

'FOREVERMORE ON CEDAR HILL NEWSPRINT NOTES



Rear Entrance from Sheep Pasture Rd. & from the interior of the Cemetery

The area of the old Sheep Pasture Road Entrance

Newsprint articles on Cedar Hill Cemetery compiled
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These rewrites of newsprint articles are from the *SOUTH SIDE SIGNAL* (BABYLON) [1874], *PATCHOGUE ADVANCE* 1926-1948 and *PORT JEFFERSON ECHO NEWSPAPER* [1893 – 1934]

You will find these newsprint notes on the subject of Cedar Hill Cemetery, Port Jefferson very interesting and amusing.

You will learn information of the major monuments, accidents, the old rear entrance way from Sheep Pasture Road, and other interesting notes that you will enjoy.

SOME INTERESTING ‘CEDAR HILL’ NOTES:

(FROM NEWSPRINT OF LOCAL NEWSPAPERS)

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1874

“The work of removing the remains of bodies buried in the grounds formally belonging to the Methodist Church has been commenced. About 100 will have to be removed, some of whom have lain there over forty years.

The remains will be deposited in Cedar Hill cemetery.”

(South Side Signal [Babylon] 2/28/1874 p. 2)

“The old Methodist Church at that period occupied the corner of Thompson and High Streets and the burial ground was located in the rear where Doctor Deale house stands. The bodies later were transferred to Cedar Hill Cemetery. Tradition has it that ghosts appeared occasionally in the little burying plot”.

(Port Jefferson Echo 8/14/1930 p. 1)



The Methodist Church Site. Section: E – Sites: 33 &34

1893

SEEN FROM CEDAR HILL: A CHARMING EMINENCE 250
FEET ABOVE THE LEVEL OF THE SEA

“A stroll to Cedar Hill Cemetery, particularly when the atmosphere is clear, is well worthy any little extra exertion which the visit may entail. It is quite an uphill jaunt, it is true, if approached from the foot of Echo hill, but each step that takes you higher brings you some new object to sight until you reach the summit, when of the grandest views which may be had on the north shore of Long Island is presented to you. Apparently almost at your feet nestles Port Jefferson, and a study of its conformation will be interesting. As you gaze upon the mighty bulwarks of nature on the east side of the valley, you almost wonder how some of the handsome residences which you see standing out in the bold relief manage to cling to these steep slopes. But the clinging is good, and from these elevations the dwellers therein may look down upon the scene beneath them and always find something either on land or water that will pleasantly occupy their attention.

From Cedar Hill the busy section of the village is hidden from by the sheltering foliage which makes life endurable when the mercury is trying to boil over in its glass confines. Near the bay several large business structures, among them, the Port Jefferson Mill stands out distinctly from the others less prominent. Then comes the bay admitted by those who traveled extensively to be one of handsomest sheets of water in the world. Sheltered on all sides, no storm, however how severe, is feared by mariner when his vessel rides at anchor in our bay. The darting about of the sailboats among the stately yachts and merchant vessels lying at anchor and the row boats moving to and fro add life to the bay which cannot fail to give a degree of interest to the sight before you. There are pleasant, shady coves and retreats scattered along the shores of the bay, offering comfort and recreation to picnic parties and family gatherings.

Wandering out, out through the narrow inlet connecting bay and sound, and the scope of vision is great expanded. Old Field Point with its lighthouse is an object which commands attention. It is a beacon well known to mariners who traverse the Sound, and its bright rays have

been shed night after night, with never an omission in keeping pace with time, for seventy years. Think of it, men in the prime of life when this light first shone have here under the sweep of its rays aged unto the span of years allotted to men and passed away, their places filled by another generation which in turn has reached the middle age, yet its light shines on as of old, and will continue to shine, no doubt, long after Cedar Hill has claimed us all for its own.

A speck Setauket harbor and just enough of Conscience Bay to let you know where it is are visible. Green fields, comfortable farm houses, beautiful country seats and picturesque landscapes go to make the vista in this direction charming one.

Far out, in the Sound, marking a dangerous shoal, the Middle Grounds light forms a dark object. For years, mariners were warned away from this sand strip by the presence of a light ship; but a few years ago the old ship gave place to something more permanent. A rather desolate spot to pass one's days, you think, and yet there is much to see and quite a little to interest one. Long Island Sound is a great commercial highway, and the

filing to and fro of the big Sound steamers and the passing of hundreds of crafts daily is a picture which one never tires of looking upon. In the winter, however, there certainly must be a suggestion of dreariness if indeed the real article is not present about this isolated spot.

Beyond is the outlet of the Connecticut shore. Twenty miles and more away you may discern houses here and there. It is a long sweep of this shore that you have from the highest point of Cedar Hill. Way beyond Eaton's Neck, on the Long Island shore, the Sound seems to have terminated and it looks as if the nutmeg state and the Island had become one. To the east the opposite shore to shut out the Sound and join the Island. In both directions the territory embraced, on a day when the air is particularly clear, must be at least fifty miles in extent if not more.

Turning your face to the south Echo with its pretty homes and fertile farms is seen to advantage. It suggests the thought of what a grand opportunity is offered here on this level stretch for development and growth.

Among its possessions already is at least one thoroughfare, wider and better kept than any in this

section. Truly, Echo could be made one of the prettiest villages on the North Side. Perhaps we may live to see it.

Who can tell? On beyond Terryville with its acres of strawberries and myriads of strawberries pickers, out to the backbone of Long Island, which towers over the watermelon patches at its southern foot hills as if to form a barrier against invasion by north side rangers, and here the hills shut out the view beyond. But the trail of this backbone may be followed east and west for miles, albeit there is little in the panorama to excite admiration, where the wooded belt begins.

(Port Jefferson Echo 6/24/1983 p. 2)



Post Card: 'Port Jefferson Harbor'

{Writer's note: As the property to the north of Cedar Hill Cemetery is being cleared for development, the view of the harbor is becoming spectacular.}

“The foundation for the monument on Mather & Jones’ lots in Cedar Hill Cemetery was laid on Thursday by a New York granite firm.” (Port Jefferson Echo, 10/28/1893 p. 3)

{note: the Mather/Jones monument is 16 feet tall and weighing some 25 tons}.



The Mather/Jones site. Section: D – Sites: 8,9,12, & 13

1894

“To Improve Cedar Hill Cemetery”

The Board of Trustees of Cedar Hill Cemetery have issued the following circular letter to plot holders and others interested in the Cemetery. It is proposed that a sum of money be raised by yearly, subscription, for a term of

five years, for the purpose of improving and beautifying Cedar Hill Cemetery, said money to be deposited with the treasurer of Cemetery Association.

The board of trustees of said Cemetery to appoint for such time as they may see fit, two men as superintendents who in their judgment are qualified to act in that capacity, and without compensation. Said superintendents with the advice and consent of the trustees, shall proceed, hire monthly between the first of April and the first of December of each year, one or more men as conditions may justify for the purpose of keeping all private grounds clean, grass growing, trees, shrubbery, and grass trimming. Any surplus time after accomplishing above shall be devoted to growing grass, tress, shrubbery and otherwise improving cemetery grounds, laying out, grading and otherwise improving cemetery lots, thereby enhancing their value according to location and size.

Important cases of disarranged stones and fences, it shall be the duty of the superintendents to notify owners or representatives and if after reasonable time the matter

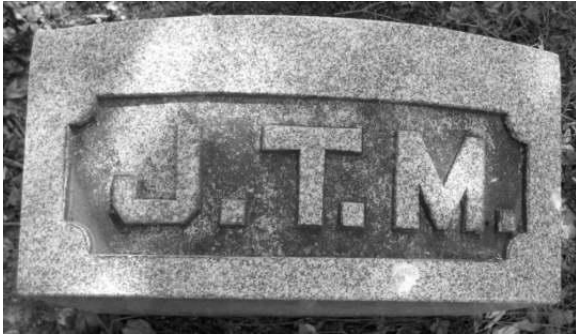
is not attended to, the superintendents shall proceed to adjust the same and charge cost to the interested party.

Any surplus money that may accumulate from year to year, to be permanently placed in some good security as the trustees may decide, the interest of which can be applied to improvements.

It would appear that a movement of this character would quickly increase the demand for lots and create a general disposition of interest, thus soon making our cemetery one of the most attractive burial places to be found.

J. T. Mather and F. M. Wilson have been appointed superintendents for the purpose of executing the plans as set forth in the above circular letter”.

(Port Jefferson Echo 4/21/1894 p. 3)



John T. Mather (1854-1928) Site. Section: D – Sites: 9 & 12 & Frederick M. Wilson
(1844-1904) Site. Section: B – Sites: 16, 17, & 18

“The south driveway to Cedar Hill Cemetery could be very much improved by very little labor, and we understand that citizens of Echo will do the work gratis if the managers of the cemetery will give their consent to have it did.” (Port Jefferson Echo 4/28/1894 p. 3)

1895

“W. C. Wicks, agent for the Monumental Bronze Co., has sold four white bronze monuments this month – a very

handsome one to Daniel Hawkins of Setauket, to be erected in Cedar Hill Cemetery; one to Capt. James Tillotson, to be erected at Sayville; one to Mrs. Benjamin Darling, to be erected at Smithtown, and one to Wm. Colsh, to be put up at Mt. Sinai”.

(Port Jefferson Echo 4/20/1895 p. 3)



Washington Clark Wicks (b. 1841) Site. [no date of death on stone or records])
Site; Section: H – Site: 28 & Daniel Hawkins (d. 1900, age 78) Site; Section H – Site:

“Impressive ceremonies were held at Cedar Hill Cemetery on Memorial Day. The Lewis O. Conklin Post, G. A. R., the Hook & Ladder Co., the Recues Hose Co., the Drum Corps., the Brass Band, and a delegation of children from the Union Free School marched to the

cemetery at 10 o'clock, under the leadership of Marshal R. C. Jones. The graves of the honored dead were strewn with flowers. Prof. Sincerbeaux delivered a short address, which was full of patriotism and praise for the day, flag and nation, and his tribute to the veterans was a high one. The impression made upon many a youthful mind at the summit of Cedar Hill by the speaker, and upon all assembled, will not soon be forgotten. A large number of people visited the cemetery than in years previous. As time goes on and the Grand Army men decease in number, the interest in the day increases."

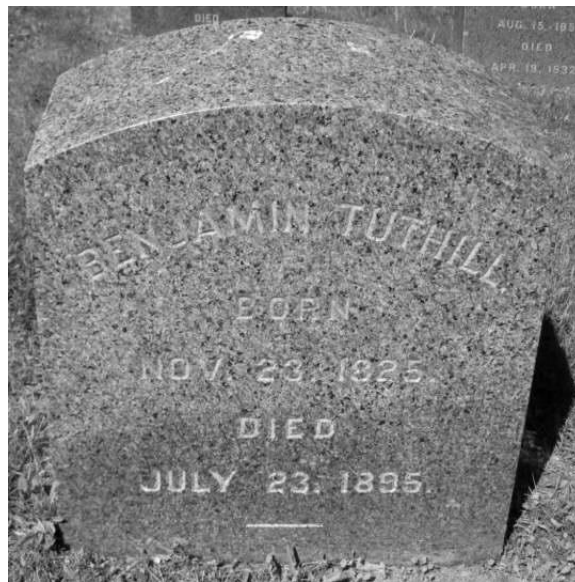
(Port Jefferson Echo 6/1/1895 p. 3)



Richard Charles Jones (1834-1917) Site. Section: H - Site: 10

"Capt. Benjamin H. Tuthill, formerly of this village died of pleurisy at his home in Stanford, Conn. on Tuesday evening, aged 69 years and 8 months. Funeral services

will be held at his late resident on Sunday at 4p.m. and the interment will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Monday, on arrival of Nonowantic. He leaves a wife and four sons, John H. Tuthill of Bridgeport, Howard Augustus and Frank Tuthill of New York". (Port Jefferson Echo 7/27/1895 p. 3)



Benjamin H. Tuthill (1825-1895) Site. Section: H – Site: 31

1899

“A fire in Cedar Hill Cemetery on Saturday, started by some unknown person, did considerable damage.”

(Port Jefferson Echo 4/29/1899 p. 3)

1904

“A chicken thief visited the hennery of Eunice Gildersleeve on Saturday night and, forcing the lock, stole twelve of her finest fowl. The light snow which fell that night showed foot prints which were traced through Cedar Hill Cemetery but were lost when a point was reached where others had traveled”.

(Port Jefferson Echo 3/19/1904 p. 4)

{Eunice Gildersleeve died in 1930, Section: I – Site: 118; no stone}

1906

“It is hoped that lot owner in Cedar Hill Cemetery will keep in mind the suggestion of the Trustees, recently made in the ECHO, that neglected lots be given proper attention this spring, to the end that no lot will present an unsightly appearance on Memorial Day”.

(Port Jefferson Echo 4/21/1906 p. 4)

“A five-ton granite monument in memory of the late Capt. Wm. A. Overton was placed in the family plot at Cedar hill this week”. (Port Jefferson Echo 11/24/1906 p. 4)



William A. Overton (1841-1906) Site. Section: c – Site:

1911

“Several team loads of granite, comprising a monument to be erected to the memory of the late Capt. And Mrs. John Brewster, in Cedar Hill Cemetery, were unloaded from cars of the L.I. Railroad Monday. One of the stones weighed four tons.” (Port Jefferson Echo 9/30/1911 p. 5)

{Note: Have not been able to find this site in the records}

“Mrs. Edward O. Lawrence with her young son and a relative, a Mrs. Collis were driving through Cedar Hill Cemetery on Thursday afternoon, when the horse ran away and headed for the village. When opposite the home of Richard Willis, on Cemetery Avenue, where the road turns sharp, the carriage was upset and all the occupants thrown out. The two ladies were considerably bruised but the child escaped with only a slight shock up. All were taken to Mr. Willis’ house and Dr. McCrea was summoned. Fortunately no bones were broken and later the party were conveyed to their home at Port Jefferson Station. Mrs. Collis is past eighty.”

(Port Jefferson Echo 6/17/1911 p. 5)

{Note: not able to find Mrs./Mr. Edward O. Lawrence at CHC, however, a Edwin O. Lawrence is at CHC} [Writer’s note: ‘Cemetery Avenue’ was the name for today’s Liberty Avenue]

1912

“Charles Darling shot and killed a large red fox near Cedar Hill Cemetery on Saturday last.”

(Port Jefferson Echo 11/30/1912 p. 5)

(There are a few ‘Charles Darling’ at CHC to figure which one this is)

1913

“The road leading from the Sheep Pasture Road to Cedar Hill Cemetery has been improved and is now suitable for auto travel.” (Port Jefferson Echo 8/02/1913 p. 5)

“The Cedar Hill Cemetery Association has constructed a vault, just east of the main entrance to the cemetery, in which bodies may be temporarily placed during the winter when weather conditions are unfavorable for interment.” (Port Jefferson Echo 12/13/1913 p. 5)



The 'Vault' building on the east side of the main road

Such newsprint articles as follows:

1920

“The remains of Frank S. Hutchinson, age 20 years, who died of double pneumonia in the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, Tuesday, of last week were brought here and funeral services took place in the Methodist Church at 2 o’clock on Monday afternoon of the this week...” “The body was placed in the receiving vault at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Port Jefferson until the weather permits the interment in the family plot...”

(Port Jefferson Echo, 2/14/1920 p. 1)



Frank S. Hutchinson (1900-1920) Site. Section: I - Site: 19

1923

“Mrs. Lucinda M. Stout died at her late home here last Monday. April 2nd. Mrs. Stout was 78 years old. The remains were placed in the vault at Port Jefferson on Friday, until the relatives decide upon her final resting place.” (Port Jefferson Echo, April 7, 1923, p. 8)



Lucinda Stout (1845-1923) Site. Section: I - Site: 99

1927

“Miss Ethel C. Trecartin, 40, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Trecartin, of New Haven, Conn. died on Monday. Miss Trecartin was the grand-daughter of Nelson DeWick, of Port Jefferson. Her mother was Caroline DeWick. The body was brought over on the steamer on Wednesday. It was placed in the vault at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

(Port Jefferson Echo 1/6/1927 p. 5)



Ethel C. Trecartin (1886-1927) Site. Section: I – Site: 61

1929

“William Albert Tillotson, 65 years died at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Chelsen, Mass., on Friday, Jan. 4. The body was brought to Port Jefferson on Tuesday where it was placed in a vault in Cedar Hill Cemetery”.

(Port Jefferson Echo 1/10/1929 p. 4)



William Albert Tillotson (1864-1929) Site. Section: E Site: 22

1914

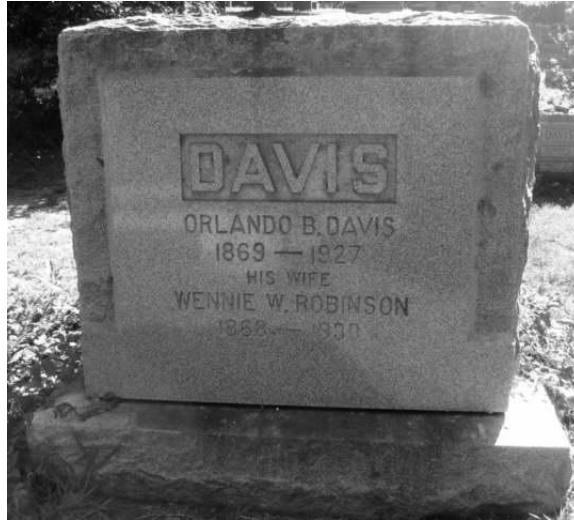
“A lot owner of Cedar Hill Cemetery complains of the wanton destruction of shrubbery on their plot there. If continues, stringent measures will be used to check the lawless nets.” (Port Jefferson Echo 12/05/1914 p. 5)

1916

“A company of the United Boys Brigade of America from Bay Shore is enjoying a camping expedition on Cedar Hill, near the school house.” (Port Jefferson Echo 7/1/1916 p. 10)

{United Boys Brigade of America was organized in America during the 1887 after an organization in England. Units were founded in several different cities. United Boys Brigade was the founding organization of the Boy’s Scout of America}

“This spring there has been a good demand for the granite stones handled by O. B. Davis, several of them having recently been placed in plots at Cedar Hill Cemetery.” (Port Jefferson Echo 5/20/1916 p. 5)



Orlando B. Davis (1869-1927) Site. Section H – Site: 212

1917

“Mrs. Caleb Fordham has erected a fine monument in memory of her husband in Cedar Hill Cemetery. O. B. Davis did the work.” (Port Jefferson Echo 6/9/1917 p. 4)



Caleb S. Fordham (1850-1916) Site; Section: F – Site: 69

Another interesting story of another old graveyard that was transported to Cedar Hill Cemetery:

EXCAVATING, FOUND HUMAN BONES

“The finding of human bones and part of a coffin in excavating for the foundation of the house to be built for Howard Kinner on Spring St., Port Jefferson, brought to mind of one of our residents, who surely would not be called old and is one of our most progressive business men, an interesting story in which he told that he clearly remembered when there were only a few houses in what is now the village of Port Jefferson, and none between the Roe homestead and a small frame house on the property now belonging to Mrs. E. B. Downs; that nearly the entire village was owned by the Phillip-Roe families, who had been granted the land in colonial times and were very loath to sell only small plots here and there. He passed this plot on Spring Street, which was then the private burying ground of the Phillip-Roe family, on his way to school each morning. Spring Street was only a narrow path overhung with bushes. He remembered of trying to find the age of the oldest person buried there by reading the markings of the stones and although he

could not now remember the age of the person buried there; but only that he was born 140 years after America was discovered by Columbus. The bodies were supposed to have been removed to Cedar Hill Cemetery some years ago; but probably the bones found were from some unmark grave.” (Port Jefferson Echo 7/21/1917 p. 4)



The Phillip-Row Site. Section: G – Sites: 60-61

“The secretary of Cedar Hill Cemetery Association is A. Boxheimer, to whom all business connected with that office should be referred”. (Port Jefferson Echo 10/27/1917 p. 5)



Adam Martin Boxheimer (1859-1946) Site; Section: I – Site: 18

1918

‘NOTICE’.... “Port Jefferson, N. Y., April 3, 1918....The Trustees of Cedar Hill Cemetery Association has passed the following resolution: All lots that have not been paid for care of until they have been paid for, and until further notice, care of lots will be \$2.00 a year.....Chas. E. Hulse, Sec.” (Port Jefferson Echo 4/6/1981 p. 4)



Charles E. Hulse (1867-1953) Site. Section: H – Site: 19

1920

“The Trustees of the Cedar Hill Cemetery Association desire to inform all lot owners and persons interested in the up keep of the cemetery that A. Boxheimer has severed his connection with the Association and all lots will be taken care of by the Association as in the past by notifying the secretary. Also all owners of lots are earnestly requested to make arrangements for the care of their lots through the Trustees of the Cemetery, and

not make arrangements with private parties as this would tend to cripple the Trustees in their endeavors to have the cemetery properly looked after. A man who gives his whole time to this has to be employed by them and the care of the lots helps the Association in paying his salary.Alfred Woodhull, Secretary.”



Alfred K. Woodhull (1871-1946) Site. Section: F – Site: 16

(Port Jefferson Echo 4/17/1920 p. 5)

Note: Boxheimer continued with this ad in the Port Jefferson Echo : “ CEMETERY WORK – I am preparing to care for lots in Cedar Hill cemetery or will do any kind of work required in the cemetery....Adam Boxheimer, Port Jefferson, L. I.”

“The Cedar Hill Cemetery Association has secured Harry Kempster as caretaker of the cemetery and he entered upon his duties on Monday. Mr. Kempster is an exceptionally competent man for the position and good results are sure to follow his engagement”.

(Port Jefferson Echo 4/24/1920 p. 5)

{Harry Kempster (d.1953) Section: F – Site: 23; no stone}

“The Boy Scouts of Setauket hiked to Cedar Hill Cemetery, Port Jefferson, on Memorial Day and decorated the graves of two former scouts, Clarence Hawkins and Frank Hutchinson...”

(Port Jefferson Echo 6/5/1920 p. 1)



Clarence Hawkins (1899-1920) Site. Section: H – Site: 117 & Frank S. Hutchinson (1900-1920) site. Section: I – Site: 19

1921

“The Cedar Hill Cemetery Association will make application to the Board of Supervisors at their meeting in Riverhead on the 20th day of December for permission to acquire certain lands now the property of the estate of John H. Overton, located adjacent to and adjoining the lands of at present owned by said Cemetery Association. The tract which it is desired to purchase embraces about 13 acres”. (Port Jefferson Echo 11/19/1921 p. 5)



John H. Overton (1826-1914) Site; Section: A – Site: 1

1923

“Reward for information of the person who broke branches from the tree in my plot in Cedar hill Cemetery....Lizzie J. Smith” (Port Jefferson Echo 12/22/1923 p. 5)



Elizabeth 'Lizzie' J. Smith (1854-1933) Site. Section: a – Site: 18

1924

“Government surveyors advised as that the altitude of Cedar Hill Cemetery is 260 feet. The hill on the farm of Ebenezer Reeves, just south of the cemetery, has as elevation of 266 feet.” (Port Jefferson Echo 5/16/1924 p.1



The U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey, Washington, D.C. 1883 (Crossway of Sections: A, B, C, D) & Ebenezer Reeve (1851-1908) Section: I – Site: 102 1/2

1927

“Giddy car wrecks tombstones in cemetery” ...”A Buick coupe owned by Clifford J. Foster of Sagaponack, L.I., nephew of the late O.T. Fanning of Port Jefferson, got away from its brakes in Cedar Hill Cemetery on Thursday and did considerable damage before it fetched up, almost a total wreck. Mr. Foster had gone to the cemetery to see the grave of his late uncle and left the car with the brakes on a steep road. The car broke loose and crashed into one tombstone after another until three of them were bowled over. The entire front of the

car was damaged beyond repair. Mr. Foster had practically arranged to turn his car in for a new one just before it went on a rampage”.

(Port Jefferson Echo 11/24/1927 p. 1)



Orange T. Fanning (1844-1927) Site; Section: H – Site: 73

“C. J. Foster of Sagaponack was in town one day recently making repairs to tombstones in Cedar Hill. The damage was done about two weeks ago when his car, which was parked in the cemetery, rolled down the hill. The car was also badly wrecked”. (Port Jefferson Echo 12/8/2927 p. 5)

1929

“WANTED – A Man as caretaker Cedar Hill Cemetery; must be able to manage, help keep lots and roads in order, also keep records, sent out bills, etc. A steady year around job – See J. S. Kessler or Alfred Woodhull, Port Jefferson” (Port Jefferson Echo 6/20/1929 p. 12)



Joseph S. Kessler (1874-1932) Site; Section: I – Site: 79 & Alfred K. Woodhull (1871-1946) Site; Section; F – Site: 16

1930

“Editor, P. J. Echo....Dear Sir; The Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce feels that a note of commendation should be written in regard to the splendid appearance of Cedar Hill Cemetery on Decoration Day. The Superintendent,

Mr. David A. Baldwin deserves much credit and the hard work that he done speaks for itself. Publication of this letter would be appreciation, for which I thank you.....Very truly yours, M. P. Henne, Sec.”

(Port Jefferson Echo 6/5/1930 p. 9)

Millicent P. Henne (d. 1955). Oliver W. Petty Site: Section: H – Site: 124 ½ {She was the daughter of Petty; no stone for her in lot}

1934

“Town will purchase space in cemetery for Veterans of War””A soldiers’ burial plot will be purchased by Brookhaven town in Cedar Hill cemetery at Port Jefferson, the board having voted this week to approve the request of the Wilson Ritch post of the American Legion, Port Jefferson. While the plot will be located on the North Shore any veteran of the town will be entitled to burial in its ground, four lots having been included in the proposed purchase. The budget for this year includes an item of \$1000 for the purchase of such a plot, this having been asked for last fall. This week a specific request was received for the purchase of lots 98, 99, 100, and 101. Before a vote was taken on the matter Justice

Gustave Neuss objected at first on the grounds that this purchase might set a precedent which he feared the town might have to follow. In this respect Justice Monsell pointed out that in this case of a veteran without family or means the town would have to take care of the burial anyway. To this judge Neuss expressed the belief that “this will just start all Legion posts asking for plots”.

Judge Carl Ruck of Port Jefferson explained that the three North Shore post were co-operating on this and informed Judge Neuss that all posts in the town had been notified so that they would not ask for separate plots. On this information Judge Neuss said he would vote for the purchase but he wanted to satisfy himself that he would not be called on in the future to vote others of this type”.

(Patchogue Advance 6/15/1934 p. 1)



American Legion Site; Section: H - Sites: 98, 99, 100, 101

Special Presentation: Newsprint Articles of the Long Island Rail Road, Bridgeport-Port Jefferson Ferry and Cedar Hill Cemetery: Bringing Our Loved-Ones Home.

As you had read that the Long Island Rail Road played a big part in connection with Cedar Hill. Most base gravel, foundations and monuments had arrived to Cedar Hill via the Long Island Rail Road from New York City and entered by horse and wagon, and later, by truck through the Sheep Pasture Road entrance. However, the Long Island Rail Road and the Bridgeport – Port Jefferson Ferry were also used to bring home many of our ‘permanent’ residents to Cedar Hill. Here are some edited rewrites of actual newsprint.

Via The Long Island Rail Road:

1903

“The remains of Daniel Bourlier were brought here by train Tuesday afternoon and buried in Cedar Hill

Cemetery. Mr. Bourlier was 49 years of age and a brother of Mrs. Daniel Hulse. He died at Philadelphia.

(Port Jefferson Echo 8/8/1903 p. 4)



Daniel Bourlier (1853-1903) Site. Section: E – Stie: 4

1905

“Mrs. Mary A. Bunce, widow of the late Allen Bunce, and a former resident of this village, died at the house of her son, Chas. Bunce in Bridgeport on Tuesday, aged 82 years. The cause of death was pneumonia. The remains were brought here by train on Tuesday and interred in Cedar Hill Cemetery. (Port Jefferson Echo 1/7/1905 p. 4)



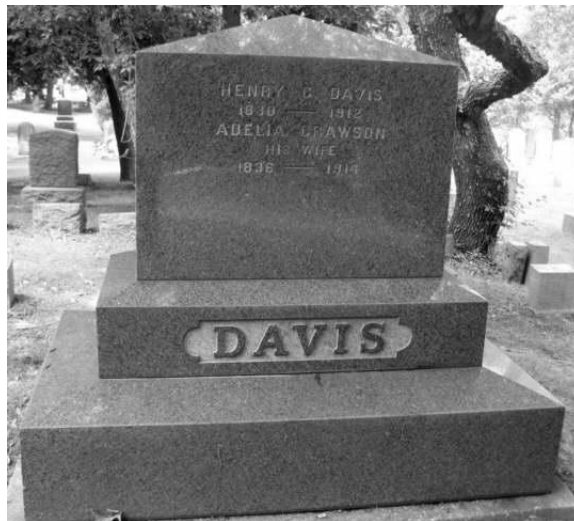
Mary Jane Bunce (1820-1903) Site. Section; H – Site: 162

1912

“Capt. Henry Goldsmith Davis, who was born Oct. 7th, 1830 at Mt. Sinai and for many years a resident of Port Jefferson, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Adrian Wilson, at Malden, Mass., Feb. 1st. for some time Capt. Davis had been suffering from a severe attack of arthritis, and as gangrene finally developed it was necessary to amputate his left leg in an attempt to save his life. The Captain came out of the operation but survive only a little while.” “He was the first sea captain from this village to start a cross-sound steam ferry route between

here and Bridgeport, Conn..." "The remains were brought here on Sunday noon and were met at the station by the nearly forty Masons from Suffolk Lodge, No. 60, F & A.

M. and conveyed to Cedar hill cemetery, where the interment was observed by Masonic rites." (Port Jefferson Echo, 2/10/1912, p. 1) {Note: earlier obituary newsprint reported that the name of the ferry was the "Brookhaven" and that "the remains will arrive here on the 11 o'clock train, and conveyed to Cedar Hill cemetery..." } (Port Jefferson Echo 2/3/1912 p. 3)



Henry Goldsmith Davis (1830-1912) Site. Section: C - Site: 8

Via The Bridgeport – Port Jefferson Steamboat Company:
1903

“The remains of Mrs. Ebenezer West were brought over on the Park City Wednesday afternoon and taken to the home of her niece, Mrs. G. E. Loper, a short service was held Thursday morning and the remains interred in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Mrs. West formerly lived in Setauket. She was 75 years of age and for the past year she and her husband have been living in a Masonic Home in Wallingford, Ct. (Port Jefferson Echo 12/05/1903 p. 4)



Helen West (1829-1903) Site. Section: B – Site: 19-20

1904

“The remains of Mrs. Gerard, mother of Chas. E. Gerard, and a sister of Mrs. James Ivens, Sr., were brought over on the Park City on Wednesday and taken to Cedar Hill

cemetery for interment. A short service was held at the grave, the Rev. T.R.G. Peck officiating.”

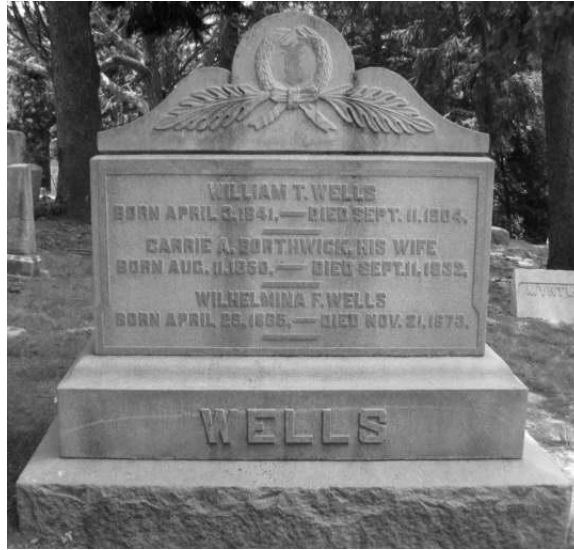
(Port Jefferson Echo 5/21/1904 p. 4)



Catherine Gerard (1816-1904) Site. Section: H – Site: 154

“Wm. T. Wells died at Bridgeport on Sunday last, aged 63 years. The remains were brought over on the steamer Park City Wednesday night. On arrival here the remains were taken in charge by undertaker E.A. Raynor, and escorted by a guard of honor from Lewis O. Conklin Post, G.A.R., of which the deceased was a member, to Cedar hill Cemetery where the interment occurred.”

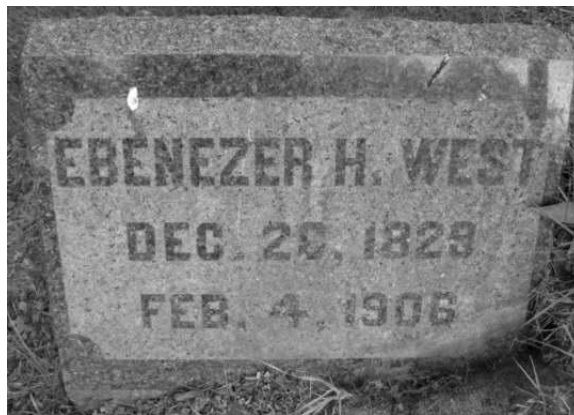
(Port Jefferson Echo 9/17/1904 p. 4)



William T. Wells (1841-1904) Site. Section: H – Site: 6

1906

“The remains of Ebenezer West were brought to this place on Tuesday afternoon and interred took place in Cedar Hill Cemetery. The deceased resided at Bridgeport” (Port Jefferson Echo 2/10/1906 p. 4)



Ebenezer West (1829-1903) Site. Section; B – Site: 19 - 20

1910

“Mrs. Hannah Hand, widow of the late Nelson G. Hand, died at the home of her son, Enoch G. Hand, in Bridgeport, Ct. on Friday, Feb. 18, age 73 years. The remains were brought over on the steamer Park City on Tuesday afternoon and interment occurred in Cedar Hill Cemetery. She is survived by a son, above named, and one daughter, Mrs. Challiss Walker, of this village.”

(Port Jefferson Echo 2/26/1910 p. 5)



Hannah (Willetts) Walker (1835-1910) Site. Section; H - Site: 80

“Theodore Newton, a former resident of this village, died at his home at Sound Beach, Conn., last Sunday. The remains were brought over on the steamer Park City on

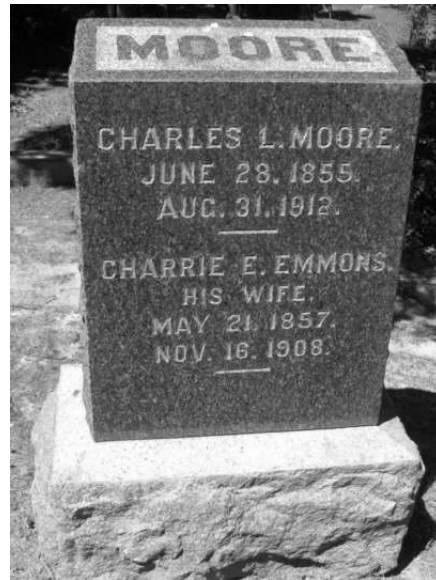
Tuesday afternoon, when they were taken in charge by a delegation from Suffolk Lodge, F & A.M. The interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery with the Masonic burial service.” (Port Jefferson Echo 7/9/1910 p. 5)



Theodore Newton (1836-1910) Site. Section: G – Site: 63

1912

“Charles Moore, who went to the Bridgeport hospital on Tuesday of last week for treatment, died the following Saturday afternoon, at the age of 57 years. The body was brought over on the steamer Park City Sunday afternoon and funeral services were held Tuesday....” “Interment was in Cedar Hill Cemetery.” (Port Jefferson Echo 9/7/1912 p. 4)



Charles L. Moore (1855-1912) Site. Section: H – Site: 28

1914

“Daniel H. Skidmore, one of our oldest and highly respected citizens, died at the home of his son, William B. Skidmore, in Bridgeport, on Tuesday morning. He had gone there with his wife some time ago on a visit, when he was suddenly stricken with bronchial pneumonia, but, owing to his remarkable strong constitution he lingered for five weeks”. “Funeral services were held at the son’s home in Bridgeport Tuesday evening,...” “and the remains were conveyed here by the steamer park City, Wednesday. The funeral will be held at his late home this Friday afternoon, the Rev. A. F. Johnson, pastor of the

Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will take place in the family plot in Cedar hill cemetery.”

(Port Jefferson Echo 1/3/1914 p. 4)



Daniel H. Skidmore (1829-1913) Site. Section: A - Site: 4

“Mary Estelle Randall, wife of Captain Henry M. Randall, president of Montauk Bank, died Saturday morning of heart disease at her resident, 313 Sixth Avenue, Brooklyn. She had been an invalid for nearly five years.”

“Mrs. Randall was born on February 21, 1850, in Charleston, S.C., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Scanlan. Her father was an ordinance officer in Fort Sumter on the Confederate side in the Civil War. She was married to Captain Randall in Charleston on November

19, 1883, and coming North with her husband lived in Port Jefferson, where they were prominent residents for twenty years.” “Funeral services were also held at Port Jefferson on Tuesday afternoon, in the M. E. Church.” “A special car for Brooklyn friends was attached to the train leaving the Flatbush Avenue Station that morning at 9 a.m. The interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery, Port Jefferson.” (Port Jefferson Echo 12/5/1914 p. 4)



Mary Estelle (Scanlan) Randall (1850-1914) Site. Section: G – Site: 44

“Mrs. Harriet Hulse, who has been nearly a life long resident of this place, died at the age of 76 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lacey, in Prospect, Conn. last Saturday having been sick only two days. Her body was brought here on Monday on the Park City....” “Interment

took place in Cedar Hill Cemetery”.

(Port Jefferson Echo 12/26/1914 p. 4)



Harriet A. (DeWick) Hulse (1888-1914) Site. Section: H – Site: 19

1915

“The body of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Van Hise of Bridgeport was brought over on the Park City last Friday and interred in the family plot in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Van Hise is a daughter of Ansel Smith of Port Jefferson Station.” (Port Jefferson Echo 3/6/1915 p. 5)

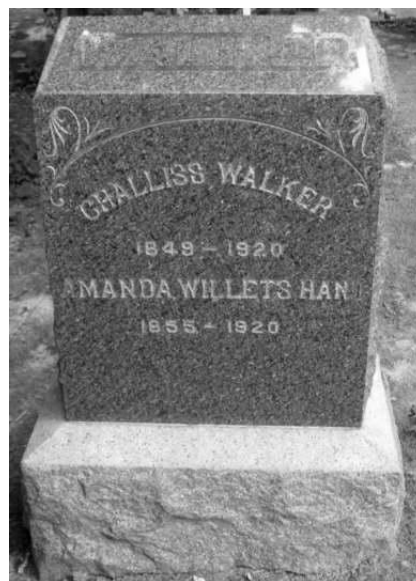


The VanHise Family Site. Section; I – Site: 74

1920

“Challiss Walker, a formal resident of this place, died at his home in Bridgeport, on Thursday afternoon, of last week, after a linger illness. Mr. Walker was born at Cape May, N.J. about 72 years ago. He was a very well known horse trainer at one time and while living at Port Jefferson had charge of the horses – Echo, Starlight and Regal, and other renowned horses. Services were held at his late home on Saturday and remains were brought by the Park City to Port Jefferson, where interment took place in Cedar hill Cemetery, the Rev. John Bauer, officiating. Mr. Walker is survived by a son, sister, and brother, Albert Walker of Port Jefferson.”

(Port Jefferson Echo 10/16/1920 p. 1)



Challiss Walker (1849-1929) Site. Section: H - Site: 80

1923

“Port Jefferson people were saddened when they heard of the death of George Raymond Wheeler, which occurred on Monday evening at Tiverton, R. I., where for the past ten days he suffered from plural pneumonia.

The remains were brought to Port Jefferson on Wednesday, via Bridgeport boat, and funeral services were held on Thursday, at 2 p.m. in the Methodist church, the Rev. G. A. Baird officiating...”

(Port Jefferson Echo 5/19/1923 p. 4)

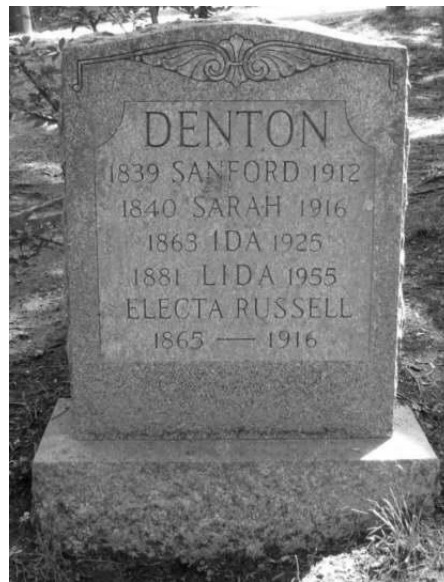


George Raymond Wheeler (1891-1923) Site. Section: H - Site: 131

1925

“The remains of Miss Ida Denton, aged 64 years, were brought to Port Jefferson on the steamer Park City last Saturday afternoon and interred in Cedar Hill Cemetery., at Port Jefferson, in the Denton family plot. Miss Denton’s death occurred at her late home in Bridgeport, Conn. On Thursday, following an illness of a few weeks...”

(Port Jefferson Echo, 11/26/1925 p. 1)



Ida Denton (1863-1925) Site. Section: I - Site: 77

1926

“Mrs. Theodore (Charlotte) Newton, age 85, died at the home of her daughter, with whom she had lived, Mrs. Julia Wachter, at Sound Beach, Conn. The body was brought over on the boat Wednesday and services were held at the grave in Cedar hill cemetery by dr. S.W. Simonson, of the Port Jefferson M.E. church.”

(Port Jefferson Echo 9/9/1926 p. 8)



Charlotte Newton (1844-1926) Site. Section: H – Site: 63

{Many obituaries of our permanent residents had the place of death in Brooklyn and other places afar and were transported to Cedar Hill. But, do not state of what was the mode of transportation, assumingly, by the Long island Rail Road. Same for the ones who passed in Bridgeport, no doubt, via the ferry, yet some state ‘auto cortege’ .}

Special Mention:

“One of Capt. J. W. Brown’s many fine stages made its appearances last week fresh from the shop of A. Bentley, where that superior artist of the brush, Chas. E. Dayton, dressed the vehicle in a new suit. On one side of the stage is portrayed a railroad train and on the opposite side a steamboat. Both pictures are done in colors and are a credit to the artist.” (Port Jefferson Echo 5/29/1909 p. 5)



Abram Bentley (1844-1934) Site. Section: C – Site: 39 & Charles E. Dayton (1846-1939) Site. Section: H - Site: 1 {John W. Brown is at Sea View Cemetery at Mt. Sinai}

Many of these newsprint articles that I had come across indicated many of the local families had remembered CEDAR HILL CEMETERY in their family wills in order to help maintain their family plots.

“The will of Henrietta W. Sanford of East Setauket, disposing of an estate valued of over \$10,000” “...Cedar Hill Cemetery Association \$300 to keep the Hawkins, Davis, and Sanford plots in order...”

(Port Jefferson Echo 5/15/1915 p.1)



The Hawkins/Davis/Sanford Site. Section E – Sites: 54, 55, 56, & 57

{This monument is the second highest monument in Cedar Hill, 15 ft. in height}

PAST CEDAR HILL CARETAKERS:

(Information that I was able to come across in newsprint
or can figure out)

{List may be slightly out of order}

Adam Boxheimer (d. 1946, caretaker, early 1900s - 1920
section: I – 18)



Adam Martin Boxheimer (1859-1946) Site; Section: I – Site: 18

Harry Kempster (d. 1953, caretaker from 1920, section: F-
23, no stone)

Louis Trapp (d. 1951, age: 80, caretaker ca. 1915 Section:
I -120, no stone)

David A. Baldwin (caretaker ca. 1930)

Stanley Lawrence (d.1969, caretaker 1940s/early 1950s to
1969, section: I – 18)



Stanley Lawrence (1901-1969) Site; Section: I – Site: 86

Arthur Brown (caretaker ca. 1980s – 1990s) retired

John Keane {asst. caretaker under Arthur Brown} (d.
2004 section: O site: 20/E)



John F. Keane (1936-2004) Site; Section: O - Site: 20E

What I found interesting with the past caretakers, there are no headstones at their site, except, Boxheimer, Lawrence [which was

purchased by the Association as per family member) & Keane. David Baldwin is not in the CHC records.

Very Interesting Newsprint Article:

Application for Cemetery Denied: The Board of Supervisors denied the application of the Brooklyn Home for Blind and Crippled Children to establish a cemetery on their property on the Belle Terre Road.”

(Port Jefferson Echo 3/31/1923 p.5)

{On the property of today's St. Charles Hospital, Port Jefferson}

Writer's Post Note:

In researching newsprint articles from our local newspapers, it has become an amazing project. In my work, in reading these newsprints, I have read of the lives of our earlier residents of Port Jefferson – Port Jefferson Station – Terryville and tried to bring our local people of the past back to life, once again through their history making the “FOREVERMORE PROJECT: FOREVERMORE ON CEDAR HILL” possible.

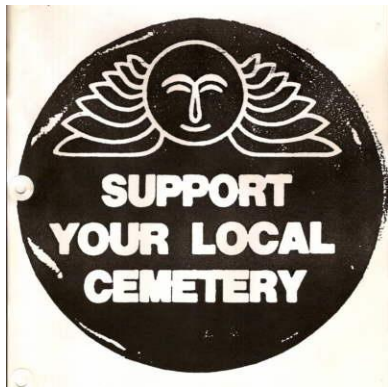


YAHOO map showing the main entrance of Liberty Avenue to the north and the old rear entrance of Sheep Pasture Road to the south, which is no longer in use. The cemetery monuments that were transported either by horse wagon, train, or truck used the Sheep Pasture entrance since the entrance of Liberty Avenue is too steep to use. Some maps show this entrance as the southern extension of Liberty Avenue.



This is what you now see at the Sheep Pasture Road entrance, which is all closed off.

Disclaimer: Please note that some of the newsprint articles were shortened for the lack of space or too much of unnecessary information. For full version, see the newspaper page in your local library.



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"A FOREVERMORE PROJECT":..... "FOREVERMORE ON CEDAR HILL"JUNE, 2011....All Photos by G. Moraitis

