Memorial for Joseph's father Jacob Jr., mother Margaret, step-mother Elizabeth, and brother Elias, as specified in Joseph's will.

Joseph relocated to Frederick County in 1830, and purchased a number of tracts of land in and around Berlin (later Brunswick); he likely attended Trinity Lutheran Church in Weverton/Knoxville, which had been founded in 1848 by New Jerusalem's Pastor Philip Willard. Before his death in 1870, Joseph contributed funds for the building of Luther Chapel in Petersville, constructed in 1873. When he died, the first item in his will was a bequest to New Jerusalem, "formerly known as the Stone Church," in the amount of \$1000 (about \$17,500 today), with the interest to be applied to repairs to the church and burial yard. He also donated a portion of his land in Berlin for use as a grave yard (the Old Lutheran Cemetery in Brunswick), and an

acre of land in trust for the eventual building of Bethany Lutheran church in Brunswick. \$500 was directed to the Missionary Institute at Selinsgrove Lutheran College. His will also specified that he was to be buried in the New Jerusalem grave yard, and a separate marker erected in honor of his parents and family.



Joseph Waltman grave site.