

Church & Burial Ground of Robert Penland (c.1744-1828), *continued from page 65*



On the right is Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church.

Pictured below, Joe Fox, a friend who traveled the 82 miles to the old Robert Penland cemetery with me, resting in front of several grave sites.

It is said that Robert Penland is in the first grave of the family cemetery on what was then the Robert Penland farm, Burke County, North Carolina. The cemetery is about 40 feet square with 3 rows of graves, 7 graves to a row, and is located on Whisnat Road north of Morganton.

Robert's wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert and Jean Brank who moved from Lincoln County (present Gaston Co.) NC, to a site near Quaker Meadows prior to 1769, is also buried

in this cemetery with no marker.

According to the DAR Lineage Book, "Robert Penland served as a private in McDowell's regiment and fought bravely in the battles of King's Mountain, Ramsauer's Mill, Musgrove's Mill and Cowpens." His birth date is 1742, death date is Apr 16 1826.

This cemetery (*below and right*) is in poor condition with most of the old grave markers covered with moss but with careful cleaning the inscriptions will be readable again. Some of the markers are leaning or tipped over.

The Ova Lee Carswell family who now own this burial site are very supportive of anything we wish to do to improve this small family burial ground. I plan to have some improvements made.

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