FAMILY GRAVEYARDS

PORTSMOUTH NOTAL

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INTRODUCTION

Search for an adequate listing and mapping of Portsmouth graveyard sites led to this study. Progress has been made state-wide in locating the thousands of small sites, a project of the New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association.

Some earlier notes had been made. Mrs. Wendell B. Folsom made notes in 1938 of markers that are illegible today. About 1940, Agnes P. Bartlett made meticulous notes of a few sites. Arthur H. Locke had useful notes in his abstract of 1907. John Frost had listing of several family graveyards in his work of the 1950's. None of these references had any mention of gravestone material, condition, or design. These are points of interest to persons studying gravestone art.

For information and guiding, I am indebted to many persons. I would like to mention especially Dorothy Vaughan, Molly Vinton, Karl Grumert, and neighbors of the Maple Haven neighborhood. Strawbery Banke Archeology Department assisted with charting the complex Hall Graveyard. There have been major changes such as housing developments and road re-location, so that some of the old location descriptions had to be adjusted to new situations.

Portsmouth has both urban and rural patterns. Early community burial grounds were Point of Graves, North Burial Ground, and South Burial Ground (now called Pleasant St. Cemetery). There is an early churchyard at St. John's. More recent church-related cemeteries are St. Mary's and Temple Israel Cemetery. The principal active cemeteries are the South Street complex and Calvary Cemetery.

This text that I have compiled deals with the rural patterns which are illustrated by family graveyards. These were always established on private land, and are likely to include closely related persons. Even the Hall Graveyard, now within urban surroundings, was once at the rural edge of the city.

For genealogical reference of community cemeteries, check the John Frost abstract which can be examined at Portsmouth Library. For the Temple Israel Cemetery, check the site itself or the church, as this was not noted by Frost.

Restoration would be desirable at several sites in the Portsmouth area. Historical information is being lost through breakage and decay. Continued family care is very rare. Seldom has any trust funding been provided. It is the original gravestone that is the primary record source. Neighbors of the small graveyards would need to be interested and involved in the restoration process. There is much that can be done by amateurs, especially in control of rampant vegetation. Mending of broken markers, however, is a skilled craft. The wrong product or careless work could cause more damage than leaving the pieces undisturbed. I have noted site conditions for each of the Portsmouth family graveyards.

In viewing any family graveyard, your respect is requested. Easiest access for viewing are the following examples:

- 1. Fieldstone Graveyard, Lafayette Road at Christ Church, Episcopal.
- 2. Huntress-Shannon Graveyard, Echo Avenue, off Woodbury.
- 3. Langdon Graveyard, Urban Forestry Center, Elwyn Road.
- 4. Rand Graveyard, off Lafayette Road, at "Colonial Pines"
- 5. Whidden Graveyards, Lafayette Road, one each side.

Community sites:

- 1. Point of Graves, Mechanic Street
- 2. North Burial Ground, Maplewood Avenue
- 3. Union Gemetery, Maplewood Avenue (adjoining North Burial Ground)
- 4. Pleasant Street Cemetery (formerly called South Burial Ground)
- 5. Episcopal Churchyard at St. John's

South Street Cemetery (present management unit name)

- 6. Cotton Cemetery
- 7. Proprietor's Cemetery (formerly called Auburn St. Cemetery)
- 8. Harmony Grove Cemetery
- 9. Sagamore Cemetery
- 10. Calvary Cemetery, Greenland Road
- 11. St. Mary's Cemetery, Greenland Road
- 12. Temple Israel Cemetery, Banfield Road

Family sites:

- 13. Balch Graveyard, Lafayette Road (1876, 1889)
- 14. Beck-Tabor Graveyard, Greenland Road (1820-1882)
- 15. Fieldstone Graveyard, Lafayette Road at Christ Church, Episcopal
- 16. Fieldstone Graveyard, off Ocean Road, rear of 425
- 17. Hall Graveyard, rear of South Street (1789-1883)
- 18. Huntress-Shannon Graveyard, Echo Avenue (1829-1900)
- 19. Lang Graveyard, rear of Lang Road (1833-1888)
- 20. Langdon Graveyard, rear of Elwyn Road (1724-1974)
- 21. Langdon Graveyard, rear of 271 Lafayette Road (1834-1978)
- 22. Marden Graveyard, Lafayette Road at "Weatherstone Condominiums" (1866-1892)
- 23. Marden-Dorr Graveyard, Wallis Road (Maple Haven) (1855-1944)
- 24. Marden-Rand Graveyard, Wallis Road (Maple Haven) (1856)
- 25. Marston-Rand Graveyard, Suzanne Drive (Maple Haven) (1867-1930)
- 26. Moses-Odiorne Graveyard, rear of Elwyn Road (1857-1899)
- 27. Norton Graveyard, Lafayette Road at "Frank's Truck Sales" (1835-1898)
- 28. Perkins Graveyard, rear of Lang Road (1859-1888)
- 29. Rand Graveyard, off Lafayette Road at "Colonial Pines" (1827-1914)
- 30. Sherburne Graveyard, Islington Street at Portsmouth Plains (1724-1980)
- 31. Whidden Graveyard, Lafayette Road opposite brick schoolhouse (1794-1912)
- 32. Whidden Graveyard, Lafayette Road beyond brick schoolhouse (1810-1884)
- 33. White Gravestone, Spinney Road (1829)

(1983 listing)



BALCH GRAVEYARD

Lafayette Road, Portsmouth Opposite Stef's Filling Station

Guide to this site was Karl Grumert of Wallis Road, Rye. His wife, Phyllis, is a great-grandaughter of the Nathaniel Balch buried here. Karl and Phyllis were shown the site by Miss Ruth Trefethen of Portsmouth before her death in 1972. She would be a grandaughter.

Location is to the rear of the Stef Cabins, and opposite the Stef Filling Station on Lafayette Road. For parking, cars were left at Southgate Shopping Plaza, near the Indian Head branch bank. A path led through the woods to the Stef Cabins. There are woods over the wall beyond the graveyard.

Width of the plot is defined by an extension of stone wall. This measures fifteen feet. Stone wall forms the rear boundary. The long front which measures thirty feet is presently defined by a wood fence of heavy posts and plank rails. The other end (towards Portsmouth) once had more of the wood fence, but this has decayed and fallen down. No trees occupy the plot itself, but a large dead branch from a giant oak hangs over the wall at the rear of the graveyard. When this falls, it is likely to damage the remaining wood fence.

There are no markers in this graveyard. The Balch family could not afford the cost of gravestones. It is possible that wood markers might have been placed at the time of burial. However despite the lack of surface indication, Ruth Trefethen assured that no removals were ever made.

We can be reasonably certain that Nathaniel Balch and his wife Elizabeth are buried here. Records of death are as follows:

Nathaniel Balch died June 3, 1876. (Portsmouth City Records) Elizabeth Balch, his wife, died Oct. 13, 1889. (Rye Town Records)

Rye Cemetery Records have been checked, and neither are buried in Rye. Their names are not found in Portsmouth Cemetery Records.

Viewing May 12, 1983 by Karl Grunert and L.H. Tallman.

woods

15' x 30'

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Wood

Sence

LAFAYETTE ROAD

BECK - TABOR Graveyard

Greenland Avenue, Portsmouth, not far from the Greenland line.

This is one of the most difficult sites to get to of all Portsmouth graveyards. The old descriptions were confused by the building of I-95, and the relocation of Sherburne Road as it led off Route 101. From the traffic circle, get onto I-95, heading south. Take the exit ramp to Greenland and Exeter. Curbing prevents parking but this ends after joining Route 101. Park and hike back. You will see a dense colony of old lilac at the top of the hill. The graveyard is in the middle of this.

One path through the lilacs is fairly clear giving access to BECK markers. For the other two rows, it is a battle with lilac stems to check the markers. It is fairly clear under a large pine nearby. Behind two BECK markers (Wm. & Lydia) children have dug a pit or cave. A depression and old boards litter this project. This does not, however, disrupt the markers themselves, but may have been curiosity to locate bones. (1983)

Re-examining the site, Aug., I find woodchucks have done most digging.

First Row - tangled with lilac, end towards 101, with nothing other end.

A-1. marble, arch top, good condition:

WILLIAM HENRY RINDGE--Died--June 29, 1840, -- Aged 23.

A-2. small marble, arch top, poor condition - almost illegible, too low:

Here lies--Mrs. SUSAN HAM--widow of--Mr. Robert Ham--(remainder below ground, old reading finished thus: who d. Feb. 8, 1836 ae 47 yrs.)

Second Row - tangled with lilac

- B-1. marble, arch top, good condition: (probable replacement)

 In memory of-JOB TABOR--who died--October 9, 1839,--Aged 69 yrs.
- B-2. marble, arch top, worn surface:
 In memory of--MARY, widow of--Job Tabor,--who died-June 19, 1847,--Aged 77.
- B-3. marble, arch top, very good condition: (probable replacement)

 MARY ANN,-Wife of-John Tabor,-- DIED--Sept. 29, 1867,--aged 52 yrs.
- (Space, probably for John Beck.) Broken marble found: JOHN TABOR--DIED--Jan. 29, 1845, --aged 77.
- B-4. Slate, shoulder style, broken & repaired with iron braces, broken again with part missing: (Willow & urn upper design)

In memory of
TABOR
29,
Aged 26 years.

(5-line epitaph - can probably be read with a rubbing)

(This would be James Tabor who died April 21, 1829, age 26 yrs.)

B-5. Slate, broken, repaired with iron braces which stain with rust; willow & urn design:

In memory of-Mrs. ELIZABETH HOIT,--died--May 25, 1820,-- aged 28 years.

The friend whose mem'ry we revere Drank deep in sorrow's cup, And learn'd by disappointments here

Courtesy of the crothings that hope um, Portsmouth, N.H.

continued

BECK - TABOR GRAVEYARD

B-6. Marble - broken, illegible, parts missing. This is probably Eben Tabor. Notes about 1938 are as follows: Footstone: E.T.

In memory of Eben Tabor who d. Sept. 8, 1832 ae 38 yrs.

B-7. Thin marble, willow & urn design, good condition: (probable replacement)

In--memory of--JOB TABOR--son of Job &--Mary Tabor--who died Feb. 8, 1833, -- aged 26 years.

Blooming youth as you pass by

As you are now so once was I, As I am now so you must be.

Prepare to die and follow me.

(Of older readings, one had 1833, the other 1838)

B-8. Marble, arch top, worn surface:

In memory of--MARY TOWLE--who died--Feb. 10, 1840, -- Aged 28 yrs.

Third Row - faces clear, but thick lilac to the rear. Pit to rear of Wm. & Lydia.

Marble, peak top, faint surface: C-1.

SARAH BECK--died--Sept. 13, 1851,--aged 32.

Marble, peak top, faint surface, set too low: C-2.

> Miss--ELIZA L. BECK--DIED--Oct. 9, 1882,-- (remainder below ground) (Notes about 1938 had her age as 75.)

C-3. Marble, arch top, faint surface:

SALLY B.--Wife of--John Beck, -- died Oct. 6, 1848, -- aged 76.

Marble, arch top, good condition:

HANNAH BECK--died--April 16, 1862, --aged 69.

Marble, peak top, slight lean: C-5.

WILLIAM BECK--DIED--June 8, 1878, -- AE. 80 yrs.

C-6. Marble, arch top, good condition:

LYDIA, -- wife of -- William Beck, -- died July 8, 1844, -- aged 44.

- Small marble, arch top, surface illegible. This would be Mary. The notes about 1938 are as follows: Mary Tabor dau. of William and Lydia Beck d. April 13, 1835 ae 3 yrs.
- C-8. Small marble, arch top, fairly good condition:

MARY F .-- daughter of -- William & -- Lydia Beck, -died Oct. 9, 1836, -- aged 17 days.

Small marble, arch top, very faint:

GEORGE F.--son of--William and--Lydia Beck--)--aged 4 years. died (

(One reading had Jan. 13, 1848, the other Jan. 18, 1847)

C-10. Marble, arch top, fairly good:

ELLEN A .-- daughter of -- William & Lydia Beck, -died Jan. 24, 1848, -- aged 19 years.

Missing:

Abigail Beck d. Oct. 9, 1882 ae 75 yrs.

(Notes about 1938)

Harriet wife of James Dennet d. April 2, 1850 ae 29. (Marble pieces: / RRIOT and "29") (Marble pieces: / RRIOT and "29").

Site re-checked by L.H. Tallman, June 1983.

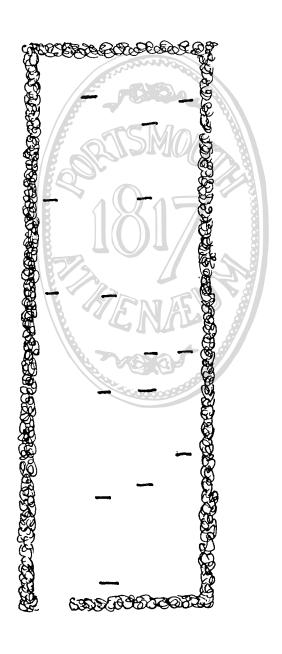
FIELDSTONE GRAVEYARD

Lafayette Road near Christ Church, Episcopal

This is a walled plot directly to the rear of the Parsonage. It had been a part of the Langdon farm. According to a long tradition, these are believed to be the graves of slaves kept by the Langdon family.

The plot is narrow, and rows of markers are short. It measures forty-four feet in length, and fourteen feet in width. It is difficult to count the number of graves. Fieldstones were originally placed in pairs. Of these some have lost either headstone or footstone. Orientation is west to east as typical for family graveyards.

With easy parking near the Church, this plot is a good site to observe a representative fieldstone graveyard. It can also be reached by hiking through from the Urban Forestry Center on Elwyn Road.



Parsonage

FIELDSTONE GRAVEYARD

Rear of 425 Ocean Road, Portsmouth

This site was reported by Carl Widen, who used to live at this farmhouse. Present owner is Albert Desjardins. Widen described an old lane to the rear of the barm. Gravestones would be found in a grove of beech trees. I was directed by Mr. Desjardins to go down across the field beside the wire fence to the horse paddock. The wire took a right-angle through the beech grove. The fieldstone markers were both sides of this fencing. It was difficult to estimate the number of pairs. Would say there were at least six graves indicated. Over the wall was the old lane. Desjardins is of the impression that these are pauper graves. This could be the case. However the fieldstone markers were common in rural usage. An average date would be around 1750. One dated example in Rye was as late as 1833. Name on this farmhouse in 1892 was: W. W. Webster.

PEVERLY GRAVEYARD

Peverly Hill Road, Portsmouth

Index and mapping had already been done when told of this site by Carl Widen of Ocean Road. He stated that it was somewhere to the rear of Yoken's Restaurant, and opposite Iafolla. I checked with Ferris Bavicchi of Iafolla Industries. He said yes, there was a graveyard on the property of Marion Coleman. I talked with Miss Coleman by telephone. She confirmed the existance of a graveyard on her property. She gave the information that the family involved would be Peverly. She stated that there was no surface indication of grave markers. She seemed somewhat annoyed by my inquery, so I did not insist on viewing the site.

My purpose in mentioning this graveyard is preserving some small reference for record. Otherwise in 50 years, it will be forgotten, and subject to random disturbance.

Rear of 280 South St., Portsmouth

This is the most complex as well as the most abused of all the family graveyards in Portsmouth.

Information from Nancy Dodge enabled finding this site. Viewing the area in October 1982, I felt rather overwhelmed. The live occupants were active woodchucks with their holes and dirt piles. Some of the markers appeared to have been beaten by a baseball bat, the slate pieces scattered around. Rows of markers disappeared under giant bushes of multiflora rose. Just to get the record, I would need help. I asked the Archaeology Department of Strawbery Banke for help with charting.

May 18, 1983. A team of 5 of us spent a morning getting a basic chart of the Hall Graveyard. The group included Faith Harrington, Archaeologist; Strawbery Banke volunteers Ruth Maloy and Edna Goodwin; David Goodman, historian, and myself as coordinator. We established a base line the length if the graveyard. Stakes were placed to indicate each row, and the rows were lettered from A to K. Total measurement was 111 feet in length, and 43 feet in width. Notes were taken of distance left or right of baseline, and the record noted with just name and year of marker. The detailed readings would come later. A start was made on readings of some markers in exposed locations.

August 17, 1983. Jean Sawtelle joined in a morning of note-taking. We had prepared with long-handled cutters, in case we needed to battle the giant rose bushes to get the marker records. Brambles were indeed attacked until there was a pile big enough to fill a truck. We made good progress on readings and condition notes of the more than 40 gravestones.

August 19, 1983. Joe and Jean Sawtelle brought in a work crew, truck and mowers. Two truck loads material were removed. All unwanted vegetation was cut clean to the walls. Markers on the ground were lifted to avoid mower damage. Two new markers were located, one for Barnabas Hall, the other Catherine Marshall. This clearing now enables a clear study of the many marker problems. Plans can now be made for restoration.

Neighbors have expressed an interest in restoring the Hall Graveyard, and helping to keep it up as improvements are made. We talked first with Mr. & Mrs. Roger Tucker of Brackett Road, over the wall. Jean met the elderly Johnson brothers of 280 South Street, Herbert and Winston. Former graveyard care had been provided by Winston for many years, and he had taken a few general pictures here. He told of the site being used as a hang-out for drifters, and for rowdy youths. There was once a squatters shack in one corner. Vandalism would probably date from this period, some years back. There had been repairs attempted. However each old cementing has let go, whatever may have been used.

Piecing together the marker record for the Hall site would have been almost impossible without the notes of Arthur H. Locke, with his abstract of 1907. Following the code letter of "H" for Hall, I could prepare cards for reference of markers that should be there. Some are now illegible, and some pieces may be lost. Locke helps fill the gaps.

HALL GRAVEYARD, Portsmouth

List of Gravestones

Rows listed from west to east, numbers from left to right.

A-1. Nathaniel Jones, d. 1825

& Thomas Jones, d. 1811

A-2. James Jones, d. 1820

& Mary Jones, d. 1818

& Augustus Jones, d. 1816

B-1. Henry Hall, d. 1821

C-1. Evalina Hall, d. 1806

C-2. Lucy Hall, d. 1809

C-3. Alexander Hall, d. 1817

D-1. Capt. Samuel Hall, d. 1806

D-2. Mrs. Margaret Hall, d. 1806

E-1. Nancy Hall, d. 1844

E-2. Stacy Hall, d. 1830

E-3. Abigail Hall, d. 1822

E-4. Barnabas Hall, d. 1820

E-5. William Hall, d. 1820

E-6, Mary Ann Hall, d. 1864

F-1. Peter Shores, d. 1788 (memorial)

& Lucy Shores, d. 1859

G-1. Stacy Hall, d. 1853

& Sarah Hall, d. 1827

& Lucy Hall, d. 1834

& Charles Hall, d. 1829

& Abby Hall, d. 1840

G-2. Sarah Hall, d. 1827

G-3. Mrs. Abigail Odiorne, d. 1825

G-4. Thomas John Fall, d. 1825

G-5. Capt. George Janvrin, d. 1881

G-6. Nancy Janvrin, d. 1855

G-7. Miss Margaret Varrell, d. 1875

H-1. Sarah A. Hall, d. 1844

I-1. John Marshall, d. 1831

I-2. Mrs. Anna Marshall, d. 1789

I-3. Elizabeth Marshall, d. 1826

I-4. Capt. James Miller, d. 1801

I-5. Mrs. Sally Pillow, d. 1823

I-6. Lucy Hall Jones, d. 1825

I-7. Sally Jones, d. 1858

& Leonard Jones, d. 1829

I-8. Joshua Jones, d. 1843

J-1. Franklin Shores, d. 1883

J-2. Mary Shores, d. 1869

J- . Mark M. Shores, d. 1867

J- . Statira Shores, d. 1863

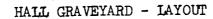
J-5. Peter Shores, d. 1853

K-1. John Hall, d. 1848

K-2. Nancy Hall, d. 1858

-10-

H/I. Catherine Marshall, d. 1801



Length 111 ft. (33.85 meters) Width 43 ft. (13.35 meters)

K-1 K-2

1-1 1-2 1-3 1-4 1-5

I-1 I-2 I-3 I-4 I-5 I-6 I-7 I-8

HE

H-7

S

NORTH

G-4 6.5 6-6 G.

E-1 E-2 E-3 E-4 E-5

D-1 D-2

C-1 C-2 C-3

B-1

END WEST

Rear of 280 South St.

Row A, #1. Large marble marker, peak top: (2 names)

NATHANIEL JONES--BORN--Dec. 21, 1803, --DIED--in New Orleans, 1825.

THOMAS JONES--BORN--Aug. 16, 1811,--DIED--Aug. 11, 1865. Erected by their brother--James Jones.

A-2. Large marble, peak top, tipped a bit forward: (3 names)

JAMES JONES--Died at sea--June 19, 1820, -- Aged 42.

MARY H. his wife, -- died Oct. 15, 1818, -- Aged 39.

AUGUSTUS their son, -- Died 1816, Aged 11.

God's finger touched them and--they slept.--Erected by their son--James Jones.

B-1. Slate, poor condition - broken, part missing:

(Henry) Hall--died July 12, 1821, -- aged 2 years 5 months.

(Could have read Henry, son of Samuel & Lucy Hall. Identity A.H. Locke)

C-1. Slate, shoulder style, willow & urn, broken:

Evalina Hall--daughter of--Samuel &-- (break)
Lucy Hall--died July 4, 1806,--aged 12 months.

C-2. Slate, shoulder style, willow & urn, broken, pieces scattered:

Lucy S. Hall--daughter of--Samuel &--Lucy Hall--died October 6, 1809, --aged 16 (months).

C-3. Slate, shoulder style, willow & urn, broken, part missing:

Alexander Hall--son of--Samuel &--(lucy) Hall-- (remainder missing.)

(Locke gives date of death as Mar. 26, 1817, age 17 mos.)

D-1. Slate, high center arch, broken, parts missing:

Capt.--Samuel Hall--departed (this life)-June 20th (1806,)--AEt. (76)

(Epitaph is possible)

D-2. Slate, high center arch, compass sunburst design. Had been broken and been repaired, but this did not hold.

Mrs.--Margaret Hall,--Consort of--Capt. Samuel Hall,--died June 6th, 1803,--AEt. 73.

E-1. Marble, arch top, portions illegible:

NANCY-Widow of-Stacy Hall-died Sept. (3), 1844, -- AE. (78).

E-2. Slate, shoulder style, willow & urn, long diagonal break:

STACY HALL-died--July 8, 1830, --aged 76.

Though bereft of one whose pilgrimage on earth
Strowd in our path the brightest flowers of worth,
We are constrained to think thy peace is made
With God and Jesus on whom our hopes are stay'd;
This truth now certain, when this life is o'er,
Man died to live and lives to die no more.

E-3. Slate, shoulder style, willow & urn, good condition:

Mrs. Abigail Hall, --consort of--Mr. Stacy Hall, --departed this life-June 6, 1822, --aged 66.--Her fuithful aid forever the works of life, -Nouhusbandtheventemjoyed Achdinden, wife in Content to die, but not
afraid to go, --Her failing words forbid our tears to flow.

Rear of 280 South St.

E-4. Slate, shoulder style, willow & urn. Marker intact, but found flat:

In Memory of--Barnabas Y. Hall--son of--John & Nancy Hall--who died-May 6th, 1820,--AEt. 6 M.--Farewell sweet babe,--Now gone to rest,-With christ the Lord,--Thou now art blest.

E-5. Slate, broken: (part missing)

William Hall--(son of)--Stacy &--Abigail Hall--died December 20, 1820,--aged 35 years.

E-6. Marble, bracket style top, intact but found flat:

MARY ANN F. HALL-DIED--April 19, 1864,--Aged 53 yrs.

F-1. Marble, eroded and broken. Reference to Peter is a memorial listing.

PETER SHORES--(Lost at sea, Feb.) 1788,--Aged (27.)-
LUCY--widow of Peter Shores--DIED--Aug. 21, 1859,--Aged 100 yrs. 6 ds.

G-1. Marble, eroded, broken in several places: (Almost illegible)

STACY (HALL)--died in (Boston)--(Oct. 8,) 1853, (aged 76) SARAH--Wife of Stacy Hall--Died July 21, 1827,--aged (49) years. LUCY died (Aug. 19, 1834,--aged 30 years.) CHARLES (died at sea, 1829, aged 18.)

(Locke adds: ABBY died at New York, Jan. 30, 1840, aged 32. Not on marker.)

G-2. Slate, shoulder style, willow & urn, broken, part under dirt pile:

SARAH--consort of--Stacy Hall--died July 21, 1827,--aged 49.-Ah! is it thus! and has the mandate said--From Jesus lips-"Its I, be
not afraid!"--Farewell thou kind, thou patient one, farewell,
In heaven with thee, we hope at last to dwell.

CHARLES son of Stacy and Sarah Hall died-Aug. 7, 1829, aged 18 years.—
In youth dear Charles, far from thy home, -- Thou wert doom'd to pine and die;
-- Thy grave the Ocean's turgent foam--Beneath you distant sky.-But ah! when the last trump will sound-- The sea shall yeald its dead, -Then shall all the lost be found, -- And be restored to Christ their head.

G-3. Slate, broken, part below ground:

Mrs. ABIGAIL ODIORNE--wife of--Capt. Samuel Odiorne--and daughter of--Stacy & Abigail Hall--died Oct. 4, 1825,--aged 44 years.--Alas! the pang in parting with one so dear,--To Husband, Father, Sisters, Brothers, Kindred, Friends,--Lo! hope appears to asuage each sigh and tear,--A Saviour claims thee and thus thy bliss transcends.

G-4. Slate, shoulder style, intact but part under dirt pile:

THOMAS JOHN FALL-son of-Thomas and-Nancy Fall-Born March 20, 1803,-- Died Dec. 6, 1825. (Epitaph - see below)

G-5. Slate, shoulder style, willow & urm, intact but part under dirt pile:

Capt. GEORGE JANVERIN--died--Feb. 11, 1831, --aged 58.-Here lies the dust of one who fled--To Christ for refuge from the storm; -He shall arise from this low bed, --With an immortal glorious form.

G-6. Marble, peak top, broken:

NANCY--Wife of--(Capt.) George Janvrin--DIED--Oct. 29, 1855,--AE. 90.

Epitaph for Thomas John Fall: Here rests a youth. He was respectful and-beloved, and in death sincerely lamented.--Thou dost sleep in dust, but art not forgotten Thou shalt live in the remembrance of survivors.

Rear of 280 South St.

Row G, #7. Marble, peak top, eroded:

Miss MARGARET VARRELL--BORN--Aug. 19, 1798,-DIED--May 19, 1875.--Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

H-1. Marble, eroded, arch top:

SARAH A.--daughter of--Stacy & Sarah--HALL--died July (7, 1844,)-- aged 39 years.

H/I. On ground between Rows H & I.

Slate, high center arch, broken in several pieces:

In memory of--Catherine Marshall, daughter--of John & Mrs Anna--Marshall who died--April 6th 1801 aged--15 years & 7 months.--Be ye also ready.

I-1. Slate, shoulder style, willow & urn, good condition:

JOHN MARSHALL--died--October 29, 1831,--aged 82 years.

I-2. Slate, triple arches, winged death head, good condition:

In Memory of--Mrs ANNA MARSHALL--wife of Mr John Marshall-who Departed this life--June 13th 1789--an the 35th Year of--her Age.

I-3. Slate, shoulder style, willow & urn. Top had broken off and split. Lower portion has a vertical break.

ELIZABETH--Wife of--DEA. JOHN MARSHALL,--died--Oct. 31, 1826,--aged 63. Here where this silent marble weeps, a friend a wife a mother sleeps, Dear weeping friends restrain your tears, I shall awake when Christ appears.

I-4. Slate, high center arch, urn with flame atop, encircled by a wreath:

This stone is Inscribed by a--Friend to the memory of--Capt. James Miller--a native of Great Britain-who died Jan. 29, 1801, --AEtat 82.

I-5, shoulder style, willow & urn, good condition:

In memory of--Mrs. SALLY PILLOW--wife of--Joseph D. Pillow-and daughter of--Joshua &--Sally Jones--who died--March 17, 1823,-aged 22 years.--Justly beloved in every state of life--As daughter, mother, sister, friend and wife,--Dear friends remember that the Lord most high--Ordain'd the just to slumber not to die,--Your rising grief repress and kiss the rod--Resign her not to earth but to her God.

I-6. Slate, shoulder style, willow & urn, good condition:

Miss LUCY HALL JONES, --daughter of--Joshua and Sally Jones, -died--May 4, 1825, --aged 25 years. --She's gone the lovely shadows fled--And left us here in tears, --Early enrol'd among the dead--To sleep 'till Christ appears.

I-7. Marble, arch top, fairly good:

SALLY JONES--Wife of--Joshua Jones--Died Jan. 18, 1858, --aged 84 years. LEONARD, their Son died--at Sea, Jan. 20, 1829, --Aged 22 years, 6 mo.

I-8. Marble, arch top, somewhat eroded:

JOSHUA JONES--Died--June 14, 1843,--Aged 71 years.-A kind husband and affectionate--father, a faithful christian, beloved-by all who knew him and happy--are we who imitate his virtues.

Rear of 280 South St.

Row J, #1. Marble, arch top, broken:
FRANKLIN SHORES--DIED--May 31, 1883,--aged 57 yrs.

J-2. Marble, peak top, good condition:
MARY A. SHORES--DIED--April 9, 1869,--AE. 62 Yrs.

J-3. Marble, arch top, intact & clear, but out of base:

MARK M. SHORES--DIED--Nov. 18, 1867,--AE. 54 Yrs.-
I am the resurrection--and the life.

J-4. Marble, arch top, intact & clear, but flat on ground: STATIRA--wife of--Peter Shores--born Mar. 9, 1788,--died Dec. 30, 1863.

J-5. Marble, arch top, broken:

PETER SHORES--DIED--Jan. 9, 1853,--AE. 69.

K-1. Marble, arch top, eroded:
In memory of--JOHN HALL--who died--Nov. 23, 1848,--Aged 62 years.

K-2. Marble, arch top, eroded:

In memory of--NANGY--widow of John Hall--who died--April 1, 1858,--aged 73 yrs.

Progression of marker shapes Slate: 1. Triple arches, 1789 (I-2) 2. High center arch, 1801 (I-4) 2. 3. Shoulder style, 1822 (E-3) Marble: 4. Arch top, 1844 (I-8) 5. Flat top, 1859 (F-1) 6. Bracket style, 1864 (E-6) 7. Peak top, 1869 ((J-2) Designs, slate: 1. Death Head, 1789 (I-2) <u>3</u>. 2. Urn & Wreath, 1801 (I-4) 3. Sumburst, 1803 (D-2) 4. Willow & Urn, 1825 (I-6) Designs, marble: none 6. <u>7</u>. <u>5.</u> 4.

Courtesy of the Portsmouth Athenaeum, Portsmouth, N.H.

HUNTRESS-SHANNON GRAVEYARD

Echo Avenue, off Woodbury Avenue, Portsmouth, N.H.

This is a clearly defined plot at the north edge of Echo Ave, with granite posts and iron pipe rails. As viewed 1982, it had received good grass maintainance. Two markers are broken, but these could be repaired if not left too long.

Markers are in six rows, and will be noted west to east as found, and with roadside edge listed first in the rows.

First row Slate, shoulder style, willow & urn:

TEMPERANCE--widow of--Mark Huntress--died Dec. 5, 1841,-- Aged 77.

Marble, 3-layer, arch top:

SARAH JANE--Daughter of--John & Sarah--Shannon--Born Apr. 18, 1825, -- Died Aug. 21, 1840.

Marble, peak top:

JOHN SHANNON--BORN--June 10, 1790, -- DIED--Aug. 11, 1868.

SARAH--Wife of--John Shannon,--Born July 18, 1790,--Died Nov. 17, 1869.

Marble, arch top:

(marker for William broken)

MARIA MARSH--Wife--WILLIAM SHANNON--DIED--Sept. 9, 1885, --Aged 66 Yrs. 7 Mos.--5 d's.

WILLIAM SHANNON-DIED-Oct. 28, 1899, -Aged 84 Yrs. 4 Mos. -- 2 d's.

Second row Slate, shoulder style, willow & urn:

JOSEPH HENRY--son of--Joseph &--Sally Huntress,--died Feb. 10, 1829,--aged 8 weeks.

Marble, peak top:

(marker for Deborah broken)

JOHN HUNTRESS--DIED--July 14, 1854, -- AE. 55 yrs. -- An honest, kind hearted--Husband and friend.

DEBORAH CHESLEY--WIFE OF--JOHN HUNTRESS--DIED--Apr. 19, 1891,--AEt. 96 yrs. 9 ms.

Third row

Slate, shoulder style, willow & urn:

GEORGE HENRY-son of-John & Deborah Huntress-died April 19, 1829, --aged 8 months.--Farewell dear child these weeping eyes-No more thy lovely form can trace, -- But Galthy beholds thythspirite rise to meet a Saviour's bless'd embrace.

Third row - continued

Rough slate, high center arch, no design:

CHARLES A.--son of--John & Deborah--Huntress,-died Sept. 1, 1836,--aged 5 months.--Rest in peace thou gentle spirit,--Throned above,--Souls like thine with God inherir--Life and love.

Fourth row

Small marble, 3-layer: (top chipped on Floyd's)

BABY--Dau. of--Woodbury E. &--Genie Shannon--BORN--Nob. 21, 1888,--Died Jan. 13, 1889.--Of such is the kingdom of Heaven.

OUR DARLING--FLOYD ARTHUR--Son of Woodbury E.--& Genie Shannon--Born Dec. 28, 1891,--Died Aug. 13, 1896.--Safe in the arms of Jesus.

Marble, 3-layer, arch top:

FATHER--WOODBURY E. SHANNON--DIED--Oct. 6, 1900, -- AEt. 46 yrs. 8 ms.--At rest.

Fifth row

Marble, 3-layer, arch top:

BROTHER--GEORGE H.--Son of--George D. & Sarah--SHANNON--Born Apr. 13, 1854,--Died Mar. 27, 1887.--Our loved one sleeps.

MOTHER--SARAH--Wife of--George D. Shannon--Born Mar. 27, 1830, Died Apr. 17, 1860.--Blessed are the peacemakers.

Sixth row

Small marble, 2-layer, arch top:

EVERETT -- Infant Son of -- Geo. H. Shannon. (no date)

Notes made November 1982 by L.H. Tallman.

The graveyard has some fieldstone markers also.

LANG GRAVEYARD

Lang Road, Portsmouth

This is a rear location to the south side of Lang Road, southeast of the Mark Lang homestead. It is a small walled plot. As viewed, 1982, it was overgrown with shrubs and trees. A careful reading was made 1938 by Mrs. Wendell B. Folsom, but unfortunately she included her notes with Rye, not being sure of town boundaries.

Marble markers:

MARK LANG--DIED--Aug. 3, 1845--Aged 75 yrs.--T.K.Dart (cutter)

(flat top, broken 3 pieces, largely illegible. Reading from Mrs. Folsom)

SARAH A. LANG--DIED--Jan. 9, 1879--AEt. 73 yrs.

(Peak top, fairly good condition)

AARON LANG--DIED--Nov. 1, 1888--AEt. 75 yrs.---At rest.

(Peak top - condition like a new replacement)

JOHN L. LANG-DIED-Aug. 27, 1833-Aged 24 yrs

(fairly good condition)

HANNAH--widow of Mark Lang--DIED--Mar. 29, 1855--Aged 83 yrs.

(good condition)

In addition to the inscribed markers, there are several pairs of fieldstone grave markers.

In 1792, Mark Lang "of Portsmouth" was married at Rye to Hannah Marden of Rye. The earlier Mark Lang family lived either at the same homestead or nearby.

LANGDON GRAVEYARD

Rear of 45 Elwyn Road, Portsmouth

The tract was the farm of several generations of Langdon families, then John Langdon Elwyn, and finally John Elwyn Stone. He willed the property to the State. It is now the Urban Forestry Center.

The graveyard is enclosed by granite posts with square iron rails, and no gate. Good maintainance is provided by the Urban Forestry Center.

Markers have long been familiar. Oldest ones were recorded by Arthur H. Locke in his booklet Cemetery Inscriptions, printed 1907. He made no note of material or design.

Westerly row: (more recent markers)

Granite monument, 3-part, upright shaft:

JOHN LANGDON ELWYN BORN FEB. 1, 1801 DIED JAN. 30, 1876

THEY BURIED HIM IN THE BORDER OF HIS INHERITANCE.

Joshua XXIV 30

Granite marker, 2-part, rough top:

ELIZABETH ELWYN LANGDON
WIFE OF
WOODBURY LANGDON
AUG. 1, 1871
AUG. 22, 1945

Granite marker, 2-part, rough top:

JOHN ELWYN STONE FEB. 15, 1922 MAY 16, 1974

Easterly row: (older markers)

Marble marker, arch top, good condition, either replacement or memorial of the earliest Langdon and his wife:

TOBIAS LANGDON DIED 1664

ELIZABETH SHERBURNE LANGDON (no date)

Continued

LANGDON GRAVEYARD - continued Rear Elwyn Road

Slate marker with cherub face and wings, curving design sides:

To the Memory
of Mrs MARY LANGDON
Wife of
Mr JOHN LANGDON
who departed this life
the 11th of April 1789
Aged 72 Years.

a LADY of superior understanding, excellent accomplishments and a most virtuous Character.

Slate footstone of same shape:

M^{rs} MARY LANGDON 1789

Slate replacement marker, shoulder style, no design:

To the memory of Mr. JOHN LANGDON who departed this life Feb. 27, 1780, Aged 73 yrs.

Slate footstone original; death head design:

JOHN LANGDON 1780

Slate marker with death head design:

HERE LYES BURIED YE BODY OF CAP! TOBIAS LANGDON AGED 64 YEARS WHO DECEASED YE 20 OF FEBRUARY

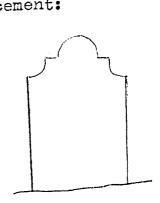
Footstone, same shape:

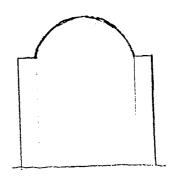
CAP^t TOBIAS LANG**DO**N

Slate, shoulder style, no design, probable replacement:

Here lyes the body of Mrs. MARY WALKER wife to Capt. George Walker, died June 15 1734, Aged 62 yrs.

Two pairs fieldstone markers complete the row.





LANGDON GRAVEYARD

Rear of 271 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth

This well kept family plot is clearly visible from Lafayette Road, opposite the Professional Center. Members of the Langdon family, descendants, still make arrangements for care. The site is described in Brewster's Rambles About Portsmouth, Second Series, starting page 58.

First row, reading left to right:

A-1. Granite plaque, close to ground level

elvira whitehouse rowe oct. 30, 1900 MAY 14, 1978

- A-2. Tall marble Monument that gives an extensive genealogy of Langdon families from the first settler to the Piscataqua. Brewster gives the long text, pgs. 58, 59 & 60. Comparing with the original, it proves a careful copy. Some abbreviations on the marble are expanded in the book, as "Engld." for England, or Md. for married, and d. for died. The monument was arranged through "Philbrick".
- A-3. Tall marble Monument. Its decorative feature is a carved dive in a wreath. Honoring a son who died at age 27, the text is found on three faces of the monument.

West face:

JOHN LANGDON
Eldest son of
Samuel Langdon Esq.
& Hannah Langdon,
Died Sept. 22, 1860,
Aged 27 yrs. 9 mos. 25 ds.

His departing words to his Father, brother and sister, were, "I am dying - I am happy - Farewell."

Disconsolate friends, weep not. He will awake again in the morning.

Paternal affection prompts the erection of this monument in the memory and virtues of a kind and dutiful son,

JOHN LANGDON (large letters)

North face of the Monument:

His pain and suffering, oh how great,
No mortal here can know;
But no repinings from him came
While wasting here below.

Endowed with power from on high His spirit brightened up, And with a firm and steady eye Addressed the weeping troop.

(verses continued)

LANGDON GRAVEYARD - continued (2)

Verses continued - north face of John Langdon monument

I'm dying, father, dying now,

Yet gladly do I go.

Farewell, farewell my kindred friends
I leave this world of woe.

And bid to each sad weeping friend A loud, a loud good by. His spirit took its heavenly flight

To dwell with God on high.

East face of John Langdon monument:

Unspeakably precious to--his friends is the consola--tion arising from the hope--which they confidently cher--ish that he has gone to the--"better land".

Second row, left to right

B-1. Marble, arch top, lying on back but otherwise good condition:
WILLIAM LANGDON--DIED--August 19, 1871,--Aged 53 Yrs. 6 Mo's.-& 9 days.

B-2. Small marble, flat top:

SAMUEL LANGDON 1881 - 1959

B-3. Small marble, flat top:

IDA F. LANGDON 1880 - 1963

B-4. Heavy marble, peak top:

LIEUT. COL.--SAMUEL LANGDON--DIED--July 5, 1834,--Aged 81 yrs. 26 ds.

He was appointed Captain-July 5, 1780; Major, March 5, 1787; Lieut. Col.-June 15, 1791; was also a Justice of the Peace for-- Rockingham County, Feb. 3, 1812. Through a long and useful life he was--actuated by those republican principles which--inspired the patriots of the American Revolution, that man is capable of self-government, and gave-them his warm and constant support.

He died universally esteemed.

B-5. Heavy marble, peak top:

LYDIA--Relict of Lieut. Col.--Samuel Langdon--DIED--May 21, 1840,--Aged 62 yrs.

Dear mother, thou hast gone and left us
In a world of grief and fears,
But we hope ere long to meet thee
Where Jesus wipes away all tears.

I have left a world where sin and wo Swell onward as a river, And gained a world where I shall rest In peace and joy forever.

continued

B-6. Marble marker, peak top:

SAM. IANGDON Esq. Born May 13, 1811, Died Nov. 27, 1881. He arranged erection of both monuments, A-2 & A-3.

He was a member of the N.H. Legislature in the years 1839-40, 1852, 1869-70, 76 & 77.

Calmly he breathed his life away
And closed in peace his eyes.
Angels with noiseless pinions came
And bore him to the skies.

B-7. Marble marker, peak top, face worn and faint:

HANNAH LANGDON--Wife of--Samuel Langdon Esq.-- & daughter of the late--Rev. Joseph Langdon--Born Mar. 16, 1805,-Died Dec. 15, 1839.

She was a devoted and affectionate wife, --- a kind and tender mother, a sympathizing--friend, a consistant and faithful Christian.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death--of his saints."

B-8. Marble, peak top, epitaph illegible:

JOSEPH LANGDON--Second son of--Samuel Langdon Esq.-- & Hannah Langdon--Died Mar. 10, 1838,--Aged 4 yrs.

(Four line epitaph illegible)

B-9. Marble marker, peak top, epitaph illegible:

JOHN LANGDON--Eldest son of--Samuel Langdon Esq.--& Hannah Langdon--Died Sept. 22, 1860,--Aged 27 yrs. 9 mo. 25 ds.

(Eight line epitaph illegible)

B-10. Two-layer marble, set on a granite base, shaped sides.

Carving of a dove surrounded by rose buds.

Our sweet flower is drooped--and faded-- One sweet mother's voice has fled.--One fair flower the grave has--shaded-- One dear mother now is dead.

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"

HARRIET ANN LANGDON--Only daughter of--SAM'L & HANNAH LANGDON--AND WIFE OF MARK L. JENKINS--DIED FEB'Y 19th, 1877,--AGED 49 Y'RS. 8 MO'S 11 D'S.

She said We'll meet to part no more.

ERECTED BY HER FATHER -- TO A BELOVED ONLY DAUGHTER.

B-11. Marble, three-layer, flat top, vine design:

SAMUEL--Son of Samuel &--Harnah Langdon--

Aug. 17, 1838,

Oct. 31, 1913.

An honest man is the noblest--work of God.

LANGDON GRAVEYARD - continued (4)

B-12. Marble, three-layer, flat top, vine design:

FLORENCE E.--Wife of--Samuel Langdon Dec. 21, 1848 May 23, 1937

Here is one of the best.

B-13. Marble, 2-layer on granite base, carved crown:

SADIE LANGDON NOV. 8, 1882 SEPT. 9, 1886

B-14. Marble, 2-layer on granite base, carved crown:

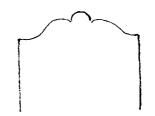
BESSIE E. LANGDON JUNE 1, 1881 SEPT. 16, 1881

B-15. Marble, 2-layer on granite base, carved crown:

HATTIE A. LANGDON AUG. 8, 1878 SEPT. 16, 1878

Shape of top for Sadie, Bessie & Hattie:

Notes made Nov. 1982 & June 1983 by L.H. Tallman.



MARDEN GRAVEYARD

Off Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, at "Weatherstone Condominiums"

This small family graveyard may be found a few feet beyond the end of the parking lot. It is in an open grove of large trees. A nearby wall marks the edge of an extensive gravel pit. Piles of dirt from the development are not far beyond the footstones. The group of markers were recognized and respected.

Row of markers, reading from left to right:

All markers are marble, with peak top.

HANNAH W. 1. Wife of Simon Marden

Footstone: H.W.M.

DTED Mar. 13, 1892, AEt. 88 yrs.

2. Broken marker, inscribed portion not found.

Footstone: S.M.

(Position next to Hannah indicates that this is Simon Marden. Vital Records gives his date of death as Feb. 12, 1869, age 51 yrs. 9 mos.)

3. Fairly small marker:

(legible but showing some wear)

Footstone: K.M.M.

KATE MAIN only child of Joseph P. & Emily B.

MARDEN
Died Sept. 4, 1866,
aged 2 yrs. 4 mo. 21 ds.

One sweet flower has droped

and faded,

One sweet infant voice is fled,

One fair brow the grave

has shaded,

Our darling Kate now is dead.

4. Marble, good condition:

MARDEN JOSEPH P.

Footstone: J.P.M.

July 15, 1891, AEt. 70 yrs. 10 ms.

5. Fieldstone marker, in exact line with headstones. (no identity possible)

Around the markers was evidence of Lily-of-the-Valley.

Notes December 1982 by L.H. Tallman.

MARDEN-DORR GRAVEYARD

Near 17 Wallis Road, Portsmouth Maple Haven Development

The particular location, prominent at roadside, has created problems. Mrs. Hartman (#17) put a lot of work into restoration of the plot. Depressions were filled, and the surface could be partially mowed. Neighborhood abuse finally led to giving up the effort. As viewed April 1983 the tree house in trees up front had suffered collapse from winter winds. Old boards and pieces of plywood had to be stacked before the row of markers could be checked.

End nearest driveway:

Marble, 2-layer, peak top, circle designs in upper corners. Connecting pins had broken. Top portion had to be pulled from the ground for reading.

> OSCAR L. DORR July 20, 1855 Feb. 12, 1944

Marble, 2-layer, arch top with o-gee curve. Base is placed near marker for Mary Ann Marden. This marker required some pulling away of myrtle ground-cover, and some digging to enable reading.

FLORENTINE DORR

DIED

June 26, 1876,

AEt. 26 yrs.

Blessed are the pure in heart for they

Shall see God.

Marble, 2-layer, upright, arch top, slight tip;

(top, raised letters which have been chipped off)

CHARLOTTE A.

WIFE OF

JOSEPH A. DORR

DIED

May 10, 1893,

AE. 75 yrs. 6 mos.

Low, thick marble, arch top:

STANLEY L. (top, raised letters which have been chipped off)

Son of

Norman L. & Josie R.

DORR

Died June 9, 1888,

AE. 7 mos.

(slightly tipped) Marble, 2-layer, arch top:

RAYMOND (top, raised letters which have been chipped off)

Son of

Norman L.

DORR

Died June 23, 1893,

AE. 7 yrs. 8 mos.

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MARDEN-DORR GRAVEYARD - 2

Heavy marble base in front of marker for Mary Ann belongs with Florentine Dorr.
This relatively thin marble with peak top sets securely in a granite base.

Our Mother
MARY ANN (these raised letters have been chipped)
Wife of
Thomas Marden
Died May 19, 1855,
Aged 57 yrs.
Mother thou hast gone and left us
And thy spirit now is flown,

(illegible)

Marker for Thomas Marden is missing. There is, however, a granite base with slot for the marble marker like his wife Mary Ann.

Copied by Mrs. Wendell B. Folsom, Oct. 26, 1938; THOMAS MARDEN--Died--Aug. 25, 1866--Aged 74 yrs. (Epitaph omitted)

> Notes compiled by L.H. Tallman. Site re-checked Apr. 2, 1983.

MARDEN - RAND GRAVEYARD

Between 12 & 14 Wallis Road, Portsmouth

This small plot is surrounded by a simple wire fencing, not too prominent for neighborhood abuse. Mr. Donald Robertson (#12) has adopted the plot for simple care. He mentioned that there were broken marker remnants as he first saw the area. These would be the missing markers for Israel Marden and Sarah Rand. These had been at the easterly end.

Large marble marker, peak top, good condition:

NANCY L. wife of B. N. MARDEN DIED

Dec. 28, 1856,

AEt. 26 yrs. 6 mos.

She sleeps her gentle spirit's gone

To seek its friends above,

And mingle with that happy throng With him whose name is love.

Markers copied Oct. 26, 1938 by Mrs. Wendell B. Folsom:

ISRAEL MARDEN--Died June 11, 1865--Aged 76 y'rs.

SARAH E. L.--Dau. of--W.W. & S.W.--RAND, Died--Aug. 5, 1856--Aged 9 mos.

Graveyard re-checked Apr. 2, 1983 by L.H. Tallman. Notes of Mrs. Folsom obtained at N.H. Historical Society.

Genealogy: Nancy Dow of Raymond was married 1814 to Benjamin N. Marden. She died at Lawrence, Mass. Benjamin was married two more times. His later years were at Lewiston, Maine. His father was Israel.

Israel Marden was married about 1809 to Sarah Nudd. Their daughter Sarah was married 1845 to William W. Rand.

MARSTON-RAND GRAVEYARD

Rear of 58 Suzanne Drive, Portsmouth Maple Haven Development

In contrast to the present day, the i938 site description is of interest. It was written by Mrs. Wendell B. Folsom.

"RAND BURYING GROUND, on the old Rand place off Lafayette Road now surrounded by a large auto graveyard of old machines. Yard fenced and fine stones."

The site is obscured from view by arborvitae on two sides. A light fencing surrounds the plot in addition. It is completely intact as far as total markers as reported 1938. Full restoration could be done. Its problem is that all except two have been tipped on their back, with the pins broken. Parts could be re-joined by either cement or epoxy.

Principal row, reading left to right. All are marble, 3-layer with arch tops. Only the marker for Charles remains upright, 1983.

LOUISE H. MARSTON--Oct. 21, 1867,--Dec. 1, 1934

IDA CHEEVER RAND--DIED--Jan. 31, 1930,--Age 78 yrs.

ERNEST HOWARD RAND-DIED-Feb. 13, 1923, -- Age 76 yrs.

CAROLINE A.--Widow of--Alphonso Marston--DIED--Mar. 9, 1921,--Age 81 yrs.

JOHN G. RAND--DIED--Oct. 29, 1882, -- Aged 73 yrs.

SARAH A.--Widow of--John G. Rand--DIED--Dec. 24, 1885, -- Aged 76 yrs.

CHARLES E. RAND--DIED--Feb. 13, 1907, -- AEt. 65 yrs.--Gone but not forgotten.

(He served in the Civil War.)

Farther to the rear, about in the center of the square plot is a single military marker. This is fairly small marble, with arch top. Lettering is within a shield form on the face. Marker remains upright.

SIMEON RAND LONG'S N H MIL WAR 1812

Notes Apr. 2, 1983 by L.H. Tallman.

Simeon (or Simon) Rand was born 1774, and died Jan. 11, 1860. He was married 1797 to Hannah Johnson of Northwood. John G. Rand was their son.

MOSES-ODIORNE GRAVEYARD

off Elwyn Road, Portsmouth

This graveyard was visited September, 1982 by Molly Vinton. She furnished her notes with a sketch of location and markers. It finally took guiding by neighbor Mr. Short to locate this obscure site. The driveway in from Elwyn Road goes in between an old white house and a yellow house with brown shutters. It goes about a half mile toward Sagamore Creek. Within sight of the Short house, the road divides. The graveyard is off the less used older roadway to the right. It lies more than a hundred feet in a grove of tall pines. One dead pine has fallen into the group of markers, causing some of the breakage.

Row farther from the wall:

- 1. Slotted base some probing was done by Mrs. Vinton, but no marker found. As a guess, this might have been for James Moses who died 1863.
- 2. Marble, flat top, good condition, but slight tilt to the rear:

OUR MOTHER MARY MOSES, wife of JAMES MOSES died June 6, 1857, Aged 77 years.

"Because I live ye shall live also, yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil."

Row closer to the west wall:

(thick, clean break, repairable)

3. Marble, peak top, broken:

SIMEON S. ODIORNE

DIED

May 4, 1881,

Aged 72 years.

Calm be thy slumbers, peaceful

thy rest,

God was thy trust, on Him alone

Were all thy burdens cast.

(broken tree pressing on top)

4. Base with lower part of marble marker:

(no sign of upper half, even by probing)

/ in Jesus sleeps, Till he a glorious body gives thee; This hope sustains us while we weep -That quickly he will come and praise thee.

(As a guess, this might have been Eliza Moses Odiorne, wife of Simeon)

5. Marble, arch top, good condition:

MARTHA A. ODIORNE

DIED

Feb. 2, 1899,

AEt. 58 yrs. 1 mo.

Viewed Sept. 1982 by Molly Vinton. Viewed Sept. 1902 by Tallman. Viewed August C27 rte1983f We Fortsmouth Athenaeum, Portsmouth

NORTON GRAVEYARD

Rear of Lafayette Road, Portsmouth south of Lang Road

Description of location by Mrs. Wendell B. Folsom, about 1938:

"Small walled yard on the edge of a pasture in on cross road to right, off Lafayette Road, 2 miles from Portsmouth, and south of Portsmouth. "

Plot was located October 1982 in the middle of "Franks Truck Sales", Lafayette Road, corner Lang Road. One side has a wall, but three sides have wood posts with pipe rails. It is heavily overgrown, and only the marker for Jefferson is good condition.

Marble marker, peak top, straight, good condition:

JEFFERSON NORTON

DIED

July 21, 1898,

AE. 91 Yrs. 7 Mos.

Brother, thou has left us, Thy loss we deeply feel.

Marble marker, peak top, on back and badly decayed:

MOTHER BETSEY NORTON DIED

1938 сору:

(remainder illegible)

Betsey L. Norton d. Oct. 30, 1868, ee 93 yrs. 10 ms.

Marble marker, peak top, broken, part grown into tree:

FATHER WILLIAM NORTON DIED

(broken - remainder not found)

1938 сору:

William Norton d. April 26, 1835 ae 66 yrs. 12 ds.

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Notes October 1982 by Louise H. Tallman.

PERKINS GRAVEYARD

Lang Road, Portsmouth

This is a rear location south side of Lang Road. It lies beyond the cellar-hole of the Elias Perkins house. The group of markers are heavily overgrown with vegetation including poison ivy, as viewed in 1982. There is wall only at one side. Would advise a local guide for finding the site. In 1938, Mrs. Wendell B. Folsom included marker readings with Rye, not knowing the town boundaries. Good epitaphs were found, and these are now recorded.

Marble markers, peak top, good condition, in two rows:

ELIAS PERKINS--DIED--Mar. 20, 1881--Aged 84 yrs. 4 d's.

- MARY--Wife of--Elias Perkins--DIED--Feb. 13, 1888--AEt 84 yrs. Thou art gone to rest, -- We will not weep for thee; --For thou art now where oft on earth--Thy spirit longed to be.
- CHARLES E. -- son of -- Elias & Mary Perkins -- Died Sept. 14, 1865 --Aged 33 yrs. -- And they shall be mine saith the Lord-of hosts in that day when I make--up my jewels.
- CAROLINE E .-- daughter of -- Elias & Mary Perkins--Died April 15, 1865--Aged 24 yrs. Yes, Faith shall triumph o'er the grave--And trample on the tombs. -- My Jesus, my Redeemer lives, --My God, my Saviour comes!
- MARY A. -- daughter of -- Elias & Mary Perkins--Died Jan 1st, 1859--Aged 31 yrs. 7 mos.--Though dead yet speaketh.
- JOHN E.--Son of--Elias & Mary Perkins--Died Feb. 2, 1863-aged 37 yrs.--Blessed are the pure in heart-for they shall see God.
- ELIZABETH W. -- daughter of -- Elias & Mary Perkins -wife of Alvan Tucker-Died April 20, 1877--Aged 48 yrs. Are they not all thy servants Lord? At thy command they go and come, With cheerful haste obey thy word, And guide thy children to their home.

Elias Perkins was married 1822 to Mary Lang. Their early years were at Wolfeborough, with later years Lang Road, Portsmouth.

Notes rechecked Sept. 1982 by L.H. Tallman.

RAND GRAVEYARD

at "COLONIAL PINES ESTATES" off Lafayette Road, Portsmouth

With the building of the appartment complex, there was a careful "hands off" handling of the site. Improvements were needed. In 1981, as project toward Eagle Scout award, restorations were done. All markers were straightened, and breaks repaired. At the roadside edge a neat routed sign was made:

> THE RAND FAMILY 1772 - 1914

General aspect is good. However on close examination, a few points of criticism need to be made. Cement repairs on two markers is crude, although the patch has held securely. Grading should have been re-checked on completion. Sudden low spots need to be filled. The 2x4's used to secure the cementing were left in nearby woods, and should have been removed.

Markers are in 5 rows. Listings will be given from SW to NE, and reading from left to right.

Granite monument:

(top, large letters) RAND

1906 REUBEN RAND 1823

HIS WIFE

(blank) MARIA 1833

Second row:

Marble markers, slight arch top, good condition:

OUR MOTHER--MARY RAND--Died June 21, 1866--Aged 89 yrs.--Kind angels watch the sleeping dust--Till Jesus comes to raise the just, -- Then may she wake with sweet surprise--And in her Saviors image rise.

DAVID S. RAND--Died Oct. 15, 1851--Aged 79 years. I have sailed the ocean round -- And here at last a Haven found.

Third row:

Initial footstones, markers probably removed:

and F.O.R. F.W.R.

Harble, shoulder style replacement imitating slate original:

In memory of -- CORNELIA WARREN -- daughter of --Reuben and-Mary Rand, --who died--December 16, 1827, -aged 5 years 8 mo. -- and 7 days. -- This lovely flower so early call'd to rest--Was deep engravd on the they mourn their loss paternal breast; -- Long will & pray for this ports mountain the realms of bliss. Marble marker, arch top, fair condition - top crack starting:

EDWIN LEVERETT--Son of Reuben &--Mary Rand--Died March 14, 1842--Aged 13 years.--Rest, Edwin, forever rest,--Though parents weep below,--Safe in the bosom of thy God--No sorrow shall thou know.

Marble, arch top, good condition:

EDWIN L.--son of Reuben &--Mary Rand, --died Nov. 5, 1847, -- aged 4 yrs. 10 mo.--Child of bright promise thou hast gone, -- To dwell in heaven a better home; -- To good for earth and all its charms, -- Thy Saviour call'd thee to his arms.

(Should have been cut as "Too good -")

Marble, 2-layer, arch top:

IRVING W. RAND-DIED-Aug. 2, 1864, -- AE. 25 yrs. -- Serg't. Co. H. 6th Reg't. -- N. H. Vol's. -- Wounded July 30 while-gallantly charging the enemy-works at Petersburg, Va.

Fourth row

Marble marker, gothic arch, carved crown & cross:

MARIA THERESA-dau. of-Reuben & Maria-RAND-died May 28,1877,--AEt. 20 yrs. 7 mos.--Death thou has conquered me,-- And by thy dart I'm slain;--But Christ has conquered thee,--And I shall live again.

Large marble marker, peak top, poor condition - broken 2 places, with poor cement repair:

MARY S.--Wife of--Reuben Rand--DIED--Aug. 17, 1885,-Aged 86 yrs. 8 mos.--Dearest mother we hope to meet
thee,--When the day of life has fled,--Then in heaven
with joy to greet thee,--Where no farewell tear is shed.

Large marble, peak top, good condition:

REUBEN RAND-DIED-Nov. 25, 1866, -- Aged 68 yrs. 1 mo. 6 days. -- An affectionate Husband and a kind Father-Whose loss no earthly joys can fill, here-rest in peace till Christ who is our life-appears, then mayest thou with us appear-at the ressurrection of the just.

Fifth row, both marble, peak top:

ALONZO R. RAND-DIED--May 20, 1914, -- aged 82 yrs. -- At rest.

Marker broken, repair crude, partly covering epitaph:

MARY E.--Wife of--Alonzo R. Rand--DIED--June 11, 1882,-aged 44 yrs.-- in Jesus blessed sleep.

Notes made Oct. 28, 1982 by Louise H. Tallman.

Aug. '83 - deadwood litter & sproutsnotubakt&esassafrasrtsmouth, N.H.

SHERBURNE GRAVEYARD

Portsmouth Plains, rear of 1821 Islington St.

It is rare to find a family graveyard still on the original family property, and cared for by direct relatives. Access is by arrangement with family members only (Sherburne or Eldridge, 1982.) Within the neat wall, the site has a garden aspect, with a stone bench for quiet contemplation. There were good notes, 1938, by Mrs. Wendell B. Folsom.

Markers outside the wall:

Low granite marker, probably replacing an older slate:

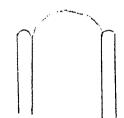
SARAH,
DAUGHTER OF SAMUEL &
MARY SHERBURNE,
OF THE PLAINS
1736 - 1821
MARRIED
EBENEZER ODIORNE
1760
CAPT. TAPLEY

1776

(ground line)

Slate marker, fairly small, with death head:

HERE LYES ye BODY OF MT THOMAS SHERBURNE DEC! DECEMBER ye 21st 1 7 2 4 IN ye 36 YEAR OF HIS AGE.



Slate marker, with rising sun design:

This Stone is Erected in

Memory of M.

John F. Le Blanc a

Native of Grenoble in France.

He became an Inhabitant &

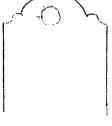
Freeholder in this town. He

died Oct. 2., 1807,

AET. 46.

Slate footstone:

Mr. F. Le B. 1807



Fieldstone markers, several pairs, were pointed out under the shrubery, with a tradition of Indians.

Within the walls are two modern markers:

Granite monument, with Sherburne Coat of Arms:

EDWARD WEST Sr. MAR. 13, 1904 - MAY 3, 1968

GOD IS LOVE

continued

Courtesy of the Portsmouth Athenaeum, Portsmouth, N.H.

Markers within the walls:

Low boulder with modern bronze plaque:

ROBERT NICHOLAS SPUDIC JANUARY 28, 1932 - FEBRUARY 25, 1980

IF WE CANNOT CELEBRATE THE -- QUANTITY OF HIS LIFE, WE CAN--CELEBRATE THE QUALITY. GOD-BLESS THIS SPECIAL MAN WE-LOVE SO MUCH, WHOSE TEASING -- WIT AND LOVING WAYS HAVE --MEANT A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE -- FOR THIS FAMILY AND OTHERS.

Upright marble monument, east face: (small place markers)

IN MEMORY OF--JOSEPH AND HEPSIBAH--SHERBURNE--And their children.

JOSEPH SHERBURNE-DIED SEPT. 24, 1835, -- AGED 56 YRS. HEPSIBAH, his widow, --DIED NOV. 13, 1859, --

ANDREW SHERBURNE--DIED OCT. 15, 1819, --AGED 4 YRS. EMERSON SHERBURNE--DIED SEPT. 8, 1861, --AGED 39 yrs.

South face of marble monument:

(small place markers)

WILLIAM BADGER SHERBURNE--DIED--CCT. 10, 1845,--

ELIZA, his widow, -- DIED JUNE 11, 1863, -- AGED 55 yrs.

JOSEPH SHERBURNE-DIED JUNE 7, 1851, -- AGED 35 YRS. HANNAH E., his wife, -- DIED CCT. 2, 1843.

SAMUEL SHERBURNE--DIED SEPT. 20, 1858, -- AGED 46 YRS.

Row of low, heavy, marble markers, with arch tops:

ANDREW B. SHERBURNE--Feb. 13, 1847--Nov. 24, 1917.

EDWARD P. SHERBURNE-May 3, 1844-Jan. 4, 1927.

FRANK G. SHERBURNE--May 29, 1845--Aug. 5, 1902.

MARY E .-- Wife of -- Frank G. Sherburne--Feb. 6, 1848--Nov. 7, 1930.

EMMA F. SHERBURNE--Feb. 8, 1849--March 26, 1928.

SARAH JANE -- Wife of -- ANDREW B. SHERBURNE --Aug. 2, 1845--Oct. 19, 1928.

ALICE M. SHERBURNE--Aug. 8, 1852--May 6, 1940.

FATHER--ANDREW SHERBURNE--Sept. 15, 1819--Feb. 4, 1909.

MOTHER--HANNAH R. GEORGE--Wife of--Andrew Sherburne--Jan. 27, 1819-Mar. 1, 1900.-Blessed are the pure in heart, for-they shall see God.

Courtesy of the Portsmouth Athenaeum, Portsmouth N.H.

SHERBURNE GRAVEYARD - 3

Granite ground-level plaques:

SHERBURNE

ANDREW E. LOUISE W. 1873-1949 1878-1968

ARTHUR J. SHERBURNE SFC US ARMY WORLD WAR I MAR 20 1896 APR 18 1976 DEC 31 02 TRUDY (blank)

Notes by L.H. Tallman, Oct. 1982 & Aug. 1983.



WHIDDEN GRAVEYARD, #1

Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, west side opposite brick schoolhouse.

This family plot as viewed 1982 leaves much to be desired in its condition. Trees were cut a few years ago which have sprouted vigorously. Several markers are broken, and several are heavily eroded. We are indebted to Agnes P. Bartlett for her meticulous copy, done 1940 or earlier. In the following review, I will indicate where her copy provides the text for a marker illegible today. Two sides are stone wall, and two sides are edged by a board fence. Rows will be shown from SW to NE, and each row will start at the Lafayette Road end.

Row one

Slate markers, shoulder style, willow & urn design:

NANCY, wife of--Thomas Whidden, -- died Nov. 14, 1847, -- aged 82.

THOMAS WHIDDEN--died--Oct. 17, 1847, -- aged 75.

(space)

Marble, 3-layer, arch tops:

(Shown by Mrs. Wendell B. Folsom, 1938, but not by

SISTER (on arch top)

HARRIETT W.--Wife of--Wm. D. LANCASTER--DIED-War. 3, 1903,--AEt. 67 yrs. 1 mo.

BENJAMIN D. HAM--DIED--Oct. 19, 1901, -- AEt. 62 yrs. 6 ms.--Gone but not forgotten.

MOTHER--HELEN W.--Wife of-Benjamin O. Ham--DIED--Jan. 24, 1912,--AEt. 74 yrs. 9 ms.

Second row

Slate markers, shoulder style, willow & urn design:

JOSEPH WHIDDEN--died--Jan. 5, 1794, -- aged 48.

MARY WHIDDEN--died--Apr. 9, 1829, --aged 81.

Marble markers, arch tops: (his broken)

DANIEL R. WHIDDEN--DIED--Sept. 18, 1866,--Aged 75 yrs. 8 mos.--Now at rest.

CHARLOTTE--wife of--Daniel R. Whidden--Died Aug. 20, 1840,-Aged 41 years.--Not lost but gone before.

Small marble, arch top, almost completely illegible: (Text A.P.B.)

REUEL HENRY--Son of Reuel J. &--Sarah L. Bean--Died at Milton, Mass.--Sept. 22, 1840,--Aged 4½ yrs.-Milton, Mass.--Sept. 22, 1840,--Aged 4½ yrs.-The object of a Father's heart,--Pledge of the Mother's tender Love; Office tender tender to the tender to the starter of the tender to the tender in an Immortal birth.

WHIDDEN GRAVEYARD, #1 (continued)

Second row - continued

Marble marker, arch top, good condition, replacement:

JOSEPH WHIDDEN--DIED--Aug. 24, 1860, -- Aged 79 years.

Epitaph on original marker: (Text A.P.B.)

A household tomb to faith how dear A part have gone - part linger here United all in love and hope -One household still.

Marble, flat top, broken, illegible: (Text A.P.B.) (identity from position next to Joseph Whidden)

ABBY--Wife of--Joseph Whidden--DIED--July 24, 1854,--Aged 63 yrs.--God gave, He took, He will restore.--He doeth all things well.

Marble, flat top, interior gothic arch, carved hand "GONE HOME":

ANNAH L. WHIDDEN-Born-July 6, 1825, -- Died-July 31, 1853, -- Aged 28.--Our sister sleeps.

Marble, flat top, almost illegible: (Text A.P.B.)

FRANCES PALMER-daughter of-Joseph & Abby-WHIDDEN-Died May 5, 1855, -- Aged 39 yrs. -- Gone to meet the loved ones.

Third row

Marble, peak top, fairly good condition:

SARAH--wife of--Isaac Smith--DIED--Jan. 24, 1870,--

Several pairs of fieldstone markers are found at this site also.

Re-study by L.H. Tallman, Oct. 1982.

WHIDDEN GRAVEYARD, #2

East side of Lafayette Road, Portsmouth (about 1/4 mile south of brick schoolhouse)

The plot has stone walls on two sides, with granite posts and iron pipe railings on the other two sides. Center is kept reasonably clear, but there is too much poison ivy on the walls, as viewed 1982.

Granite Monument: WHIDDEN (large letters)

Around base: PERPETUAL CARE--BY THE--NORTH CHURCH CORPORATION-PORTSMOUTH, N.H.

Marble marker, gothic arch style, carved leaves:

WILLIAM WHIDDEN-BORN-Apr. 28, 1830-Died Nov. 4, 1881.-By all the good esteemed-For what he was not barely seem'd-Formed upon virtues amiable plan, -- An honest, upright, worthy man.

Marble, gothic arch:

ELIZABETH--Wife of--SAMUEL WHIDDEN--DIED--Dec. 12, 1875,--Aged 80 yrs. 4 mo.--When lingering pains her bosom tore--Resigned she kiseed the chastening rod,--Each mortal pang with meekness bore--And smiled in death to meet her God.

Marble, gothic arch:

SAMUEL WHIDDEN--DIED--Jan. 5, 1875, -- Aged 73 yrs. 11 mo. His heart replete with Christian grace--Found joy in suffering; -- To him the grave no victory had, -- And death no sting.

Marble, gothic arch:

MARY PARSONS--widow of--Col. AMOS PARSONS--& daughter of-Rev. Joseph Langdon, --Died Feb. 1, 1884, --Aged 92 yrs.
4 mos. 12 ds.--Her mind was tranquil and serene, --No terror
in her look was seen; A Saviour's smile dispelled the gloom-in her smoothed her passage to the tomb.

Slate, shoulder style, no design, probable replacement:

PATIENCE--widow of--Rev. Joseph Langdon, -- Died April 8, 1846, -- aged 88 years. -- May we like her be found prepared-To meet our Saviour's great reward.

Slate, shoulder style, willow & urn design:

Rev. JOSEPH LANGDON-died in the hope of a-glorious immortality-July 27, 1821,-AEt. 66,-who was in the ministry at Newington-22 years.-He was much endeared to his consort &-children in life, & his death is deeply lamented.

continued

WHIDDEN GRAVEYARD, #2 (continued) (east side of Lafayette Road)

Small marble, arch top, faint:

CHARLES--son of Samuel &--Elizabeth Whidden--born April 22, 1828,--died Jan. 4, 1834.

Marble, arch top, broken - part against the wall:

HANNAH--widow of--William Whidden,--died June 22, 1846,-- aged 65.

Marble, arch top, good condition - probable replacement:

HANNAH--wife of--William Whidden,--born June 17, 1770,--died June 5, 1810.

Marble, arch top, good condition - probable replacement:

WILLIAM WHIDDEN--born Feb. 29, 1772--died Sept. 27, 1843.

This roadside site had earlier readings. In 1938, Mrs. Wendell B. Folsom of Exeter submitted notes to N.H. Historical Wendell B. Folsom of Exeter submitted notes to N.H. Historical Society in Concord. More complete reading was done by Society in Concord. More complete reading was done by Agnes P. Bartlett of Portsmouth, possibly around 1940. Her notes were helpful on epitaphs which would have required rubbings for reading.

L.H. Tallman, 1982.

WHITE GRAVESTONE

Rear of 287 Spinney Road, Portsmouth

This marker is important as the grave of a Revolutionary veteran. Out in the back shrubbery, it is not too far from the prominent water tower between Spinney Road and the Bypass highway. An empty flag holder reads: "Portsmouth Fire Department".

Slate marker, willow & urn design, about 2 inches thick, and in very good condition:

In memory of Capt. JOSEPH WHITE died July 13, 1829,

aged 87 years.

Notes May 31, 1983 by L.H. Tallman.

FAMILY GRAVEYARDS of PORTSMOUTH, N.H.

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