

## Cemetery Note:



In June 1865 merchant **Samuel C. Lockett** was elected sheriff of Loudoun County in the first election after the end Civil War, dominated by the Unionist minority. Although he voted against secession, and was considered a Loyalist or Unionist, Lockett was a slave-owner, and had a son in the Confederate Army who was killed at Seven Pines. This made him more acceptable to the voters of Loudoun County than his opponent Gideon Householder, also of New Jerusalem. Householder was an ardent Unionist and had served in a clandestine Union intelligence network during the war.

Other NJLC members elected to office that year were William Downey as Commonwealth Attorney, Luther Slater as magistrate, and Luther Potterfield as constable. The next year, Lockett was defeated by former Confederate officer Elijah V. White, as the Loyalists were swept out of office.

Unlike most of New Jerusalem's members, Lockett was not of Pennsylvania-German ancestry. His great-grandfather, Col. William Lockett, came from Port Tobacco in

Charles County, Maryland, to Frederick County where he was one of the “Twelve Immortal Justices” who repudiated the hated British Stamp Act. William’s brother, Major Thomas Hussey Lockett, married Elizabeth Noland of Noland’s Ferry, and acquired land in Loudoun in 1785 after his service in the Revolutionary War. It was that branch of the family for which “Lockett’s Store”— now the community of Locketts—was named.

Samuel was reportedly born in Baltimore, and lived there for a number of years before coming to Loudoun, where he lived in the Lovettsville area. Samuel married Mary Bennett Hamilton at New Jerusalem in 1833; they had four sons and four daughters. Mary died in 1853 and is buried in the old cemetery, as are four of their children: Virginia, Mary, Samuel, and Charles.

Among other things, Samuel was a founder and the secretary of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Loudoun County.

1. Taylor Chamberlin and John Souders, *Between Reb and Yank*, 2011, p. 345.
2. Harry W. Newman, *The Locketts of Portobacco; a genealogical history of Samuel Lockett, gent., of Port Tobacco, Charles county, Maryland, and some of his descendants*. (Washington, D.C. 1938).