

William Rutherford

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Curious

In removing the monuments from the Methodist graveyard, on Fourteenth street a few weeks since, one of them -- a large spiral monument -- crumbled to pieces, but left intact the die which had been inserted bearing the inscription thereon. The monument was cut from sandstone, the popular material used for that purpose in ancient days; but the die was of a more durable character, and at the time is as substantial as when it was first inserted in the main shaft. This die is now in front of Mr. William Rutherford's marble works on E street, between Sixth and Seventh, and bears the following inscription "Sacred to the memory of the Rev. Daniel Southall, minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the State of North Carolina. He was born of religious parentage in Amelia county, Virginia, August 9, 1768, and became a member of the Virginia and North Carolina Conference in the year 1789; located in 1797, and departed this life on the 1st of October, 1830, in the sixty-third year of his age." As this ancient relic has been purchased by Mr. Rutherford with the view of effacing the inscription and working the slab up for sale, it is to be hoped that some friend or relative of the Rev. Mr. Southall may be yet living and will purchase the same for the preservation of such a valuable memento of the deceased of his church.

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Locals

Mr. William Rutherford, one of our most skillful marble workers and gravestone cutters, it will be seen by advertisement elsewhere, has opened a new yard a few doors west of the STAR office. Mr .R. has on hand a great variety of specimens of his work which are well worthy of inspection by those in quest of monuments of head stones.