

Woman in black a cemetery legend

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were all coming home from church in a buggy one evening, and some young punks made their horses jump and the baby and the husband were killed. No grass grows on the baby's grave." The story sounds plausible enough, but its origin is impossible to trace, since there are no existing father and infant tombstones recording burials on or close to the same date.

Ghosts aside, one person buried in Stepp Cemetery had a mighty peculiar name. Genealogists who

gathered information from the monuments there recorded that one says "Sir Malcolm D. (Hacker)" or "Sirmalcome D. Hacker." While it is unlikely that a member of the nobility found his way to that little clearing in the Morgan-Monroe State Forest, it does lead one to wonder about what goes on in the minds of parents when they choose names for their children. In the 1850 census among the Hackers is the name "Samalcom," age 2. Presumably the census taker got the information from the child's father, who was a Kentuckian.

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