

Memorial in the Woods Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania

To find it, go to Jones Mill on Rt. 31. Go 4.5 miles from Rt. 711 intersection to top of long hill. Turn right onto Fire Tower Rd. at Laurel Ridge State Park sign. Go 1 mile and turn right. Continue past the Ferguson-Nedrow Cemetery.

Continue about 1 mile to monument on right about 100 feet off road.

This is a rough dirt Forbes State Forest Road. Monument is four sided and pointed, about 4 feet high.

GPS Location: 40° 03.45 N • 079° 17.78 W

Contributed by Ken O'Neal.



On the base of the monument, it reads:

D. A. SHEETS

C. K. BAKER

Catherine SAYLOR

Killed Jan. 9, 1896

No other writing. Was told it is thought these children were killed in a sledding accident.

On April 11, 2008, I received this information from Dawne Temple. This is what we (The Chestnut Ridge Historical Society) have about this monument: Jan 19, 1896, a sled full of people left Brethren Church held in Nedrow School. A tree fell on them. Daniel A. Sheets killed instantly. He was the driver. Katie Saylor, daughter of Uriah, 15 yrs., died 5 days later. Curtis Baker, s/o Henry, died 7 days later. Also in the sled were: Samuel and wife Neiderhiser, Annie Miller, Joseph Singo's two sons, and two children of Daniel Sheets. Nedrow School is in Donegal Township. Folks in sled, lived Somerset County. Minister at church was Frederick Murray. (A monument is located near where Nedrow School was located with date of accident and three killed on it.)--*Ken O'Neal*.

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