

**In Memory of
Dr. Andrew Bassett 1781-1845
and his wife
Lucy Clark Bassett 1787-Ca. 1868**

Dr. Andrew Bassett came to Rootstown in 1817. He was the first and only town doctor for twenty-eight years. In 1845 Rootstown was stricken with a black erysipelas epidemic that took at least forty-nine lives. Caring for others, Dr. Bassett was taken ill with this deadly disease, and quickly perished at the age of sixty-four, leaving the town without a doctor. Most of the victims of the epidemic are buried here in the Old Cemetery in marked and unmarked graves. Dr. Bassett and wife Lucy had eight children. His five sons all became doctors, carrying on the tradition of their father. We are extremely grateful for his dedication and ultimate sacrifice.