

Here lyes ye Body of
 Bathia Douglass wife
 to Samuel Douglass who
 Departed this Life, Octo.
 the 1st, 1729, in the 37th
 Year of her Age.

This inscription is cut upon a very hard slate stone, very like that found near Bear River, or Hillsburg, a few miles down the river, and from the fine state of preservation of the lettering it seems admirably adapted for mortuary records. The edges of the letters are almost as sharply defined as though cut but a dozen years ago instead of a century and a half. Most of the early tombstones found here are of the same material. The widowed Douglass again took upon himself the responsibility of wedlock, for twenty years after the death of Bathia we find that he buried a second wife by her side, and has recorded his appreciation of her by raising a monument to her memory with the following encomiastic record:—

Here lies the Body of
 Rebecca Douglass
 late wife of
 Samuel Douglass
 Who died April 18th 1740
 in the 37th year of her Age,
 Who was endowed with virtue and piety,
 Both a good wife and a tender mother.

In 1732 her husband is styled—in a grant of a lot of land in the lower town—as a *gunner*.

At the time the Douglasses were inhabitants of Annapolis there lived there a family by the name of Oliver, as appears by the following inscription upon the stone which marks the last resting place of the dust of one of them:—

Here lyes ye
 Body of M.
 Anthony Oliver
 aged 58 Years
 Decd April ye 24th
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