

New Cemetery

In the second half of the 1800's an effort was made to enlarge the Old Cemetery at the center of town, however there were serious objections to using the town common. In 1863 4 acres of land was purchased from Luther Whitcomb east of town and the Henniker Cemetery Association was established. Included was an authorization to construct a receiving tomb. In 1872 a receiving tomb was built and stands at the north entrance. Pipes to carry water were placed in 1882 and trees were also planted. In 1883 the Association voted to have the burials recorded. Steel gates were placed on both entrances in 1930.

The New Cemetery consists of two plots of land, north and south of Old Concord Road. The north consists of just over 9 acres at 83 Old Concord Road. The North New Cemetery holds the older memorials with the oldest being Lieutenant Charles Wilkins. Wilkins died on June 6, 1863 in St. Louis, Missouri of wounds received at the siege of Vicksburg during the Civil War. Memorials to Henniker veterans of the Civil War, WW1, WWII, Korea, Iraq and Afghanistan are appointed with flags each Memorial Day.

In 1891 land was purchased south of the Old Concord Road, across from the North New Cemetery. The South New Cemetery includes just over 11 acres located at 80 Old Concord Road.

In 1863 the cost of a burial lot was three cents per square foot. Four years later the price was increased to 5 cents, although the Association had the "right to sell undesirable lots at a less price." In 1922 the price was raised to "not more than 7 ½ cents per square foot." A small building was built in the South New Cemetery in 1938 to house a rest room and service house.

There are over 3,500 interments. The New Cemetery is managed by a private, non-profit organization, the Henniker Cemetery Association. Plots are available for purchase.



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