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THE CEMETERIES
of
EAST MONTPELIER, VERMONT
1794-1994

An Inventory of Gravestones and Their Poetry

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Preface

The town of Montpelier, Vermont, chartered in 1780 and occupying 23,040 acres was first settled in 1788 by Solomon Dodge and John Templeton. After the division their lots were in East Montpelier. The first cemetery was the Center Burial Ground with two acres deeded to the town in 1794. The brush was cut. It was to be kept fenced and leased for grazing of small cattle-no hogs. Later several persons were buried and had gravestones, however, after it was not used for many years, the stones were put in the wall. At the time of the 1927 flood it is said the wall with remaining stones was used to repair the culvert at the nearby brook. In 1973 Barnabas Doty's stone was found in the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society, Hopkinton. It had been taken off the wall over one hundred years before. It was retrieved by descendants and brought back to East Montpelier.

In 1848 the town and city were divided by an act of the Legislature. The town with four fifths of the land area became East Montpelier. The city of Montpelier which became the capitol of the state in 1805 remains so to-day.

After the first edition of this research was published a box of vital record cards was found at the town clerk's office. The cards were the result of records compiled by the city clerk of Montpelier, Carlos Def. Bancroft in 1911 and contain records between 1794 and the late 1860s. The cemetery cards indicate he "read the stones" existing in the early 1900s. Some he read are now no longer to be found but others we found he did not. Since all his records are on file in the Vital Records Dept of the State, the stones he did not find are not recorded there. In this edition an asterick is used to denote information from the cards.

The oldest marked grave is for Betsey, daughter of Enoch and Susannah Cate buried in 1794 in the Cate Cemetery.

In addition to information found on the cards the second edition has the results of great effort made to read more of the poetry, thereby preserving that part of the history of the town which is fast wearing away.

By popular demand this third edition includes those persons who lived in East Montpelier but were buried in Poplar Hill Cemetery, Calais, a short distance from North Montpelier. Their old family plots were filled up and East Village lay in the flood plain. On this project Pauline Coburn helped with the reading of stones. It also includes the last twenty years of burials taken from the Town Clerk's records, thereby making two hundred years of cemetery records. We thank Sylvia Tosi, Town Clerk for her assistance with the records.

BENNETT MONUMENT

Located on Town Road #46 on what was the site of the home of Caleb and Ruth (Davis) Bennett. They were members of the Quaker community in the town. The first Friends Meeting House; the first house of worship in Washington County was a little further south of their home. The cards indicate not four but six of their children are buried here.

Here

lies Caleb and Ruth Bennett Born 1766
Also four of their children

- Caleb Bennett d Dec. 5 1844 ae 78; b. Dartmouth, Mass.
- Ruth Davis Bennett d. Sept 6, 1850 ae 84
- Betsy Bennett d Feb 12 1814 ae 12 yrs.
- Catherine Bennett d Feb 6 1814 ae 12 yrs.
- Edward Bennett d Dec 7, 1834 ae 37 yrs.
- Humphrey Bennett d Jan. 11 1804 ae 10
- Ruth d Aug 31 1839 ae 31
- Sarah Bennett d Mar 26 1804 aged a few days

CATE CEMETERY

Located near Town Road 231 at the junction of the Kingsbury Branch and the Winooski River on the farm originally settled by Enoch Cate. It is in excellent condition and cared for by the Ladies of the Eastern Star as well as the town. The oldest stone, that of Betsy Cate, who died in 1794 is located here.

1 William O. Son of Paul and Sophronia Knapp Died Dec 17 1856 aged 10 years
 Sophronia W., wife of Paul Knapp, Jr. Died August 3 1849 aged 43 yrs.
 Weep not for me, nor drop a tear
 In heaven I now shall rest
 I leave a world of sorrow here
 To be forever blest
 Paul Knapp March 8 1805 March 6 1889

2 William Holmes, Jr. Died July 8 1884 Aged 85 years 8 days
 His wife Diana Stevens Sept 3 1888 age 76 years
 Their children rise up and call them blessed
 Kate P. wife of Theo Clark June 29, 1849- March 1 1894
 George H Died April 13, 1863 Aged 7 years 2 months
 William F. Died April 30, 1863 Age 9 years 6 months
 Sarah D. Died Jan 18, 1845 age 11 w'ks
 John H. Died Jan 13 1852 Age 11 yrs 8 m's
 Children of W & D Holmes
 Capt. Wm Holmes Died May 20 1813 age 41 yrs
 His wife Margaret Died Aug 10 1866 Age 91 yrs
 John Died June 12, 1813 Age 16 yrs

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- 3 Granville Died May 28, 1828 Age 2 yrs 5 mos
 Manerva Died May 30, 1828 Age 11 yrs.
 Two children of Coolidge and Desire Taylor
 John V. Died March 7, 1832 Ae 7 mos
 Coolidge O. Died Oct 29, 1844 Ae 8 yrs 4 mos
 Two sons of Coolidge and Desire Taylor
 Melvina A. Dau. of Coolidge and Desire Taylor Died Dec 28 1854 ae 17 yr's
 Mary, Daughter of Jonah and Mindwell Taylor Died Jan 18 1813 ae 8 years
 A pleasant plant A blooming flow'r
 Cut down and withered in an hour
 Grandson Son of Coolidge and Desire Taylor Died Dec 19 1867 ae 16 yrs.
 Coolidge Taylor Died Oct 8 1879 ae 83 yrs.
 Desire V. His wife Died Mar 13 1863 ae 66 yrs 6 mos.
- 4 Diana wife of John Jones July 4, 1866 ae 38 yrs
 William F. Jones Died Nov 8, 1877 Ae 25 yrs 8 mos.
- 5 Two sons of Thomas J. and Mary Brown
 Levi W. Died Oct 9 1842 ae 5 yrs 8 mos
 Edward A. R. Died Sept 29 1842 ae 2 yrs 7 mos
- 40 In memory of Charles Son of Amasa and Lucy Cowls Died Aug 16 1810
 In memory of Amasa Son of Amasa and Lucy Cowls Died Sept 15 1804 Age 8 mos 7 days
- 6 In memory of Mr. Moses Stone who died Jan 8 1814 Age 42 yrs
 Farewell my true and loving mate
 My children and my friends
 May virtue be your constant care
 'Till we shall meet again
 A son of Moses and Pamela Stone Died Dec 4 1797 Ae 10 d's,
 Sleep on sweet babe.
 In memory of Pamela Daughter of Moses and Pamela Stone who died Dec 17 1813
 aged 8 yrs
 This little girl though fair and young
 Her death she did espy
 Both old and young both great and small
 Remember you must die
 In memory of Samuel Son of Moses and Pamela Stone Died Dec 11 1813 Ae 16 yrs
 Come all you active young and gay
 In me behold your doom
 Akin to dust and born of clay
 You're destined for the tomb
 In memory of Lucy, daughter of Moses and Pamela Stone who died March 8 1807
 aged 7 yrs and 12 days
 My days were few, I soon was gone
 And I must never return

~~7~~ In memory of Calou Otis Gilbert who died Jan 14 1813 in his 15th year
 In memory of Mr. Moses Gilbert who died Jan 9 1801 ae 31 yrs
 Farewell dear consort, children, friends
 I hope we soon shall meet with joy
 My heavenly father for me sends
 I go where nothing can annoy

~~4~~ In memory of Miss Betsey daughter of Capt Thomas and Mrs. Elizabeth
 McCloud who died June 20th, 1800 ae 21 yrs.
 Beneath this stone I rest my head
 My sleep is sweet Christ blest the bed
 Weep not for me my pains are o'er
 We soon shall meet to part no more

~~8~~ John Mellen Died Oct 8 1846 Aged 86 years
 Ruth M., his wife Died April 27, 1809 Age 39 years

~~9~~ Polly wife of Charles Stevens Died July 4, 1840 Age 43 years 8 mos
 Blessed are the dead which died in the Lord

~~10~~ Mary, wife of J. P. Page Died Dec 19 1856 ae 85 yrs
 J. P. Page Died May 1, 1829 ae 62 years

~~11~~ Patty Lebarron Died August 26, 1827 in the 31 year of her age
 My loving friends as you pass by
 My cold grave pray cast your eye
 Your sun like mine may set at noon
 Your soul it may be called for soon

In memory of wife Hannah Daughter of Mr. Isaac and Mrs. Drusilla
 Lebarron who died Nov 16th, 1812 in her 27th year

In memory of Nancy Daughter of Isaac and Drusilla Lebarron who Died
 April 22, 1815 in her 28 year

Death like a dart did pierce my heart
 When I was in my prime
 When this you see grieve not for me
 'Twas Gods appointed time

Isaac Lebarron Died Jan 11, 1829 in the 55 year of his age
 Our life is like a vapour
 Which appeareth for a little and season

And then vanisheth away

Orusilla wife of Isaac LeBaron Died April 13, 1831 in the 60 year of her age

Apollos LeBaron Died Oct 23, 1873 Age 82 years

Rhoda Sanger, his wife Died Feb 7, 1849 ae 51 yrs

She is not dead, but sleepeth

Infant daughter died June 29, 1820

Rhoda G. died May 3, 1837 ae 4 y's

Children of A & R LeBaron

Miss Hannah LeBaron

- 12 Mehetabel Daggett D. August 14, 1844 Aged 51 years
Sally wife of Simeon Daggett and Capt Isaac Putnam Died June 22 1860 ae 68 ye
Simeon Daggett died January 25, 1823 Age 44

When from the dust of death I rise

To claim my mansion in the skies

E'en then shall this be my plea

Jesus has lived and died for me

In memory of Mr. Stephen Daggett who died Dec 22, 1810 ae 34 years

Read this, and reading learn your fate

The aged and the youth must die:

How frail is life how short its date

The sentence sure, the season nigh

- 13 John Mellen Born May 30, 1802 Died October 8, 1869
Ruth Hopkins his wife Born April 28, 1810 Died April 19 1903

- 14 Vilus Smith 1865-1943

His wife Hattie M. Cate 1873-1909

Alvin M. Cate March 14, 1875 June 26, 1937

His wife Myra R. Whiting April 19, 1875 April 25, 1902

In loving remembrance

Austin F. Cate 1867-1935

Wife Katherine V. Foley 1863-1913

Alvin M. Cate Died Cate Died May 11 1900 Age 70 years

Hattie wife of A. M. Cate Died October 29, 1878 Age 42 yrs.

Isaac Cate Died August 24, 1857 Age 65

Clara Cate Died October 18, 1864 Age 65 years

Enoch Cate Died May 16, 1834 Age 78

Susanna, wife of Enoch Cate Died August 27 1838 Age 79 yrs

Betsy daughter of Enoch and Susanna Cate died November 5 1794 aged 8
months & 8 days

- 15 Olive daughter of Benj. & Sally Lamson D. Jan 25, 1814 Aged 1 year, 8
months, 16 days

Farnell, daughter of Benj. & Sally Lamson D. November 9 1813 Aged 5
years 1 month 12 days

Pray don't let me forget

- 16 In memory of Edwin M., son of David & Betsy P. French
Who died July 10, 1831, aged 1 year 7 months

- 17 Allen, son of Lemuel & Anna McKnight Died May 4, 1810 age 4 years & 11 ds
Harriet, daughter of Putnam & Margaret McKnight Died May 28, 1832, age 6
months, 18 days

Putnam McKnight Died June 7 1883 Age 80 years, 6 mos
His wife Margaret, Died March 20, 1894 Age 90 years, 5 mos
Lemuel McKnight Died June 27, 1850 Age 75 years, 4 months
His wife Anna Died January 29, 1834 Age 56 years, 8 mos

18 Rhoda Ticknor 1836-1900

19 Lucinda, wife of Sylvanus Putnam Died March 24, 1862 Age 68, 3 mos
Sylvanus Putnam Died Sept 19, 1854 Age 63 years 4 months
In memory of James Putnam Who died July 13, 1813 Age 26 years 8 mos

Friends and physicians could not save
My mortal body from the grave
Nor can the grave confine me here
When Christ shall call me to appear

Sarah, wife of Benajah Putnam Died Sept 3 1824 Age 78
Lo here lies one who had life's load sustain'd
Till none who knew her early days remain'd
At length with wasting care and years oppressed
Her weary toil worn frame sunk down to rest

Benajah Putnam Died Sept 28 1827 Age 80 years
Now I have left this world of pain
In hopes to meet you all again
In fairer worlds and nobler plains
Where death nor sorrow ere shall reign

42 In memory of Juliana only daughter of Andy & Polly Sibley
Who died in her 18th year
Like a fair flower that cropp'd in early spring
Hush'd in her heart and dim'd her beauty's bloom
But memory fondly round her dust shall cling
Affection hound her even beyond the tomb

20 Sally wife of John Gray Died January 26 1844 Age 49

21 Orville W. Dix 1850-1924
His wife, Mabel J. Gils 1860-1938

22 In memory of Samuel Dudley Died June 7 1825 Age 54

23 Lucy T. wife of Thomas Shepard Died Dec 2 1849 Age 47

24 Alvan McKnight Died July 13 1850 Age 25 years 9 months

25 Angelina McConihe Daughter of Freeman and Fanny D. Buxton
Died October 1 1842 Age 4 years 4 months
The dear the lovely child is gone
To the bright realms above
Jesus the little lamb will learn
To sing redeeming love

26 In memory of Major John Pratt Departed this life April 3 1820 Aged 37
Here lonely sleeps the day the spirit fled
And from this monument man's doom is read
War of 1812

27 Catherine Davis, wife of Bowman B. Martin Daughter of Major John and
 Livinia Pratt Born May 14 1814 Died November 3 1886 Rest
 Bowman B. Martin Born Nov 14 1810 Died May 31 1897 Rest
 John A. Pratt Died March 1 1852 33 years 6 months
 Arminda Martin Wife of John A. Pratt and Solomon Wells 1818-1895
 John Burnap son of John and Lavinia Died August 20 1813 age 13 years 5 mos
 Lavinia B. daughter of J. A. & A. M. Pratt Died January 4 1853 ae 1 yr 10 mos
 Catherine Augusta daughter of J. A. & A. M. Pratt Died March 20 1848, ae 6 mos
 This graceful bud was life not given
 Fade on earth but bloom in heaven

28 Elmina M. Daughter of Alvah & Laura Rich Died August 29 1849 Age 19 years
 Austin son of Alvah & Laura Rich Died September 5 1837 age 2 years 6 mos
 James M. son of Samuel & Margaret Rich Died Feb 17, 1812 aged 21 months
 Sleep on sweet babe and take thy rest
 God called thee home, He thought it best
 Betsey dau of Samuel & Margaret Rich Died April 6th 1814 in her 12th year
 Isaac D. S. son of S & M Rich d Mar 11 1822

29 Reuben Gray Died June 11 aged 62 years
 Ruamy wife of Reuben Gray Died March 2 1850 aged 72 years
 Elisha son of Reuben & Ruamy Gray Died August 19 1831 ae 29 y's
 Mary daughter of Reuben & Ruamy Gray Died December 12 1831 ae 27 y's
 Kalso son of Reuben & Ruamy Gray Died September 30 1836 age 22 yrs
 Father James S. Gray Died May 7 1872 Age 59 years
 Elizabeth wife of Bradford Freeman Died August 29 1863 Age 55 years 10 months
 Mary C wife of David Gray Died Sept 20 1872 age 72 yrs
 Freeman Gray Died October 6 1851 Age 42 years *McKnight*
 - Mary J. Daughter of Kalso & Laura Gray Died April 20 1850 ae 15 mos
 The grave of Esther Gray Died December 1 1830 age 30 yrs.
 Laury A. wife of Kelso Gray Died May 8 1849 Age 31 yrs
 Jane wife of Hugh Gray Died December 13 1846 Age 78 yrs
 The grave of Hugh Gray Died February 7 1831 Age 66 years

30 Catherine F. wife of Nathaniel Davis Died April 10 1840 age 54 yrs
 Dolly D. wife of Nathaniel Davis Died Aug 8 1810 age 37 yrs
 In memory of Nathaniel J. son of Nathaniel & Dolly Davis
 Who died April the 4th, 1800 age 2 months
 Nathaniel Davis Died February 18m 1843 aged 73 years

31 Jacob Rich Died April 9. 1789 Age 29 years 9 months
 His wife Roxanna Died August 28 1877 Age 62 years 9 months
 Fanny B. daughter of Jacob & Roxanna Rich
 Died June 6 1912 Age 58 years 1 month
 Samuel Rich Esq. Died Sept 16 1826 Age 57 years
 Margaret his wife Died July 28 1850 Age 78 years
 Erected by Fanny B. Rich Estate 1913

32 Col. Nathaniel Davis Died January 6 1879 Age 76 years
 His wife Irena P' Died February 18, 1880 Age 74 years
 Their children
 Nathaniel Edwin Died January 7 1829 Age 2 years
 Sleep on sweet babe & take thy rest
 God called thee home, He thought it best

Nathaniel C. Died May 8 1837 Age 8 years
 Infant son Died June 10 1841 Age 1 month
 Eugene d January 7 1845 Age 1 month
 Irene R. October 18, 1852 4 years
 Stephen R. February 28 1855 15 years

- 33 Ferrand K. son of George G. & Elsey Nye
 Died February 27, 1855 Age 4 years 5 months 5 days
 Calm on the bosom of thy God
 Young spirit, rest thee now
 E'en while with us thy footsteps trod
 Death's seal was on thy brow
- Washington Irving son of G. G. & E. C. Nye
 Died March 8, 1849 age 15 months 10 days
 'Tis the sweet flower that scents the morn
 But withers in the rising day
 Thus lovely was this infant day
 Thus swiftly fled it's life away
- Herbert L. son of George C. & Elsey C. Nye was drowned June 25 1860 age 7 years,
 2 months 11 days
 This morn beheld thee little and gay
 Noon found thee prostrate in decay
 Thy bright brief life knew no decline
 Sunrise and night alone were thine

- 34 Fanny G. daughter of Nathaniel C. & Fanny D. King
 Died September 17, 1835 age 17 months
- Clark son of Nathaniel C. & Fanny D. King Died March 28 1828 age 3 months
 Edwin D. son of Nathaniel & Fanny King
 Died June 9, 1825 in the 5th year of his age
 So fade the lovely blooming flower
 Frail smiling solace of an hour
 So soon our transient comforts fly
 And pleasure only glooming died
- Nathaniel C. King Born July 19 1789 Died Dec 1 1882 Age 93 years
 His wife Fanny Born May 31 1794 Died November 20 1847 Age 53 years
 Edwin D. Born October 5 1820 Died June 24 1825
 Clark Born January 18 1828 Died March 28 1828
 Fanny C. Born April 30 1834 Died September 18, 1835
 Children of N. C. & F. King

- 35 James Allen Died April 19, 1871 Age 85 years
 Susan wife of James Allen Died June 14, 1853 Age 73
 Polly wife of James Allen Died April 17, 1868 age 72 yrs.
 West Allen son of Larned & Lovisa L. Coburn Died Sept 30 1826 age 1 year 10m

- 36 An infant daughter of James & Betsey Patterson Died March 23 1815 Age 3 weeks
 Sleep on sweet babe till called to rise
 And reign with Christ above the skies
- James S. Patterson Died Feb 20 1847 age 59 years
 Betsey wife of James Patterson Died July 18 1836 age 43 y's
 Elizabeth daughter of J. & B. Patterson Died October 13 1849 age 19 years
 Grave of thou guardian of my dust
 Grave thou treasury of the slaves

Every atom of this dust
Rests in hope again to rise

Clara daughter of J. & B. Patterson Died August 2 1852 age 24 years 10 mos
Calm as the oceans wave
When the storm is past and gone
Now in thy silent praise
Rest happy one

Samuel Patterson Died August 3 1842 Age 85 years *Rev. Soldier

Betsey his wife Died Sept 8 1841 Age 83

Sally daughter of Samuel & Betsey Patterson Died July 16 1804 in her 6th yr

Alexander Patterson Died Feb 24 1875 Age 87 y's 10 mos 11 d's

37 In memory of Abram Son of John & Betsey Holmes who was drowned June 2 1809
Age 16 months 5 days

In memory of an infant who was born & died Nov 1796

Jennet died September 22 1805 Age 3 years daughter of J. & B. Holmes

John Holmes Died Sept 4 1851 Age 83 years 10 months

Elizabeth Holmes wife of John Holmes Died September 26 1854 Age 84 years &
8 months

38 Lucy Daggett wife of Arthur Dagget Died Feb 23 1813 age 61 y's
The grave of Arthur Dagget who died Aug 25 1835 Age 84 y's

39 The grave of Mary Cutler who died Sept 1 1831 Age 86 y's

Died February 27, 1855 Age 4 years 5 months 5 days