

## Crabmeadow Cemetery

Crabmeadow Cemetery is located on a portion of the Ingraham Estate, which lies between Waterside Avenue and Locust Avenue. Located on a wooded hillside overlooking the Sound, many of the graves date back to the 18th century when it was called simply "Burying Hill." It is the oldest cemetery in the Eastern Purchase, having been set aside by a deed from Thomas Gildersleeve in 1747. Thomas Gildersleeve donated a half-acre of land for use as a burying ground in 1747.

More than 150 residents of Crabmeadow were laid to rest on this hillside between 1738 and 1892. These members of the Arthur, Bailey, Bryan, Bunce, Gildersleeve, Gould, Griffis, Ketcham, Lewis, Mills, Pickney, Scidmore, Scudder, Seaman and Smith families settled this area and some of them fought to establish American independence. According to existing records, the youngest was 3 months old, the oldest was 95 years old.

In recent years the hallowed ground known as "Burying Hill" fell into disrepair despite several attempts during the 20th century to find ways to protect and maintain it. Time, the elements and — most recently and devastatingly — vandals, all took their toll.

Recently a major move to restore the cemetery has resulted in major site improvements. Much of this information was found in an article on longislandernews.com at [http://www.longislandernews.com/journal/10-16-03/journal\\_news1.html](http://www.longislandernews.com/journal/10-16-03/journal_news1.html) entitled New Marker For Crabmeadow Cemetery By George Wallace. For a complete article please refer to the source.

## CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS

### Inscriptions from the Old Burying Ground at Crabmeadow, Huntington, L. I.

Copied by GEORGIA G. COCKCROFT in 1932

- Scidmore, Rhoda, d. 12-22-1879, Ae 52 yr. (Stone fallen and broken)
- Lewis, Azel, d. 1-20-1867, Ae 82 yr. 23d.
- Lewis, Jerusha, wf. Azel Lewis, d. 2-19-1863, Ae 76-9-16. "A  
cherished Mother" etc.
- Lewis, Charles, s. Azel & Jerusha Lewis, d. 8-5-1824, Ae 3 mo.
- Lewis, Mary E., dau. Azel & Jerusha Lewis, d. 10-13-1823, Ae 6 yr.  
6 d.
- Mills, L. Benton, d. 10-22-1892, in 74th yr.
- Mills, Harriet A., wf. Benton Mills, d. 8-1-1869, in 45th yr.
- Mills, Phebe E., dau. Benton & Harriet Mills, d. 4-15-1861, Ae  
14-5-20.
- Smith, Rebecca A., wf. Epinetus Smith, d. 10-18-1850, Ae 38-1-5.
- Smith, Theresa, dau. John E. & Julia W. Smith, d. 8-25-1851, Ae 8  
mo. 17 d.
- Smith, Caroline A., dau. John E. & Julia W. Smith, d. 3-23-1860,  
Ae 7-7-23.
- Smith, Rete Anna, dau. John E. & Julia W. Smith, d. 7-11-1868,  
Ae 7 mo. 8 d.
- Scudder, Charles M., s. John B. & Harriet A. Scudder, d. 4-4-1859,  
Ae 1-2-10.
- Smith, Urban, d. 11-9-1870, Ae 59-9-22.
- Smith, Phebe Ann, wf. Urban Smith, d. 9-27-1847, Ae 34 yr. 2 mo.
- Scudder, Mary O., dau. Urban & Phebe Ann Smith, and wf. of John  
B. Scudder, d. 6-8-1852, in 18th yr. of her age.
- Smith, Maggie, wf. Seabury E. Smith, d. 1-30-1871, Ae 31yr. 10 mo.
- Smith, Seabury E., d. 4-26-1876, Ae 30 yr. 7 mo.
- Smith, Urban, s. Seabury E. & Julia A. Smith, d. 6-27-1874, Ae 4 mo.  
11 d.
- Bunce, Jonas S., s. Jesse & Esther R. Bunce, d. 6-28-1847, Ae 20-7-21.  
(Two earlier copyists read "1817")
- Smith, Sarah, wf. Alexander Smith, d. Sept. — 1837, Ae 52-2-21.  
(Stone fallen, broken & almost illegible)
- Smith, Alexander, d. 8-5-1859, Ae 84-5-21.

- Smith, A. Augustus, s. Moses & Hannah Smith, d. 4-28-1829, Ae 7 yr. 6 mo.
- Ketcham, Sarah, d. 12-29-1816, Ae 43 yr.
- Ketcham, Selah, d. 9-22-1819, Ae 57. (Stone fallen — very indistinct)
- Bunce, Mr. Nathaniel, d. 9-6-1757, in 42nd yr. (Stone fallen & broken but legible)
- Scudder, Ruth Harriet, wf. Richard Scudder, d. 10-26-1814, in 23rd yr.
- Griffis, Mary, wf. Epinetus Griffis, b. 1-31-1781, d. 1-19-1813.
- Smith, Nehemiah, d. 12-24-1821, Ae 31 yr.
- Smith, Susannah, relict of Epinetus Smith, d. 10-26-1830, Ae 85 yr.
- Lewis, Gloryaner, wf. Alexander Lewis, d. 9-29-1819, Ae 53 yr.
- Lewis, Alexander, d. 4-16-1844, Ae 84-11-25.
- Scudder, Phebe, d. 5-21-1811, in her 29th yr.  
"Azal Lewis, her husband, mourns her loss."
- Scudder, Mrs. Sarah, wf. Mr. Timothy Scudder, d. 1-17-1738, in 80th yr.
- Scudder, Mr. Henery, drowned 3-23-1752, Ae 39 yr.
- Gildersleeve, Mr. Philip. (Foot stone—no other stone found)
- Bryan, Deborah, dau. Mr. Augustine & Mrs. Deborah Bryan, d. 5-19-1762, in 7th yr.
- Gould, Hannah N., dau. Platt & Phebe Carll, d. 1-3-1837, Ae 65 yr.
- Pinkney, Deborah, widow of Micajah Pinkney, d. 5-3-1849, Ae 80-2-11.
- Seaman, Tryphena, dau. George & Harriet Seaman, d. 10-26-1852, Ae 43 yr.
- Scudder, Jesse, d. 3-12-1863, in 90th yr.
- Scudder, Mary, wf. Jesse Scudder, d. 1-17-1820, in 41st yr.
- Scudder, Joel, s. Jesse & Mary Scudder, d. 1-26-1820, in 23rd yr.
- Bailey, Elizabeth, d. 2-7-1824, Ae 38 yr.
- Scudder, William H., d. 9-18-1850, Ae 40-4-18.
- Scudder, Margaret E., dau. William H. & Ruth Scudder, b. 12-30-1847, d. 7-3-1863.
- Bryan, Edmond, d. 3-24-1824, Ae 48 yr.
- Bryan, Sarah, wf. Edmond Bryant, d. 1-3-1859, Ae 81 yr.
- Bryan, Melancthon, d. 3-10-1823, Ae 87 yr.
- Bryan, Melancthon, s. Augustin & Martha Bryan, d. 7-11-1825, Ae 17 yr. 16 d.
- Scidmore, Margaret, dau. Capt. Joel & Hannah Scidmore, d. 12-9-1828, Ae 20 yr. 2 mo.
- Scidmore, Ephraim C., s. Thomas & Phebe Scidmore, b. 12-19-1771, d. 3-7-1798.
- Scidmore, Thomas, d. 12-16-1807, Ae 66 yr. 6 mo.

- Ketcham, Hannah, wf. Mr. Abel Ketcham, d. 5-25-1799, in 19th yr.  
Smith, Eneas, d. 3-25-1815, Ae 46 yr. 3 mo.  
Bunce, Joseph E., d. 8-7-1851, Ae 21-5-6.  
Bunce, Hannah, wf. Edward Bunce, d. 6-11-1851, Ae 46 yr. 4 mo.  
Bunce, Edward, d. 2-17-1846, Ae 41 yr. 8 mo.  
Bunce, Edward, d. 5-5-1829, in 63rd yr.  
Bunce, Susannah, relict of Edward Bunce, d. 9-17-1857, Ae 88 yr.  
Scudder, Isaac, d. 6-6-1852, Ae 74 yr. 2 mo.  
Scudder, Sarah, relict of Isaac Scudder, & dau. of Rev. Joshua Hartt,  
d. 9-27-1865, Ae 83 yr. 3 mo.  
Arthur, Isaac B., d. 7-30-1825, Ae 39 yr.  
Arthur, Joshua, d. 10-30-1851, Ae 49 yr. 13 d.  
Arthur, Mary, wf. Joshua Arthur, d. 12-12-1831, in 23rd yr.  
Arthur, Mary Ann, wf. Joshua Arthur, d. 6-16-1848, Ae 30 yr.  
Lewis, Mrs. Ruth Ann, dau. Jesse & Mary Scudder, d. 9-19-1837,  
in 36th yr.  
Lewis, Alexander, Jr., d. 9-27-1835, in 39th yr.  
Lewis, Jesse E., d. 4-1-1860, Ae 34 yr. 10 mo. (Stone fallen but in  
good condition)  
Arthur, Eliphalet, d. 6-12-1832, in 73rd yr.  
Arthur, Bridget, wf. Eliphalet Arthur, d. 8-20-1850, in 82nd yr.  
Bunce, Jeffrey, d. 9-29-1831, Ae 66-4-23, also his wf.  
Bunce, Charlotte, d. 9-29-1872, Ae 95 yr. 8 mo.  
Bunce, Mary Frances, dau. Jeremiah S. & Susan Bunce, d. 5-8-1837,  
Ae 15 mo.  
Note: On William A. Robbins' copy of the inscriptions of this  
cemetery, made some years ago, the following inscriptions appear  
but they are not to be found now.  
Smith, David, d. 3-7-1849, in 42nd yr.  
Smith, Sarah, relict of David Smith, d. 4-10-1856, in 59th yr.