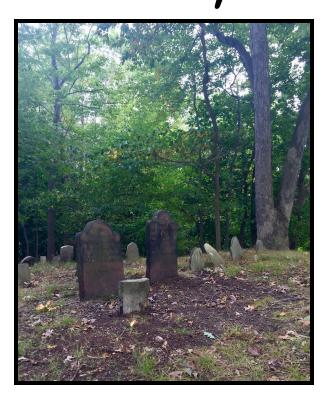# Old Lutheran Cemetery

Imagine the hill that this cemetery sits on, but in the 1700s. There was not a busy highway passing next to it. It was surrounded by the forest and there was a view of the mountains. Everything was peaceful. So, it is not surprising that this hill was chosen as a place to bury the dead. This Old Lutheran Cemetery was made by a group of Germans of the Lutheran faith. They came to the "Island" area of Mahwah in 1713. This was before Mahwah was a town. They organized a congregation that was led by Pastor Justus Falkner. In 1720, they built a log church. This hill is where they choose to put their cemetery. The gravestones have dates from the 1700s to the mid 1800s. The earliest date on a gravestone in this cemetery is 1745. Some names of people buried here are Fox, Hemmion, and Wanamaker. The Lutheran congregation built a new church in 1739, and shared a church with another congregation after the Revolutionary War. But, they continued to use this cemetery.

Find each gravestone and fill in the missing letters!

Nicholas
May _ _ _ _ _ _
DI Oct _ _
1804

In
Memory of
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Wanmaker
who was born the 7th
day of February _ _ _ _
and died Oct 7 1779
Aged 2 Years & 8 months

In
Memory of
Mary,
Wife of
Michael _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _,
Who died
Jan. 5th 1859,
Aged 82 years 5 months
And _ _ days.

Observations