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# Alphabetical Listing of Those Buried in the James City Chapel Cemetery

To find the burial location of someone listed, match the “Location Section & Number” shown in the first column, to the locations marked on the cemetery Overview Plot Map and the plot maps for Sections A through E, which can be found by clicking on the “Plot Maps-List of Sections” button on the Plot Maps and List of Names tab.

If additional information is available regarding any listing, the information is shown just below the name box for the individual. The source(s) for the information appearing is identified within the comments. Any reference to “(FG Note says...)” refers to information from the findagrave.com website. Information found on the findagrave.com website is provided by contributors to that site, which may or may not be in agreement with church provided information.

**THE NAMES AND BURIAL INFORMATION SHOWN IN THE ALPHABETICAL LISTING HAVE BEEN UPDATED TO MARCH 2019.** *The section maps, however, are in the process of being updated at the time of this website upgrade, and will be added to the site when completed.*

### Church Membership Information:

There are various references to church membership, meaning members of James City Chapel (Norge) or Mount Vernon United Methodist Church (Toano). Since 2012 when this original list was created, the research and information resources have increased significantly. For any questions about those buried in James City Chapel Cemetery, or church membership, please contact the church historian through the church office as shown below.

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Location Sec. & Number	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Jr., Sr., Etc.	Birth Date	Death Date	Death Year	Comments and Other Information from Head/Foot Stones & Monuments
A29	SEAL	Charles	William		8/6/1909	12/27/1957	1957	Virginia, SGT. CAC WWII
E44C	SHELDON							This unmarked cemetery Plot (E44C) was purchased on August 18, 2002 by Wesley Eugene Sheldon.
E43	SHELDON	Ada	Rudd		7/10/1888	5/10/1967	1967	
<p><b>Ada Rudd Sheldon: Per Sidney E. (Pete) Sheldon (son of Ada), Ada was <u>Ada Elizabeth Rudd Sheldon</u> and was the wife of Sidney Gaylord Sheldon. The children of Ada Rudd Sheldon and Sidney G. Sheldon included: Howard Gaylord Sheldon (Sr.), Oscar Cecil Sheldon, Sidney E. (Pete) Sheldon, Wesley Eugene Sheldon, Grover Linwood (Buck) Sheldon, Helen Sheldon Jennings, Nellie Sheldon Stonnell.</b></p>								
E45C	SHELDON	David	Rudd		10/12/1970			Unmarked cemetery Plot (E45C) was purchased by Sidney C. Sheldon on December 8, 2009. (Intended for David Rudd Sheldon, son of Sidney C. Sheldon. David is living in 2012)

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E45B	SHELDON	Elaine	H.					Unmarked cemetery Plot (E45B) was purchased by Sidney C. Sheldon on August 14, 2012. (Intended for Elaine H. Sheldon, second wife of Sidney C. Sheldon. Elaine is living in 2012.)
E43A	SHELDON	Oscar	Cecil		12/8/1920	12/11/2009	2009	According to the headstone, Oscar Cecil Sheldon and Susie K. Sheldon were married December 11, 1941.
<p><b>Oscar Cecil Sheldon:</b> Information from Sidney E. (Pete) Sheldon, brother of Cecil, says that Oscar Cecil Sheldon was married to Susie King Sheldon and they had a son named Sidney C. Sheldon. See Mount Vernon UMC Church Archives, Book 2, B2-21 for the notes.</p>								
E52A	SHELDON	Roxie	Adelaide Price		11/9/1924	2/23/2014		Roxie was the wife of Sidney E. (Pete) Sheldon.

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E45	SHELDON	Sidney	C.		1/22/1943	No Date		According to headstone, Sidney C. Sheldon and Thelma Jean Sheldon married August 22, 1964.
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**Sidney C. Sheldon:** Per Sidney E. (Pete) Sheldon in 2012, Sidney C. Sheldon is still living. Sidney Cecil Sheldon is the son of Oscar Cecil Sheldon and Susie King Sheldon. See Mount Vernon UMC Church Archives, Book 2, B2-21 for the notes. A nickname "Mickey" is on the stone above Sidney C. Sheldon.

E52	SHELDON	Sidney	Elmo (Pete)		7/2/1923	7/19/2012	2012	<b>U. S. Army, WWII</b> Buried 7/22/2012.
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**Sidney E. (Pete) Sheldon:** Sidney E. Sheldon, better known as "Pete" to his friends, was the son of Ada Elizabeth Rudd Sheldon and Sidney Gaylord Sheldon. Pete was survived by his wife of 66 years, Roxie Adelaide Price Sheldon; daughter, Marilyn Kay Sheldon and her husband Allyn Gemerek; three grandchildren, Brian Ashley, Roxanne Blassingill Stockman, and Ian Blassingill; three step-grandchildren, Joshua Gemerek, Simon Gemerek, and Anna Gemerek; and five great grandchildren, William Sidney Ashley, Chandler Smith Ashley, Beckham Gemerek, Henry Gemerek, and Gabriella Stover. Pete and his wife, Roxie, joined Mount Vernon United Methodist Church in 1952. See Mount Vernon UMC Church Archives Book 3, B3-26C. Pete served for over 60 years in any position needed, including Chairman of the Administrative Board, Usher, Chairman of the Trustees, and as the Administrator for the James City Chapel Cemetery, a ministry of Mount Vernon UMC. Pete was a WWII veteran. For more than 46 years he owned and operated the Sheldon Wood Products of Toano, manufacturing wooden pallets shipped throughout the East Coast. Pete was a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite Mason and served the Chickahominy Lodge No. 286 for over 50 years. The July 21, 2012 Daily Press Obituary for Sidney E. (Pete) Sheldon is in the Mount Vernon UMC Church Archive Book 2, B2-26T.

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E42	SHELDON	Sidney	G. (Gaylord)		7/4/1883	2/11/1957	1957	Masonic Emblem on stone.
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**Sidney G. Sheldon:** Information provided by Sidney E. (Pete) Sheldon, son of Sidney G. Sheldon. Middle initial "G" was for Gaylord, and Sidney G. was the husband of Ada Rudd Sheldon. The children of Sidney G. and Ada Rudd Sheldon included: Howard Gaylord Sheldon (Sr.), Oscar Cecil Sheldon, Sidney E. (Pete) Sheldon, Wesley Eugene Sheldon, Grover Linwood (Buck) Sheldon, Helen Sheldon Jennings, Nellie Sheldon Stonnell.

E43B	SHELDON	Susie	K		6/14/1924	No Date		
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**Susie K. Sheldon:** Per Sidney E. (Pete) Sheldon, Susie King Sheldon is still living on 3/25/2012. She is the widow of Oscar Cecil Sheldon, and the mother of Sidney C. Sheldon. See Mount Vernon UMC Church Archives, Book 2, B2-21 for the notes.

E45A	SHELDON	Thelma	Jean		9/30/1943	12/30/2008	2008	Jean Ledbetter Sheldon was on original Funeral Home Marker-Vincent Funeral Home. New headstone does not mention "Ledbetter", but says Thelma Jean Sheldon.
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**Thelma Jean Sheldon:** Per note from Sidney E. (Pete) Sheldon, Thelma Jean Sheldon was the wife of Sidney C. Sheldon and the mother of Steven K. Sheldon and David R. Sheldon. See Mount Vernon UMC Church Archives, Book 2, B2-21 for the notes.

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E44A	SHELDON	Virginia	Robinson		2/3/1910	11/2/1991	1991	According to headstone, Virginia Robinson Sheldon and Wesley Eugene Sheldon were married on February 16, 1940.
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**Virginia Robinson Sheldon:** Virginia Robinson Sheldon joined Mount Vernon Methodist Church in 1951, month is unknown. See Mount Vernon UMC Church Archives Book 3, B3-26C. Virginia's obituary said that she had been a resident of Toano since 1945, and that she was an organist and Sunday school teacher at Mount Vernon Methodist Church. She served as a secretary for many years in the family business of Sheldon Lumber Company. She was survived by her husband, Wesley E. Sheldon; two daughters, Jennifer Blackman of New York City, and Mary Beth Elsey of Wheaton, IL. A copy of Virginia's obituary is in the Mount Vernon UMC Church Archives Book 2, B2-25E.

E44B	SHELDON	Wesley	Eugene		2/7/1915	3/8/2005	2005	According to headstone, Virginia Robinson Sheldon and Wesley Eugene Sheldon were married on February 16, 1940
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**Wesley Eugene Sheldon** joined Mount Vernon Methodist Church in 1951, month is unknown, See Mount Vernon IMC Church Archives Book 3, B3-26C: Per information from Sidney E. (Pete) Sheldon, brother of Wesley, Wesley was son of Ada and Sidney G. Sheldon.

C36	SIMMONS	Richard	G.		4/5/1850	7/3/1925	1925	
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**Richard G. Simmons** joined Mount Vernon Methodist Church September 30, 1887, Book 3, B3-26:

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B20	SLATER	Annie	M. (Marston)		0/0/1880	0/0/1964	1964	
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**Annie M. Slater:** Annie joined Mount Vernon Methodist Church September 10, 1893. See Mount Vernon UMC Church Archives Book 3, B3-26: Mentioned in Marston's of Virginia, 1637-1983 by Robert Busby, Page 70, as being Ann Christian Marston Slater, and on Page 89, as buried at James City Chapel Cemetery. Her parents, listed on Page 70, were George Clark Marston and Miriam Virginia Marston. On Page 71, her husband is listed as Charles Slater, a carpenter. They lived at the Slater home place on Old forge Road, adjoined to Holly Springs Farm.

B19	SLATER	Charles	B.		0/0/1876	0/0/1962	1962	
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A36	SMITH	Arthur	Gilmore		9/25/1891	4/1/1956	1956	Masonic Emblem
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E50	SMITH	Clara	Payne		8/4/1902	8/16/1965	1965	<b>VA TEC5 9201 Tech Svc Unit WWII</b>
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A34	SMITH	Mary Jane	Copperfield		0/0/1865	0/0/1956	1956	Wife of W. E. Smith
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A37	SMITH	Rachel	Chandler		8/15/1896	5/4/1970	1970	
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A33	SMITH	Ward	E.		12/8/1870	8/26/1928	1928	
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B22	SNYDER	Mildred	S. (Slater)		6/11/1910	3/4/1969	1969	
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**Mildred S. Snyder:** Mildred was the wife of Wallace Raymond ("Harry" or "Red") Snyder, and the mother of Nancy Ann Snyder.

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B22A	SNYDER	Nancy	Ann		3/4/1942	5/18/2010	2010	Stone includes: "Always in our hearts" Lisa, Ray, Denise, Troy.
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Nancy Ann Snyder joined Mount Vernon Methodist Church in 1953, month is unknown. See Mount Vernon UMC Church Archives Book 3, B3-26C. Church membership listed her as Mrs. Nancy Snyder Wooten. Nancy Ann Snyder was the daughter of Mildred S. (Slater) Snyder and Wallace R. (Harry) Snyder. Her maternal grandparents were Annie (Ann Christian) Marston Slater and Charles B. Slater. Her maternal Great-grandparents were George Clark Marston and Miriam Virginia Marston. Mentioned in Marston's of Virginia, 1637-1983 by Robert Busby, Page 70, Ann Christian Marston was the sister of George A. Marston (Sr.). Denise Wooten of James City County is the daughter of Nancy Snyder (Wooten).

B21	SNYDER	Wallace (Harry)	R. (Raymond)		12/19/1900	11/26/1989	1989	
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Wallace R. Snyder joined Mount Vernon Methodist Church in 1947, month is unknown. See Mount Vernon UMC Church Archives Book 3, B3-26C. Wallace R. Snyder was listed as Harry Snyder of Stuart's Draft, VA in the Marston's of Virginia, 1637-1983 by Robert Busby, Page 71. He apparently had two nicknames, "Harry" and "Red". Wallace was married to Mildred S. (Slater) Snyder, and they were the parents of Nancy Ann Snyder. Wallace Snyder's obituary said that he was a native of Mint Spring (VA) and was a graduate of Dunsmore Business College. He operated a service center until 1943, and then worked at Cheatham Annex. He also operated a general merchandise store in Norge from 1947 until 1968. His daughter, Nancy Ann Dudley of Toano was listed as a survivor. He was the widower of Mildred Slater Snyder at the time of his death. A copy of his obituary is in the Mount Vernon UMC Church Archives Book 2, B2-25F.

A46	SWEENEY	Carrie	Arbutes		8/21/1905	12/20/2009	2009	
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Carrie Arbutes Sweeney joined Mount Vernon Methodist Church in 1937, month is unknown. See Mount Vernon UMC Church Archives Book 3, B3-26C. The following information was provided by Pastor David Craig, Mount Vernon UMC. Carrie's name was Carrie Arbutes Sweeney. Her husband was George Linwood Sweeney, and son was Herman E. Sweeney. Per George A. Marston, Jr., Elsie S. Pierce was Carrie and George's daughter.



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A47	SWEENEY	George	Linwood		8/20/1900	3/11/1940	1940	
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**George Linwood Sweeney** joined Mount Vernon Methodist Church in September 1914. See Mount Vernon UMC Church Archives Book 3, B3-26. The following information was provided by Pastor David Craig, Mount Vernon UMC. Wife was Carrie Arbutus Sweeney, and son is Herman E. Sweeney.