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Bad Echoes from the Graves of Newark's Wise, Great, Virtuous and Patriotic—Their Tombs Used for Building Materials, Hog Pans, Water Channels, &c.

Interesting Sketch of the Town—Revolutionary Reminiscences—How the Mayor and Common Council Respect Their Oaths—The Herald.

The dying dignities of the city of Newark, N. J., as the present moment, and for nearly half a century past, has been the shamefully outrageous, and deplorable manner in which the old burying-ground, the place of sepulture for over one hundred and fifty years of the illustrious, the great, the wise, the eminent and the patriotic in the town's early history, in those times that tried men's souls, prior and subsequent to the birth of the American republic.

THE EARLY HISTORY OF NEWARK.

In the month of May, 1666, two years after the settlement of Elizabethtown, Newark was settled by emigrants from Connecticut. The locality had previously been visited and selected by Captain Robert Treat, John Curtis, Jasper Crane and John Treat, who had been forward as agents. The settlers numbered in all thirty families, and came from the towns of Branford, Milford and New Haven.

ONLY THIRTY MEMBERS ENTITLED TO VOTE.

Among the first things done by the settlers—who in June, 1666, numbered in all sixty-five efficient men, besides women and children—was to appoint a committee of eleven to draw up a code of laws for the government of the settlement. Among other things it was declared that "no man could become a freeman or burgess or vote in our town who was not a member of one of the Congregational Churches, nor be chosen to the magistracy nor other civil or military offices."

THE FIRST MEETING HOUSE.

was erected on the site now occupied by a track company's house, showing on Broad street. It was a wooden building, and was the first meeting-house in the town. At the town meeting, held to discuss the propriety of its erection, thirty persons voted in its favor, and the building was erected in 1667. It was burnt down in 1702, and a new one was erected in 1703.

THE OLDEST TOMBSTONE.

to be found in the place. The lettering is of the quaintest possible character and almost entirely obliterated. It was only by great persistence and scrutiny that the inscription could be deciphered. Here is a copy—

PATRICK FALCONER.

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