

Old Cemetery

The Old Cemetery is also known as the Center Cemetery because it is located in the original center lot of the town. It was laid out by vote of the town in 1809 and was ready for use in 1810. The Old Cemetery consists of two acres on the west side of the town common, directly behind the town hall on Circle Street. Phinehas Campbell was chosen as the first sexton.

It is estimated that over 1,200 people are buried in this crowded cemetery. Nearly one third of the graves are unmarked. The first person to be interred here was John Dodge Jr. who died on May 3, 1810 at the age of twelve. Though several were reinterred who had died prior to 1800. A handful of individuals have been interred here after 1900 in their family plots, the most recent being Ida Mae Gibson who died at the age of 91 on December 2, 1951. The cemetery is closed to all burials except those of family owned plots.

The cemetery holds Revolutionary and Civil War veterans as well as a crypt. In addition, the memorial of Jeremiah Crocker and his wife, a free black man, was buried in the Old Cemetery. Mary Wallace, commonly referred to in the legend of “Ocean Born Mary” is also buried here.



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