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This stone in The Old Tully Cemetery is barely readable, but date appears to be 1866.

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This cemetery is located on Route 281, just north of the Cortland-Onondaga county line in the township of Tully. The land was owned by Eli Farr, one of the early settlers and was the site of the first burial in what is now Tully. Later, the VanBergens were buried there so the name of the cemetery has changed from time to time from The Farr Burying Ground to the VanBergan Cemetery, to The Old Tully Cemetery. The VanBergan graves were surrounded by a small iron fence.

In the latter part of the 1990's Kenneth Jennings Wooster, surveyed this historic site and wrote the following:

"The cemetery is on the west side of NY State Rte 281 slightly more than 1.1 miles south of the intersection of NY State Rte 281 with NY Rte 80. If one is approaching from the south it is approximately .3 miles North of the Cortland County Line.

Various names have been applied to this cemetery Beachamp (Inscriptions from Cemeteries in Onondaga County, N.Y., William Martin Beauchamp) called it "Old Tully Cemetery, south of Tully Village" Ada W. Holstock in 1931 apparently copied Beauchamp's material into the DAR Cemetery Records Vol 27, page 67 under the same name. Wood (Onondaga County Cemetery inscriptions Clyde B. Wood, 1961) called it "Old Tulkly Cemetery." Others have referred to it as the Cummings, Egbertson, or VanBergan Cemetery.

For the lack of a better name I am calling this cemetery The Old Tully Cemetery. This action is prompted mainly by Wood's appellation and by the bicentennial marker which is posted near the road. The metal sign bears the star which was a logo. of the bicentennial and says "EARLY 1800. TULLY'S FIRST BURIAL GROUND. Original property of Eli Farr. Two veterans of the American Revolution lie at rest here. Town of Tully Historical Dept."

I spent a very pleasant sunny, cool and windy Memorial Day afternoon there on 26 May 1997 transcribing the burials. With few exceptions, the data in the list which follows comes from my personal survey. When supplemental material has been obtained from Beauchamp or Wood I have included a notation to that effect and have identified the source.

In the Northeast corner of the cemetery there is a fenced in enclosure approximately 25 feet wide and approximately 50 feet in depth. Inside are the VanBergan, McCarty. and Dana graves. One of the posts at the entrance bears the date 1908. All of the stones except one inside the enclosure predate 1908. The one exception is an obelisk for the VanBergans and the McCartys. On its four sides it repeats the information found upon the older individual stones which surround it "

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- (1) BARRETT Sarah Louisa, wife of L. F. Barrett, died July 26, 1849 aged 29 years & 19 da\_  
(There seems to be an inconsistency between this data and that of the next two entries. I have no explanation.)
  - (2) BARRETT Milton, son of L. F. & Sarah Barrett. Died July\_\_\_, 1817 aged 1 yr 10 mo 27 da
  - (3) BARRETT Flora, daughter of L.F. & Sarah Barrett, died July\_\_\_,1819(?) aged 3 yrs 5 ms 3 (?) days

- 04 BARRETT Wm G Barrett died April 14, 1884 aged 84 yrs 7 m's 11 d's (there is a large Barrett obelisk with Wm G. on the East face, his wife on the South face and five children--Lanora Ett, Martin, Nancy, Deforest, and Amanthus on the North face.)
- 05 BARRETT Eliza F. wife of Wm G. Barrett.
- 06 BARRETT Lenora Ett dau of Wm G. & Eliza Barrett who died Dec 13, 1884 1 yr. 5 m. 13 da (Lanora Ett also has a very well preserved individual slate headstone. Wood read this name as "Lanoretta".)
- 07 BARRETT Martin son of Wm G. & Eliza who died May 10, 1837 aged 10 yrs. (In this vicinity there is a small stone with "M.B. 1837" scratched on it. I can only conjecture that the original stone delaminated and someone scratched this information onto what remained of the stone. In the same vicinity is yet another stone with "M. Barrett May 1837" scratched on it.)
- 08 BARRETT Nancy, daughter of Wm G. & Eliza Barrett who died Aug 29, 1841 aged 3 mo. ((Wood 1847 aged 5 mo.)
- 09 BARRETT Deforest, son of Wm G. & Eliza Barrett who died July 29, 1848 (?) (Wood 1849 aged 2 y)
- 10 BARRETT Amanthus, child of Wm G, & Eliza Barrett who died Sept 9 1867 (?) aged 11 yrs (Wood Sept 19, 1863 age 14 yrs)
- 11 CLARK Lurinda, wife of Caleb W. Clark (This stone is broken and partially buried. (More could be read if one were bold enough to pull the stone up from the ground) (Wood wife of Peter W. Clark died 14 February 1845 age 21 y)
- 12 CUMMINGS In memory of Phillip Cummings, who died March 26, 1826 aged 80 years.
- 13 CUMMINGS In memory of Sally, dau(?) of Edward Cummings, who died Oct 12, 1826 aged 12 yrs (Wood has this entry. but he also has an entry for Polly, wife of Edward with the same death date and age 42 y. I believe his notes were confused.)
- 14 CUMMINGS Abigail, wife of Edward Cummings, died July 15, 1840(?) (Stone is broken and the bottom portion is buried, but more could be read if the stone were lifted out of the ground.) (Wood: died July 15, 1846 age 48 y 7 m)
- 15 DANA Henry A., son of H.T. & E.M. Dana, died Sept. 29 1865 ae 1 year 6 mos 8 days. (This grave is inside the enclosure and has a footstone maked "H.A.D.")
- 16 E R.E.(?) (This seems to be a footstone. It is next in line to the North of Thankful Egbertson. Perhaps it is an Egbertson stone.)
- 17 EGBERTSON Maria, wife of Richard Egbertson died Nov. 1852 aged 90 years
- 18 EGBERTSON Cornelius Egbertson died Sept.8, 1849(?) (Wood: died Sept 8, 1840 age 47 y)

- 19 EGBERTSON C. Egbertson (This is a small stone with nothing else on it. Perhaps it is the footstone for Cornelius.
- 20 EGBERTSON In memory of B. ibent (?) Egbertson who died Aug 2 1828 in the 34th year of his age. (Wood: Barnet Egbertson)
- 21 EGBERTSON Thankful, wife of Edward (?) Egbertson, died Nov 20, 1850 ae 21 y'r 9 m's, 15 days (Wood: wife of Richard)
22. F A.B.F.?(?)(This stone bears only initials. It seems too large to be a footstone. More likely it is a headstone
- 23 FARR Eli Farr died March 8, 1808 in his 10th year. (Wood: in his 40th year)
- 24 GOODELL Joseph Goodell died August 21, 1828 in the 71st year of his age. (Joseph Goodell was a Revolutionary Veteran.
- 25 GOODELL In memory of Sarah E., daughter of Aaron & Elenor Ann Goodell died Nov 1 1840 ae 10 m's 18 da  
"Sleep on sweet babe  
And take thy rest  
God called the(sic) home  
When he thought best."  
(This is a very clear slate stone, with a nice design on the top.)
- 26 GOODELL Elizabeth Goodell died May 22, 1856 in the 85th year of her age. (Wood: age 81 y)
- 27 H D. H. (This is a footstone.)
- 28 HAMM Julia Ann died Sept 11, 1834 age 22 y. (This entry is from Wood. Most likely it is the stone from which all I could decipher was "Julia Ann,wife of.....")
- 29 HAYNES Mother, Mary F., wife of John F. Haynes, died Nov. 23,1877(?) aged 68 yrs
- 30 HOBART Helen S., daughter of N. & Mary Ann Hobart, died Feb 13, 1841 aged 11 mos. (This entry was from Wood.)
- 31 MCCARTY Abram F McCarty, born in Green Co. N.Y. Jan. 28,1802, died at Tully Aug. 10, 1860 aged 58 years 6 mos & 12 days.  
"Trust in Christ..." (Stone had been broken at this place, but it i no mended rendering th rest of the quotation unreadable. This grave is inside the enclosure. Grave has a footstone inscribed "A.F.M." (Wood mistakenly transcribed middle initial as "T".)
- 32 S O. S.(This is a footstone, It seemed to be at the foot of the grave of Cornelius Egbertson I suspect it belongs to Orange Smith. Their graves are not far apart.)
- 33 SMITH Orange Smith died March 27, 1843 aged 41 years

- 34 SMITH Orange Smith, son of Orange Catherine Ann Smith died July 8, 1839, aged 8 yrs. (This was from Wood.)
- 35 TAGGART Mary W. Taggart died July ` , 1811 aged 2 years 3 months (This data comes from Beauchamp. Next to the stone for George Duncan Taggart I was able to find a slate stone that was delaminated and had lost all its information. At the foot of that grave was a footstone engraved "M.W.T.")
- 36 TAGGART In memory of George Duncan, son of Dr. Robert D. and Hannah Taggart who died Dec. 1, 1812 aged 1 year & 3 months and 21 days (Wood recorded the infants under the family name "Wallace." There is nothing on the George Duncan Taggart stone that would support this, and the footstone on the Mary W, Taggart grave contradicts it.)
- 37 VANBERGEN Henry Vanbergen, born in Green Co., N.Y. June 13, 1799, died in Tully Oct 20, 1855 (This grave is inside the enclosure and has a footstone inscribed "H.V" An inscription also on the obelisk.)
- 38 VANBERGAN Charlotte Amelia, wife of Henry VanBergan, born in Green County, N.Y. Jan. 21, 1800 died April 20, 1883 (This grave is also inside enclosure, with a footstone "C.A.V" and on the obelisk as well as on individual stone.)
- 39 VANBERGAN In memory of Anna Maria, daughter of Henry and Charlotte L.(?) VanBergan who died July 25, 1828 aged 2 years 5 months and 26 days (Inside enclosure, recorded also on obelisk and with footstone "A.M.V.")4
- 40 VANBERGAN In memory of Peter, son of Henry and Charlotte L. VanBergan who died July 17, 1828 aged 4 years, 9 months and 12 days (inside enclosure, recorded also on obelisk and with footstone "P.V.")
- 41 \_\_\_\_\_ May 6\_\_aged 71 years 10 mos & 18 days (This is a headstone . The top part is broken off and missing.
- 42 \_\_\_\_\_ Julia Ann, wife of\_\_\_\_\_ (nothing ele can be read.
- 43 \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_12th ae 15 mos (This was a slate hedstone. Most of it has delaminated and I have recorded all that I couldd decipher.)

In addition to the stones/inscriptions listed above there were eight other crude stones which had nothing I could decipher. Also along the back row are two large marble stones, each broken into three pieces and covered with bramble. I could not find anything legoble on them.

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