

FOREVERMORE ON CEDAR HILL

A FOREVERMORE PROJECT



The 'Vault' located in the center of the cemetery

THE STORY CONTINUES

A CONTINUOUS PROJECT COMPILED AND WRITTEN BY: GEORGE MORAITIS

ONE MORE TIME I WALK THE GROUNDS OF CEDAR HILL CEMETERY IN SEARCH FOR MORE PROMINENT PEOPLE OF OUR LOCAL AREAS. AS I HAD WROTE IN PREVIOUS ISSUES, THAT THIS IS A CONTINUING PROJECT, WHICH PROBABLY WILL NEVER END. AND IT SHOULD NEVER END. EVEN TODAY, THE WEALTH OF HISTORY THAT REST HERE CONTINUES. THE INTERMENTS THAT HAPPENED MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS AGO OR THIS AFTERNOON ARE ALL IMPORTANT. THEY MAKE THIS PROJECT POSSIBLE. PLEASE ENJOY EARLIER ISSUES OF THE "FOREVERMORE ON CEDAR HILL" PROJECT: "A WALKING GUIDE", "A SUPPLEMENT, A WALKING GUIDE CONTINUES", "AN INDEX TO THE WALKING GUIDE & SUPPLEMENT", & "A FACE BOOK". AND NOW THIS ISSUE, "A FOREVERMORE PROJECT: THE STORY CONTINUES" & "FACE BOOK II" IS IN PROGRESS.....GEORGE MORAITIS



Capt. Oliver Davis Gravesite at Cedar Hill. Photo collection of G. Moraitis



Capt. Oliver Davis Gravesite at Union Cemetery. Photo collection of G. Moraitis

CAPT. OLIVER DAVIS (1829-1875) WAS THE SECOND HUSBAND OF MARTHA JANE DARLING STURTEVANT DAVIS. MARTHA JANE WITNESSES THE MURDER OF HER MOTHER AND HER HUSBAND, WILLIAM STURTEVANT, BY THE HANDS OF HER MOTHER'S SECOND HUSBAND, HENRY WATERS ON NOVEMBER 21, 1857. SHE, HERSELF, ESCAPES A NEAR DEATH BY HIS HAND. SHE ALSO HAD TO ENDURE THE LOSE OF HER HUSBAND, CAPT. OLIVER DAVIS, (d. August 30, 1875) WHO WAS LOSE AT SEA OFF THE SCHOONER 'TRANSIT' IN THE LONG ISLAND SOUND. HE WAS FOUND FLOATING IN THE WATER NEAR EAST MARION, SEPTEMBER 7, 1875. MARTHA JANE IS AT THE

MATHEW DARLING SITE. SECTION: F SITE: 16. CAPT. OLIVER DAVIS IS THERE IN 'NAME' ONLY, ALTHOUGH, HE IS IN THE CEDAR HILL RECORD BOOK OF BEING THERE, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO 'FOOT' STONE FOR HIM AS THE REST OF THE DARLING / DAVIS FAMILY. HE IS, MOST LIKELY, AT UNION CEMETERY IN MIDDLE ISLAND WITH HIS PARENTS, BROTHER AND SISTER. THERE, YOU WILL FIND HIS MONUMENT. (SITE #18). [Long Island Traveler Newspaper, Sept. 9, 1875 p.2].



James H. Park Gravesite.



Photos by G. Moraitis

JAMES H. PARK (1845-8 (?) - 1925), CAME TO PORT JEFFERSON CA. 1871 AND WAS THE 'PILOT' OF THE ORIGINAL STEAMER 'PARK CITY'. ACCORDING TO 'THE ECHOES OF PORT', THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER PORT JEFFERSON (Dec. 2009, P. 5), THE 'PILOT' IS THE ONE WHO ACTUALLY STEERS THE FERRY INTO THE HARBOR AND DOCKS IT BECAUSE HE IS THE ONE WHO KNOWS ALL THE OBSTACLES OF THE HARBOR. AND DOING THE MATH, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, HE HAD CROSSED THE SOUND 26,000 TIMES, TOTALING 403,500 MILES, OVER 37 YEARS AS THE PILOT. OTHER BRIDGEPORT -PORT JEFFERSON FERRIES PARK HAD PILOTED WERE THE 'BROOKHAVEN', AND THE 'FAVORITE'. HE WAS ALSO ONE OF THE RESCUERS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE 'IDLEWILD', WHEN IT SANK. HIS FAMILY HAD LIVED IN THE 'MITTYVILLE' PART OF PORT JEFFERSON, UP ON STONY HILL ROAD. (Original article dated August 13, 1911, p. 15 credited as 'By Post Staff Photographer) HE CAN BE FOUND IN SECTION G SITE 40.



Basil 'Bill' J. Caraftis Gravesite.



Photo collection of G. Moraitis

BASIL 'BILL' CARAFTIS (1905-2007) MIGHT BE CEDAR HILL'S LONGEST 'LIVING' RESIDENT RESTING HERE, PASSING AT THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED-TWO. HE WAS THE PATRIARCH OF 'CARAFTIS FISHING STATION', WHICH WAS ON BARNUM AVENUE. HE WAS BORN ON THE GREEK ISLAND OF IKARIA IN 1905 ARRIVING ON THE AMERICAN SHORES IN THE 1920s. HE CAME TO PORT JEFFERSON IN 1934 AND BY 1951 HE, WITH HIS WIFE, SUSAN, TOOK OVER THE FISHING/TACKLE BUSINESS OF WALLIS H. BULL (1891 - 1952). BULL ESTABLISHED THE BUSINESS IN 1914. SUSAN DIED IN 1989 AT THE AGE OF 73. THE BUSINESS WAS PASSED ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION OF THE CARAFTIS FAMILY. [Bill & Susan are north of the new section, east of the vault at Section M Site no. 3.] [Wallis H. Bull & his family are at Section I site 7 North West corner of the cemetery].



Wallis H. Bull Gravesite.



Photo by G. Moraitis

WALLIS H. BULL (1891-1952) STARTED THE FISHING STATION BUSINESS ON BARNUM AVENUE IN PORT JEFFERSON AS A WHOLESALE AND RETAIL FISH DEALER IN 1914 WHICH WAS TAKEN OVER BY BILL CARAFTIS IN 1951. WALLIS IS IN SECTION I SITE 7.



Martha Ritch; 'Gold Star Mother' Gravesite. Photos by G. Moraitis

MARTHA RITCH, (1865 – 1927), WAS THE MOTHER OF I. WILSON RITCH JR. SHE BECAME A 'GOLD STAR MOTHER' BY THE AMERICAN LEGION WHEN HER SON, WILSON WAS KILLED IN FRANCE IN THE ARGONNE CAMPAIGN DURING WORLD WAR I ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1918. HE WAS ATTACHED TO CO. D 306th INF. HE IS BURIED IN FRANCE AT THE AMERICAN CEMETERY. THE AMERICAN LEGION AT PORT JEFFERSON STATION IS NAMED IN HIS HONOR, 'WILSON RITCH POST 432', ESTABLISHED SEPTEMBER 1919. ANOTHER SON, ALVIN BLAINE WAS ALSO IN FRANCE AS A MEMBER OF THE SCOUT PATROL 'CRISTOBEL'. [His father, I. Wilson Ritch was an earlier editor of the Port Jefferson Times newspaper and a Supervisor of Town of Brookhaven. He is also recorded to be buried here at Cedar Hill, no headstone]. THIS SITE CAN BE FOUND SECTION I SITE 93.

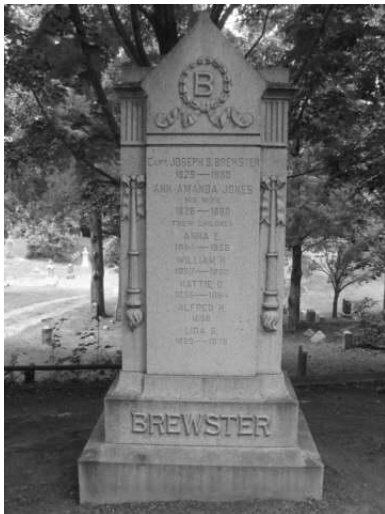


Henry Skinner Gravesite. Photo Collection of G. Moraitis

HENRY H. SKINNER (1827-1914) WAS SCHOOL TEACHER IN 1851 WHEN THE SCHOOL HOUSE WAS UP ON HIGH STREET BEFORE IT BURNED DOWN. HOWEVER ON JUNE 6, 1888, HE, AND HIS WIFE SARAH I. BAYLES, LIVING IN BROOKLYN, LOST THEIR TWO SONS, CHARLES (age, 28) AND HERBERT (24). THE TWO BROTHERS WERE CROSSING TRACKS OF THE LONG ISLAND RAILROAD IN GRAVESEND OVER CULVER'S ROAD WITH THEIR HORSE DRAWN WAGON WHEN THE WAGON WAS HIT BY ON-COMING LOCOMOTIVE DESTROYING THE WAGON AND THE BROTHERS WERE THROWN OFF TO THEIR DEATHS. THE HORSE WAS ALSO KILLED. "THEY HAD THE SHETLAND PONY PRIVILEGES ON THE CONCOURSE AT CONEY ISLAND". [Brooklyn Eagle, June 6, 1888 p.6] BY 1890, THE FAMILY MOVED

BACK TO PORT JEFFERSON AND ALL CAME TO REST AT CEDAR HILL. THEY CAN BE FOUND SECTION E SITE 1.

MANY LOCAL FAMILIES HAD LOST SOME OR ALL THEIR CHILDREN AT AN EARLY AGE DUE TO ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, SOME DIED BY SUICIDE OR MURDER. AMONG THIS BREWSTER FAMILY, FATHER AND MOTHER LOST ALL THEIR CHILDREN DUE TO ILLNESS IN A VERY SHORT TIME. THEY WERE NOT THE ONLY FAMILY AT CEDAR HILL WHO HAD. WALK AROUND AND READ SOME OF THE SITE'S HEADSTONES AND YOU WILL SEE WHO AND WHERE. IF THE YEAR WAS AROUND 1918 OR EARLIER, IT COULD HAVE BEEN DUE TO THE GREAT 'INFLUENZA' EPIDEMIC WHICH TOOK MANY CHILDREN AND ADULTS. THERE ARE MANY SUCH FAMILIES HERE AT CEDAR HILL. THE FOLLOWING IS JUST A VERY FEW OF THESE FAMILIES.



Capt. Joseph Brewster Gravesite.

Photos by G. Moraitis

CAPT. JOSEPH S. BREWSTER (1829–1880); HIS WIFE, ANN AMANDA JONES (1828–1888) AND THEIR CHILDREN: ANNA E. (1854–1856), WILLIAM H. (1857–1862), HATTIE D. (1855–1864), ALFRED H. (1868), LIDA S. (1860–1876) THIS SITE CAN BE FOUND AT SECTION H SITE: 120.



William R. Sattery Gravesite.



Photo by G. Moraitis



"Our Bertie"

THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM R. SATTERY (1835-1890) AND HIS WIFE, KETURAH ANN WICKS (1837-1921) LOST BOTH THEIR CHILDREN EARLY, MARIETTA (1856-1857) AND ALBERTUS "Our Bertie"(1858-1867). SECTION: A SITE: 25



AND THE FAMILY OF SYLVESTER H. SKIDMORE (1866-1902) AND HIS WIFE, ANNA E. SKIDMORE AND THEIR CHILDREN; FRANK M. (1862-1864) AND D. (DANIEL) W. (1874-1875). AND DANIEL H. SKIDMORE (1829-1913) AND HIS WIFE, ANNIE M. (1839-1873) LOST TWINS DANIEL H. AND MARY E. IN 1881.

THE BREWSTER SITE, SECTION: E SITE: 52, HAVE SEVERAL CHILDREN STONES ON THE LOT. THESE WOULD BE THE CHILDREN OF M.V.B. BREWSTER:



The M.V.B. Brewster gravesite



Janie (1882-1882)



Etta (1883-1885)

AND THE CHILDREN OF SELAH S. BREWSTER (d.1899):



Benjamin (1862-1862)



Sarah K. (1864-1865)



Benjamin H. (1873-1873)

THE CHILDREN OF WILLIAM R. DAVIS (1828-1903) ARE IN THE FAMILY SITE OF SECTION: B SITE: 15:



William R. Davis Gravesite.



Viola (1860-1865)



Oneres(1856-1865)



Bertie(1869-1872)

Photo Collection of G. Moraitis 5y 9m 9y 7m 3y9m5d
 {Also at this site are the graves of William E. (d.1879) age: 15y4m13d & Mary R. (d. 1872) age: 14y2m c/o William R. Davis. The stones are missing}

GOING THROUGH THE RECORDS, I HAD FOUND HUNDREDS OF OUR BABIES AND YOUTH WHO PASSED BEFORE US AND ARE NOW HERE AT CEDAR HILL. AN EXTREMELY SAD AND SORROWFUL TIME OF THE PAST WE ARE SURE. IT WAS JUST AS SAD NOW AS IT WAS THEN AS I WALKED FROM LITTLE STONE TO LITTLE STONE. MOST OF THESE CHILDREN PASSED BEFORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CEMETERY SO, WHEN A PARENT PASSED AND WERE BURIED HERE, THE CHILDREN WERE REMOVED FROM, EITHER, PRIVATE CEMETERIES IN PORT JEFFERSON OR FROM SETAUKET AND REBURIED HERE ON FAMILY PLOTS. MANY ARE ALONE IN THE TWO OF THE MAJOR 'BABY' LOTS: 'OLD BABY' LOT AND THE 'NEW BABY' LOT

AND SOME ARE SCATTERED IN OTHER AREAS OF THE CEMETERY. THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THEM OF HUNDREDS:



Caroline Bell d/o Thomas Bell May 28, 1808, 4yrs.



The children of Cyrus Griffith (5 children)



Charles 4/20/1855 4yrs
s/o Benjamin Udall



The children of Benjamin Darling
Infants Benjamin & Richard



Janie d/o Bryant G. Norton
9/8/1851 11mos.



Annie, d/o Daniel
Hayes 7/18/1867 8yrs.



Martin M. s/o Hubbard
Glidersleeve 3/14/1854
2 mos.



Mary Esther d/o Wm.J.
Terrell 12/15/1851
2 yrs.



Carrie d/o David F.
Hait 11/28/1886
5y 4m



Elizabeth d/o
Richard Wilson
8/23/1870, 2 mos.



The children of Joseph Dixon:
'Our Charley' 4 yr., Asa, 1 yr.
& Ida, 16 yrs.



Daisy May d/o Alfred S.
Fowler 2/28/1872, 8 days



Howard B. s/o Jesse
Hulse 9/19/1875
12y 11m 9d



Pearl Virginia d/o Emerson
Rich 1901-1903 2yrs.



Lena May d/o I. Wilson
Ritch 1/19/1887
1yr 11m 2d



Louis B. s/o Louis B.
Giles 8/1/1883 9m 24d



Howard 4/5/1888 2y & Amy
9/11/1884 12d s/d/o Salem Terry



Eva Loula d/o James
Dayton 4/19/1877 1.5 yrs



Hattie d/o Eugene Shaw
7/1/1880 3mos.



Daniel 8/25/1890 1yr.
Gladys 10/17/1902 3m
c/o Thomas Bryant, 1926



Mary Ellen d/o James E.
Boyostun 9/11/1898 1 yr.



'Our Frankie'
s/o George Saxton
8/11/1859 1y4m6d



Charry D. d/o Selah
d/o Selah Smith
10/30/1878 1yr 2mos



Eva D. d/o Isaac F.
Allman 5/25/1883 4mos.



Dorothy Grace d/o Edwin
Lawrence 9/13/1907
8 mos.



Mary Louise d/o
Robert Hand 10 m
6/19/1865

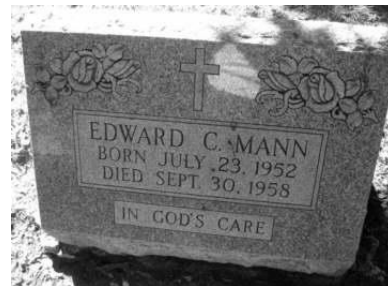


Little Howard s/o
Frances C. Tuthill
9/4/1863 1m 20d



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'Old Baby' lot / north/east of the old part of cemetery. Following are some random photos of the 'Old Baby' lot':



‘New Baby’ lot / north of the new cemetery section. Following are some random photos of the ‘New Baby’ lot’:

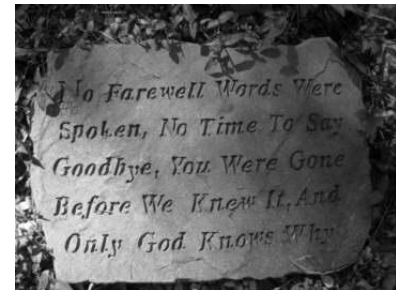


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IT SEEMS THAT THE FAMILY VISITATIONS OF OUR ‘YOUTH’ VARIES AMONG THE DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE CEMETERY. THESE ARE SEVERAL OBSERVATIONS OF THIS WRITER: 1 – IN THE ‘NEW’ BABY SECTION AND AT NEWER, PRESENT-DAY BURIAL SITES IN THE M – S SECTIONS, FAMILY MEMBERS COME QUITE OFTEN AND LEAVE LITTLE ‘TOKENS’ OF LOVE BEHIND. 2 – IN THE OLDER ‘FAMILY’ PLOTS, MOSTLY A – I SECTIONS; VISITATIONS ARE PROBABLY NOT AS FREQUENT. AS IF ONLY

PRESENT-DAY DECEDENTS COME TO VISIT AND TAKE NOTE OF PAST RELATIONSHIPS. YET, EVEN LESS VISITED; THESE YOUTHS ARE AMONG OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AS BEING PROTECTED BY THEM. 3 – THE MORE ‘LESS OFTEN’ VISITED SITES WOULD BE AT THE ‘OLD’ BABY SECTION IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE CEMETERY AND TO SOME EXTENT J – K SECTIONS. HERE IN THE N/E CORNER, YOU WILL FIND ‘ADULT’ SITES THAT SEEM TO HAVE LITTLE TO NO VISITATIONS. MOST ARE ‘DROWN – ‘UNKNOWN’ AND/OR FROM HOSPITALS AND OTHER LOCALES. SOME OF THE BABY SITES ARE MORE THAN SIXTY YEARS OLD. 4 – LAST, BUT NOT LEST, AND SADLY ENOUGH, THERE ARE MANY INDIVIDUAL SITES THROUGH OUT CEDAR HILL WHERE A CHILD LAYS ALONE IN A FIELD AMONG STRANGERS. THESE SITES SEEMS TO BE NEVER VISITED. FAMILIES THAT MOVED AWAY OR SIMPLY ‘VANISHED’ LEAVING THIS ‘LITTLE-ONE’ BEHIND. THEY ARE ONLY VISITED BY ME OR FROM THE PASSING NOTICE OF THE CARETAKERS. IT IS VERY SAD, INDEED. HOWEVER, AS TO REMEMBER ALWAYS, OUR YOUTH AS EVERYONE ELSE HERE AT CEDAR HILL, EITHER IN THE NEWER SECTIONS, FAMILY SITES, OR ALONE, WE ALL KNOW IN WHO’S HANDS THEY ALL LAY.....AMEN.

SETAUKET: EXTRA PRESENTATION:



Nehemiah Hand Gravesite.



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Hand Family Gravesite.



Photo Collection of G. Moraitis

NEHEMIAH HAND, (1814-1894), WAS A MAJOR SHIPBUILDER OF SETAUKET. HE WAS THE VERY FIRST TO LAY WATER-RAILS IN SETAUKET HARBOR

FOR THE LAUNCHING OF SHIPS AND FOR THEIR REPAIRS. THE SHIPYARD BUILT 43 SHIPS. HIS SHIPS TRAVELED, NOT ONLY OUR EASTERN COAST DOWN TO SOUTH AMERICA, BUT, THE MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT TRADE, ROUTES TO CONSTANTINOPLE DURING THE 'CRIMEAN WAR', AND THE JAPANESE WATERWAYS WHEN JAPAN FIRST OPENED THE SEAS FOR WORLDWIDE TRADE. ONE OF HIS SHIPS, 'ALDEBARAN' LEFT THE HARBOR DAY BEFORE 'FORT SUMTER' WAS FIRED UPON. LATER, IN LIFE, IN 1863, HE PARTNERED WITH HIS SON, GEORGE E. HAND AND TOGETHER BUILT MORE SHIPS AT SETAUKET. GEORGE HAND TOOK OVER THE BUSINESS AFTER HIS FATHER RETIRED SOME TEN YEARS LATER. NEHEMIAH, AFTER HIS RETIREMENT FROM SHIPBUILDING, CONTINUED WITH INVOLVEMENT WITH THE TRACK ROUTE OF THE LONG ISLAND RAILROAD FROM CENTERPORT TO PORT JEFFERSON WITH ITS RAILS AND BRIDGES. THEY CAN BE FOUND AT SECTION: E SITE 2 & 3.



Frederick A. Smith Gravesite



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FREDERICK (FRED) A. SMITH (1846-1928) WAS THE LAST OF THE HAWKINS/SMITH OWNERSHIP OF MY FAMILY'S 20+ ACRE FARM ON POND PATH IN SOUTH SETAUKET. YOU WILL FIND THIS INFORMATION ON THE WEB SITE OF THE 'POULIANOS/POULOS FAMILY; FIRST GREEKS IN SETAUKET' OR IN THE THREE VILLAGE HISTORIAN JOURNAL, 1983. FRED SMITH, WITH HIS MOTHER, LUCINDA HAWKINS SMITH, INHERITED THE PROPERTY ON POND PATH AT THE DEATH OF HIS FATHER, AMOS C. SMITH (1809-1865) (They are buried at the Hawkins Family cemetery on Pond Path) MR. SMITH ALSO LIVED IN THE SETAUKET AREA OF 'NORWOOD', (the property of Ward Melville High School, on Old Town Road at the end of Norwood Ave.), DURING THE YEARS OF 1908 – 1913. HE HAD SOLD THE POND PATH FARM AND PROPERTY TO THE POULOS FAMILY IN FEBRUARY 1920.

FREDERICK AND HIS WIFE, JANE HAD ALSO LOST CHILDREN AT A YOUNG AGE. ALICE (1877-1880) AND LILLIE (1873-1883). THEY CAN BE FOUND SECTION G SITE 19.

INTERESTING EXTRA PRESENTATION: SEAVIEW CEMETERY, MT. SINAI



Harry C. Freeman Grave site
Sea View Cemetery, Mt. Sinai



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HARRY C. FREEMAN (1883-1925) HAD LIVED IN PORT JEFFERSON STATION. WHAT MAKES THIS SITE INTERESTING IS THAT THE LOCAL KU KLUX KLAN CONDUCTED THE FUNERAL. ACCORDING TO THE PORT JEFFERSON ECHO, JUNE 18, 1925; PAGE 1; HARRY FREEMAN WAS FORTY-TWO YEARS OLD, LEAVING A WIFE AND FIVE CHILDREN. HE WORKED FOR THE LONG ISLAND RAILROAD AS A TRACKMAN. THE KU KLUX KLAN HAD MANY MEMBERS IN OUR LOCAL AREA. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORT, "WHEN THE FUNERAL PROCESSION REACHED THE MT. SINAI CEMETERY, THE HEARSE WAS MET BY 36 MEMBERS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN. THEY WERE ROBED, BUT UNMASKED. THE KLANSMEN ACTED AS PALL BEARERS AND ESCORTED THE BODY TO THE GRAVE". THE ARTICLE LATER CONTINUES, "THE KLAN MEMBERS THEN TOOK CHARGE AND WITH A BURNING CROSS AT THE HEAD OF THE GRAVE HELD THEIR RITUAL". {Although, this happened at Sea View, Mt. Sinai, it's close enough to be of special interest. He did live in Port Jefferson Station. I am 99% sure that a service like this might have happened at Cedar Hill. They held been held at St. James Methodist, St. James and at Oak Hill Cemetery, Stony Brook. {I will research deeper until I come up with one. I do have my suspicions of some interred here might have been Klan members. But, I like to be 100% sure. However, I did not want this one to slip by}. According to local newspapers, including the Port Jefferson Echo has reported that there was a large Klan membership in the local areas from St. James to Mt. Sinai, from Port Jefferson Station, Terryville to Coram. They had marched in Port Jefferson at the July 4th parade and spoke at local churches. They once presented an American flag to the Port Jefferson High School. They, themselves and local Preachers portrayed them as great Americans and were not involved with the hatred of 'Coloreds' and Catholics. Port Jefferson Echo, Sept. 1, 1923, p.1, reports that the Klan was part with other local organizers of the carnival held at the Port Jefferson Station – Terryville Fire Dept., where they burnt a large cross "on the same lot of the carnival". The Klan was voted as the most popular organization in the area. The vote was 5,640, in comparison Port Jeff. – Terryville Fire Dept. 530, Masons, 280 votes, just to mention some organizations. During this carnival, Thursday was 'Klan Night' which 2,500 people attained. The newspaper also reported a

that there was a large cross burning on a raft in the center of the harbor during Port Jefferson's July 4th, 1924 celebration.

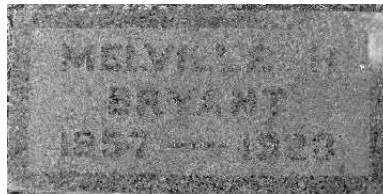
A SPECIAL PRESENTATION: THE BRYANT SITES [BOTH SITES IN THE I SECTION, WEST SIDE OF THE CEMETERY].



The earlier and later Bryant Sites.
Photo collection of G. Moraitis.
The earlier site:



Alexander H. Bryant (1832 – 1917)



Melville H. Bryant (1857 – 1928)

The later site: Just north of the earlier site.





Edwin Melville Bryant (1889 –1952)



Mildred Bryant (1891 –1989)

THE BRYANT FAMILY CAME TO THE SETAUKET AREA BEFORE 1855 FROM DIX HILL. HERE, THEY OWNED AND OPERATED A FARM ON GNARLED HOLLOW ROAD AT OLD TOWN ROAD. AT THESE BURIAL SITES YOU WILL SEE THAT THEY CONTAIN THE REMAINS OF THE GREAT-GRANDFATHER, ALEXANDER (1832 – 1917), GRANDFATHER, MELVILLE H (1857 – 1928), AND FATHER, EDWIN MELVILLE (1889 –1952) AND MOTHER, MILDRED SMITH BRYANT (1881 – 1989), OF THE PATRIARCH OF THE BRYANT FUNERAL HOME IN SETAUKET, MR. ARTHUR BRYANT.

BEFORE MR. BRYANT ENTERED INTO THE FUNERAL INDUSTRY, HE WAS IN THE HOME HEATING FUEL OIL BUSINESS. IN THIS VENTURE, HE PARTNERED WITH HIS FATHER-IN-LAW, MR. HERBERT CURTIS. MR. CURTIS, BEFORE THEN, OWNED AND OPERATED A HEATING COAL BUSINESS, WHICH HE WORKED OUT OF HIS BUILDING, STILL STANDING, ON LINDEN PLACE AT THE CORNER OF TEXACO AVENUE IN PORT JEFFERSON STATION. WHEN HOME HEATING FUEL CONVERTED FROM COAL TO FUEL OIL, IT WAS ONLY FEASIBLE THAT HE WENT INTO THE FUEL OIL BUSINESS. HE STARTED THIS BUSINESS BEFORE WORLD WAR II AND WENT THROUGH THE 1950s. WITH THIS NEW PARTNERSHIP, THE BUSINESS THEN BECAME BRYANT-CURTIS FUEL OIL. THIS NEW BUSINESS MOVED TO WEST BROADWAY IN PORT JEFFERSON. WHILE, MR. BRYANT WAS IN THIS BUSINESS, HIS HEART WAS SET, FROM AN EARLIER TIME, TO START HIS OWN BUSINESS AND VENTURED INTO ONE OF THE GREATEST NEEDS OF THE AREA'S PEOPLE, THE FUNERAL HOME BUSINESS. THIS WAS WHERE HE FELT TO BE MOST NEEDED. HE WANTED TO HELP PEOPLE IN THEIR GREATEST NEED. AFTER SOME PART-TIME TRAINING AND SELF-TAUGHT, HE HAD TAKEN THE BOARD OF HEALTH / NEW YORK STATE EXAM AND PASSED VERY HIGHLY. HE RECEIVED HIS LICENSE IN 1968. HIS NEED TO HELP PEOPLE HAD SHOWN THROUGH HIS MANY YEARS AS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN PORT JEFFERSON. THIS SCHOOL WAS IN THE OLD TELEPHONE BUILDING NEAR THE CHURCH ON MAIN STREET. SO, IT IS ONLY FITTING THAT HE AND HIS FAMILY ARE IN THE BUSINESS THAT THEY ARE IN, TO HELP THE COMMUNITY PEOPLE IN THEIR TIME OF NEED. THIS TRUE FEELING CONTINUES INTO HIS SONS, ARTHUR, JR.; HERBERT AND FREDERICK. WHO FOLLOWED INTO THEIR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS IN HELPING THEIR COMMUNITY AS THE FAMILY OPENED THE BRYANT FUNERAL HOME IN 1974. AND WE THANK THEM FOR THAT. TODAY, FRED BRYANT IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE CEDAR HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION,

A PRESIDENCY, GOING BACK TO THE FIRST PRESIDENT, R. H. WILSON IN 1859.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: THE CARETAKERS OF CEDAR HILL CEMETERY



Adam Martin Boxheimer Gravesite.



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ADAM MARTIN BOXHEIMER (1859-1946) IS ONE OF THE EARLIER CARETAKERS AND BOOK KEEPERS OF CEDAR HILL CEMETERY. HE SERVED IN THE EARLY 1900s. HE IS AT SECTION: I SITE: 18



John Keane Gravesite. Photo collection of G. Moraitis

JOHN KEANE (1936-2004) WAS THE ASSISTANT GROUNDSKEEPER TO MR. ARTHUR BROWN. HE HAD LIVED IN A TRAILER THAT WAS LOCATED ON THE CEMETERY GROUNDS ON THE SOUTH SIDE. HE HAD ONCE SAID TO ME, THAT HE "DID NOT MIND HIS NEIGHBORS. BEST I EVER HAD". HE WAS A GENUINE NICE PERSON. HE CAN BE FOUND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NEWER SECTION.

THE PRESENT-DAY CEDAR HILL CARETAKERS:



Present day Cedar Hill Cemetery Caretakers.

Kenneth Bohm, Superintendent

ADAM BRYANT, RUSSELL BOHM, KENNETH BOHM, MICHAEL HARTMANN,
EVAN TOUSEY

Photo by: G. Moraitis, June, 2010

SPECIAL ‘THANK YOU’ TO MR. ARTHUR BROWN, WHO HAD HELPED ME WITH THIS PROJECT AT A MUCH EARLIER TIME. MR. BROWN HAD RETIRED AND MOVED SOUTH TO THE CAROLINAS. WE ALL WISH HIM A LONG LIFE. AND TO MR. KENNETH BOHM, WHO HAD OPENED THE RECORD BOOKS AND MIND IN HELPING ME WITH THE PRESENT ISSUES OF “FOREVERMORE ON CEDAR HILL”.

WRITER’S POSTSCRIPT:

ONE THING THAT HAS NOT HAPPENED, IN PROBABLY OVER 100 YEARS, IS A FULL ‘DECORATION DAY’ CELEBRATION AT CEDAR HILL. THIS SPECIAL SERVICE CONSISTED OF AT THE TIME, ca. 1889, A FOUR HORSE-DRAWN OMNIBUS FULL OF VETERANS FROM THE LEWIS P. CONKLIN POST OF THE G. A. R. WOULD DECORATE THE GRAVES OF THEIR FALLEN COMRADES. ALL THE MINISTERS OF THE LOCAL CHURCHES WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THIS CELEBRATION. BY THE AFTERNOON, NEARLY EVERY GRAVE THERE HAD A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT OR ‘TOKENS’ FROM LOVING RELATIVES OR FRIENDS. THE WHOLE CEMETERY LOOKED BEAUTIFUL. ALL FLAGS, EITHER ON VESSELS OR BUILDINGS WERE AT ‘HALF-STAFF’ THROUGH OUT THE VILLAGE. LATER IN THE DAY, THERE WOULD BE A HORSE RACE AT THE TRACK AT ‘GENTLEMEN’S DRIVING PARK’ AT MORGAN & CANAL ROADS IN PORT JEFFERSON STATION. THE PRIZE WAS TWELVE DOLLARS FOR THE BEST THREE OUT OF FIVE RACES. (Suffolk County News (Sayville), Jan. 8, 1889, p.2)

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT SUCH A CELEBRATION SHOULD BE CONTINUED IN THIS MODERN TIME.



George Moraitis Gravesite. New Section
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IN CASE NO ONE CONTINUES THIS PROJECT AFTER ME, HERE IS MY ‘VERY-VERY’ FUTURE SITE. HERE, WE HAVE STARTED A NEW FAMILY PLOT, SINCE OUR OLDER FAMILY PLOT AT THE ‘POULIANOS/POULOS’ SITE, LEFT OF THE GATE, IS ALMOST FULL. SO, WE BOUGHT THIS AREA WHEN WE LOSE OUR NIECE IN 2001. AT THAT TIME, ACROSS THE WAY, THE LAND WAS VERY BARREN. BUT NOW, I CANNOT BELIEVE HOW MUCH THE PLOTS ARE BEING TAKEN. MAY WE ALL ‘REST IN PEACE’! ‘AMEN!’
.....GEORGE MORAITIS, SEPTEMBER, 2010.

BELOW:

CEDAR HILL CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS
‘SPIRIT TOUR’ POSTER
‘SPIRIT TOUR’ PLAYBILL

Cedar Hill Cemetery Association Inc.



RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules and Regulations

**CEDAR HILL
CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, INC.
LIBERTY AVENUE
P.O. BOX 523
PORT JEFFERSON, N.Y. 11777
TEL. (516) 928-6110**

Cedar Hill Cemetery Association Inc., is a non-profit non-sectarian organization and is managed by a Board of Trustees. The cemetery is under jurisdiction of the New York State Cemetery Board and operated under its rules and regulations.

The following rules and regulations have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Cedar Hill Cemetery Association Inc. to protect the rights of the property owners and to preserve the beauty of the cemetery. All reasonable precautions will be taken to protect these properties from loss or damage. The Cemetery Association disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage beyond reasonable control.

All employees of the Cedar Hill Cemetery Association Inc. are under the direction and control of the Board of Trustees. The duties of these employees shall include the enforcement of these rules and regulations. The superintendent of the cemetery is directly responsible for all operations and maintenance work within the jurisdiction of the cemetery.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I

(a) All graves and lots within Cedar Hill Cemetery shall be held in pursuance of the act in relation to the incorporation of Rural Cemeteries and shall not be used for any other purpose than as a place of interment or commemoration of the dead.

(b) Interment on any plot will be allowed only when the person requesting or requiring same shall furnish proof of ownership, which is in agreement with the associated cemetery records.

(c) All persons burying in the cemetery shall give the name, age and date of death of the deceased to the secretary. The exact location of interment shall be given to the Superintendent of the Cemetery by the funeral director in charge.

(d) All Funeral Directors shall give forty-eight hours advance notice when requesting a grave opening except when special provision has been made. Generally, notice of Monday burials must be given prior to 4:30 P.M. on the preceding Friday.

(e) Burials on Saturdays and Holidays shall incur additional charges. Burials on Sunday shall be avoided and shall be permitted in proven emergencies only; additional charges will also be made for this service. All additional charges shall be determined by the Board of Trustees and approved by the State Cemetery Board.

(f) No person will be permitted to open a grave in Cedar Hill Cemetery except employees of the Cedar Hill Cemetery Association, Inc.

II

(a) No owner of any lot in Cedar Hill Cemetery shall permit any interment to be made for remuneration.

(b) Any lot to be sold must first be offered to the Cedar Hill Cemetery Association for purchase in accordance with the rules of New York State Cemetery Law. No transfer or assignment of any lot or interest therein shall be valid without prior consent of Cedar Hill Cemetery Association in accordance with Rules and Regulations of New York State Cemetery Board.

(c) Information regarding prices for lots and the various associated services are available upon a request to the secretary or the Cemetery Superintendent at the cemetery. Prices are also posted in the building on the cemetery grounds. All of said prices are approved by the State of New York, Department of State, Division of Cemeteries.

(d) The purchase price of all lots shall include the cost of Permanent Maintenance. It is requested that owners of older lots make arrangements with the Cemetery Board for

Permanent Maintenance. All owners of lots wishing "Annual Care" will receive bills for said care payable within thirty days of receipt of same.

(e) All lot owners, their families or relatives, shall be allowed access to the cemetery grounds and their lots, subject to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

III

(a) All grading of lots shall be of a kind approved by the Board of Trustees and such approval shall be secured before grading is started. As of this date, the Trustees prohibit any type of enclosures such as fences, railings, hedges, concrete walls or unsightly additions of any kind. Grave mounds are not permitted.

(b) The owner of each lot shall have the right to erect any approved stone or monument thereon and to cultivate trees, shrubs and plants within said lot, but no tree growing within the lot or border shall be cut down or destroyed without the consent of the Board of Trustees.

(c) Should any trees or shrubs, located in any lot, by means of their roots, branches or otherwise, become detrimental to the adjacent properties, or dangerous or inconvenient to others, it shall be the duty of the Cemetery Corporation (and they shall have the right to enter said lot) to remove the trees and shrubs on such parts as are detrimental, dangerous or inconvenient, with due notice.

(d) If any monument, effigy or structure, of any description, be placed in or upon any lot without proper authorization, which shall be determined by the major part of the Board of Trustees, to be offensive or improper, the Trustees shall have the power to enter on and remove the objectionable object after proper notice of thirty days in writing has been given to the owner to remove said object.

IV

(a) No trash or refuse shall be disposed of within the Cemetery except in the containers provided for such disposal.

V

- (a) All work on foundations for monuments or grave markers or other mason work including excavations, shall be approved by the Superintendent of the Cemetery.
- (b) Contractors and dealers will be held responsible for any damage to cemetery property resulting from their work.
- (c) All monuments and grave markers must be set on concrete foundations, five feet deep and of the same dimensions as the base of the monument or marker.
- (d) Six inch corner lot markers will be approved when set flush with the grade, minimum depth sixteen inches.

VI

- (a) Any type of soliciting or vending is strictly forbidden within the jurisdiction of Cedar Hill Cemetery.

(b) No commercial vehicles are permitted in the cemetery on Sundays or Holidays.

(c) Domestic animals are not allowed on the cemetery grounds at any time.

(d) All individuals entering the Cemetery are expected to behave properly or they may be removed from the property.



CEDAR HILL CEMETERY,
PORT JEFFERSON, NY

SPIRITS TOUR

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2010

Rain or Shine

1-1 ½ Hour Tours from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

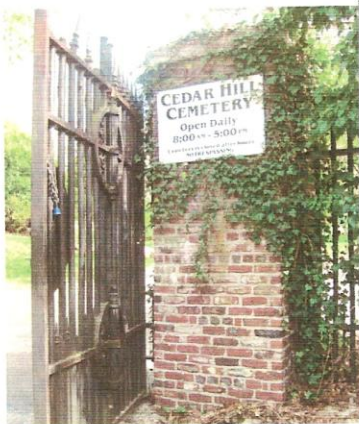
Ticket Prices: Adults \$28.00 and Children under 13, \$9.00

Tours leave every 15 min from Port Jefferson High School Parking Lot, corner of Old Post Rd. and Dark Hollow Rd. in Port Jefferson. Bus transportation will be provided to Cedar Hill Cemetery on Liberty Ave. in Port Jefferson.

For more info-call Three Village Historical Society 631-751-3730

Email: info@tvhs.org

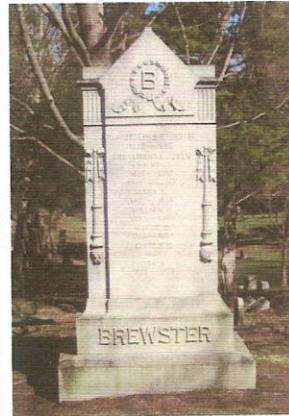
Tickets can be purchased on line at www.cedarhillspirittour.com



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To Benefit the Three Village Historical Society and The Historical Society of Greater Port Jefferson
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LAST WORD ON RESPECT OF THE CEMETERY:

CEDAR HILL WELCOMES YOU FOR A PEACEFUL AND SOLEMN VISIT. PLEASE RESPECT THE SOLEMNITY OF THE CEMETERY

AND OBSERVE ITS RULES WHEN YOU VISIT. ENTRANCE IS THROUGH THE MAIN GATE ONLY. THE GATE IS, PRESENTLY; OPEN FROM 8:00A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. PLEASE: NO DOG WALKING. NO OFF-ROAD MOTORCYCLE RIDING. NO OBJECTIONABLE LOITERING OR THE USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. CUTTING OR INJURING TREES, SHRUBS OR FLOWERS, OR DISTURBING BIRDS OR WILDLIFE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. SO AGAIN, PLEASE ENJOY YOUR VISIT TO CEDAR HILL CEMETERY.

We hope you have all enjoyed
"Discovering the Past on Cedar Hill"

We thank the Cedar Hill Cemetery Board, Staff and Volunteers for helping to make this day a success!



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Cedar Hill Cemetery
Liberty Avenue
Port Jefferson, NY 11777

Playbill

Cedar Hill Cemetery
"Spirits Tour"

Saturday, June 12, 2010
10:00 am—4:00 pm



TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE 'SPIRITS TOUR', WE THANK YOU AND HOPE THAT YOU WERE ENTERTAINED AND WERE EDUCATED OF OUR FOUNDING FAMILIES OF PORT JEFFERSON, PORT JEFFERSON STATION, TERRYVILLE AND THE TREE VILLAGE AREAS. I ENJOY DOING PRIVATE TOURS IN ORDER TO INTRODUCE TO YOU OUR BEAUTIFUL CEMETERY.

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George Moraitis, Sept. 2010