

2009 Addendum to the *Monmouth County Graveyard Locator*

This printable addendum updates the *Monmouth County Graveyard Locator*—short title for the *New Jersey Graveyard and Gravestone Inscriptions Locators: Monmouth County*—published in mid-2002. This 360-page, fully-indexed book contains historical information on the more than 350 extant and extinct graveyards discovered during years of research, provides explicit directions—and seven maps—to locate these places, and indicates where manuscript and published lists of gravestone inscription information for each site can be found. All of the known inscription information is provided for 90 of the smaller graveyards. An appendix listing 59 former place names, and over 90 other topographical place names, provides useful clues when out-of-state searchers have only vague information about Monmouth County historical geography.

The addendum contains information which has come to light since publication of the book, and which in many cases was provided by genealogists and local historians who have wished to share their findings. The names of contributors and the approximate date of contribution are appended to the addendum entries in square brackets. Addendum items only contain information supplementary to the book. Copies of the book still are available; see the Bookstore section of this web site. It is suggested that book owners print this addendum and flag the existence of the updates below by circling the original entry number in red in their copy of the book. In lieu of an index to the Addendum, users can use the Acrobat Find tool (large and small binoculars) to search for surnames of interest.

Gravestone Information and the Internet. Ten or so years ago, while compiling the *Monmouth County Locator*, inscription lists were beginning to appear on the Internet. Like many of the local DAR genealogical collections encountered by pre-Internet-era genealogists, these lists were found to lack standards for provenance, format, completeness and accuracy. Since a goal of the *Locator's* compiler has been to encourage the development of definitive inscription lists, it was decided to ignore all Internet lists. In the ensuing years, assisted by digital photography, many more inscription lists have appeared, some of which are of high quality and contain trustworthy information. Many other lists are voluminous and, like DAR-material, can provide useful clues for narrowing down further research. As a result, I have included, under Published inscriptions, selected Internet inscription lists which I considered to be particularly useful in some respect.

Edward J. Raser, July 2009

* * * Additions to the *Locator's* Introduction * * *

On page 18, add at the end of the introduction under *Frequently Cited Information Sources*:

Red Bank Register newspaper articles referenced in the book and addendum can be viewed on-line by accessing the Middletown Township Public Library site, www.mtpl.org, scrolling down (and over) to the lower right corner of the home page and clicking on *Red Bank Register*, selecting Part 1 or 2, then Browse by date.

Of likely interest to users of the *Locator* is an article in the *Red Bank Register*, 9 July 1936, 10, which reprints a paper entitled “Forgotten Graves of Monmouth,” that Henry C. McLean had recently read at a meeting of the Monmouth County Historical Association. Also of likely interest is a reprint of William Davison Perrine’s “Early Churches and Graveyards In Monmouth,” in the *Red Bank Register*, 23 December 1937, Section 2, 5 (page 17 of 24) [David H. Johnson, June 2009].

Add the following section after the reference listings on page 23:

Internet Sites and their Web Addresses

A decade or so ago gravestone inscription lists began to appear on the Internet. Subsequently, with the availability of digital cameras, it became possible to photograph large numbers of gravestones, feed the

images into one's personal computer, and compose photoread inscription lists while viewing the stored images. As a result, gravestone information and photos have become widely available on-line for very large cemeteries that were formerly beyond the reach of most researchers. Unfortunately, no meaningful guidelines appear to have been established for the copying activity that has followed, with the result that the completeness and accuracy of most lists, more often than not, is uncertain. Photoread copies of old churchyard and family burial ground gravestones are especially likely to be deficient, since inscription information on eroded old sandstones listed as illegible may in fact be fully readable using other copying techniques. Users should be aware that published *GMNJ* lists, produced by experienced copiers, will usually be more complete and accurate, retain family-group information that becomes lost in most straight-alphabetical listings, and often will supply useful historical background about the graveyard.

The following Internet sites collectively contain a large number of inscription lists and a *huge* amount of gravestone photos. Following the site's "short name" below is the web address for the site, followed by a general description of the coverage of the site as of June 2009. Of the various graveyards included, selected lists which were thought to be particularly useful in some way have been cited under "Published inscriptions" in the Addendum. In those cases where the *web site's name* for a graveyard *significantly differs* from the *Locator's* name, *their* graveyard name is shown in parentheses following the web site's short name. Diligent researchers hoping to find photos of ancestral gravestones would do well to search all four sites for burial grounds and surnames of interest.

distantcousin.com www.distantcousin.com/cemetery/nj/index.html Scroll down to Monmouth County. The site contains lists for 42 Monmouth County graveyards. Except for the lists compiled by Trevor D. Kirkpatrick, an experienced genealogist and inscription copier, and one other person, the inscription lists were compiled by David Podmajersky, DistantCousin webmaster, mostly from gravestone photos taken during 2000–2004. Several lists incorporate inscription information taken from older, unidentified publications, while other lists indicate cross-checking was done against lists made by Henry C. McLean or published in *Book of the Dead* ("B of D")—both of which sources, while useful with care, contain many errors and omissions.

interment.net www.interment.net/us/nj/monmouth.htm The site contains lists for 11 graveyards, of which nine lists are either largely incomplete or misleading. Lists for Atlantic View and Cedarwood also appear on other web sites, augmented with photos.

USGenWeb www.usgw-tombstones.org/newjer/monmouth.htm The site contains lists for over 75 Monmouth County graveyards. A considerable number of the lists are quite voluminous. Few lists include photos or historical background information. Most lists in *Book of the Dead* are available, contributed by Ruth Ryan. Three lists from Mandeville's book were submitted by Robert J. Van Kirk. Many lists in both of these books are of questionable completeness and/or accuracy. All lists by Raymond Martin, which were made since 2005, were largely photoread but augmented with considerable additional research.

findagrave.com www.findagrave.com/ Select "Search for a cemetery," then United States, New Jersey, Monmouth County. The site lists birth and death dates for persons buried in about 150 Monmouth County graveyards. Graveyard and gravestone photos frequently come with the listings; clicking on a gravestone icon will bring the person's gravestone into view. Since the emphasis is not on full gravestone inscriptions, much useful information, such as the full age found on older stones, has commonly been lost.

* * * Updates to Graveyard Entries * * *

Aberdeen Township #2—Robertson Family Burial Ground

Comments: In the 1970s, the gravestone of William, son of William and Mary Robertson, was discovered in

a yard on Highland Avenue in Matawan Borough—unfortunately, no one seems to have recorded in which yard. Apparently the Matawan Historical Society took possession of the stone and stored it in the garage at the Burrowes Mansion Museum. It was through the help of Tom Henderson of the Society that this informant was able to view the stone. The inscription on the stone, which is decorated with a Death's Head motif and is broken in two, was found to be essentially as reported in the 1874 newspaper article. [Edward G. Fitzgerald, Oct. 2004]

Aberdeen Township #4—St. James A.M.E. Zion Churchyard

Comments: Research conducted during 2004 by Edward G. Fitzgerald, Aberdeen Township Historian, in the Aberdeen Township Death Records book (1859 to 1903), *Matawan Journal* obituaries, and NJ State Archives death certificates, revealed over 190 “Black Burials in Northwestern Monmouth County,” which he documented in a manuscript of that title (copies deposited in MCHA, and the Monmouth County Archives, bottom floor, County Library, Symmes Drive near route US-9). Included were records of 34 persons buried in this churchyard during 1883–1904. (After this time most local black burials probably took place in Union Prospect and Midway Green cemeteries.) Surnames found here were Beals, Beard, Bodine, Conover, Cruse, Cummings, Davis, Dixon, Harris, Holmes, McReeves, Napoleon, Reeves, Riley, Schanck, Shemo, Simmons, Smith, Smock, Van Cleaf, Waters and Williams.

When visited in March 2007 the grounds were clean and nicely fenced, and contained a granite commemorative stone as well as a historic site marker—which noted that in 2001 the local Historic Sites Commission had conducted a surface-penetrating radar survey which revealed “at least 65 potential gravesites.”

Aberdeen Township #5—Simmons–Little Burial Ground

Comments: During 2004 Edward G. Fitzgerald discovered records (see Aberdeen Township #4 above) of 11 persons—mostly adults—buried in this place during 1873–1900. Surnames found here, commonly referred to as Little's Yard, were Booker, Conover, Harrison, Jones, Little, Richardson, Schanck and Simmons. Although provisions had been made for Betsy Van Cleaf to be buried here, it was found that instead she was buried in St. James A.M.E. Zion Churchyard (#4 above).

Aberdeen Township #6—Mount Pleasant Burial Ground

Comments: See Miscellaneous Graveyards #24 below.

Published inscriptions:

- 4) distantcousin.com. Copied 1989 by Trevor D. Kirkpatrick and Stevenson Enterline. Their Eagle Scout survey findings, as included in item (3) above. No photos.

Aberdeen Township #9—Union Prospect Cemetery

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 2) MCHA, Separate. “Union Prospect Cemetery (formerly Booker Cemetery), Aberdeen, New Jersey.” Copied 2002 by Jane Peck, Jean Houston, and Richard Houston. 24 pages incl. full-name index.

Aberdeen Township #10—Midway Green Cemetery

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 2) MCHA, Separate. “Midway Green Cemetery, Aberdeen, New Jersey.” Copied 2002 by Jane Peck, Jean Houston, and Richard Houston. 38 pages incl. full-name index.

Colts Neck Township #1—Cummings–Minkerson Burial Ground

Comments: During 2004 Edward G. Fitzgerald discovered records (see Aberdeen Township #4 above) of 17 persons buried in this place during 1883–1899. Contemporary documents refer to this as the Big Woods or Hillsdale Burying Ground. Surnames found here were Black, Cummings, Frost, Holmes, Johns, Johnson, Minkinson [*sic*], Riley, Schanck, Shemo, Smock and Worsham.

Colts Neck Township #8—Caesar Bennett’s Grave

Age: 1874; Size: Possibly two stones; Use status: Abandoned; Wear: Normal

Comments: Further research has found the following. On 29 February 1844 “Ceasar [*sic*] Bennet (Coloured man ...)” purchased from the executors of William Tilton a tract of about four acres bordering the south side of Yellow Brook and the easterly side of present-day Laird Road (Deeds, M4:17). His house appears there on the maps/atlases of 1851–73.

Caesar Bennett (colored) made a will (apparently undated) giving his brother Samuel Johnson the use of his real estate during Samuel’s lifetime, then to Samuel’s son Caesar Johnson (Wills, L:155). Caesar Bennett died on 16 December 1874, after which his executor—finding the estate’s debits exceeded its credits—sold his house and lot. Apparently arrangements were made for Samuel Johnson to continue living on the property, as maps/atlases of 1861–89 show an S. Johnson residing there. By 1 February 1893 both Samuel and Caesar Johnson were dead, leaving no heirs.

On 1 April 1875 John T. Haight, Bennett’s executor, sold the four acres to Patrick Wallace (Deeds, 265:355); P. Wallace is shown there in the 1889 Atlas. This deed notes that “A reservation of the burying ground upon said premises is hereby made by the [executor] and the right of entry thereto from the public highway. The said burying ground embraces the land already occupied with graves and sufficient land for the burial of Samuel Johnson, the surviving brother of said Caesar Bennett. The right of entry extends to the burial of said Samuel Johnson, and of persons interested in preserving the graves and erecting fences and monuments.” The reservation remained when Wallace’s heirs sold the tract in 1903 (Deeds, 704:181). [Lead courtesy of Mary Ann Kiernan, Oct. 2001]

In late October 2003 Edward Piotrowski discovered the erect white sandstone of Ceasar [*sic*] Bennett, born 9 May 1812, died 16 December 1874, about ten inches behind and facing the back of the garage of the then-vacant house at 317 Laird Road. A loose footstone inscribed C B, and a loose uninscribed marble slab about two feet long, ten inches wide, and one inch thick (which might have been used as a grave marker), subsequently were found nearby.

Colts Neck Township #11—Atlantic Cemetery

Published inscriptions:

- 2) distantcousin.com (Colts Neck Reformed Church). Photoread by David Podmajersky. Photos of many stones.

Freehold Township #7—Maplewood Cemetery

Published inscriptions:

- 1) USGenWeb. Copied 2008 by Raymond Martin; in eight parts, photos of site and selected markers.

Freehold Township #10—Freehold Baptist Churchyard

Published inscriptions:

- 3) USGenWeb. Copied 2007 by Raymond Martin; photos of site.

Freehold Township #11—Wikoff's Hill Burial Ground

Location: As the result of recent suburban development, the site is now easily reached. Starting from the traffic light where East Freehold Road intersects route NJ-79, proceed southeast on East Freehold Road (which branches to the right of the wider Kozloski Road) 0.35 mile to Opatut Way on the right, then briefly down Opatut Way to Great Bridge Road on the right, then 0.2 mile down Great Bridge Road to house #22 on the right. The graveyard is in the woods, immediately behind the house, within a fence—usually locked. The stones are best viewed between 12:45 and 1:45 DST, but are in heavy shade in the summertime.

Comments: After rediscovery of this site in 2003, local historical groups became increasingly interested in preserving the site. Subsequently, the grounds were thoroughly cleaned, a simulated-ironbar fence was erected, and the burial ground was rededicated in mid-2008 (*News Transcript*, Freehold, 9 July 2008). Gravestone inscription information is planned for early publication in *GMNJ*. James Steen's 1905 research paper, mentioned in the *Locator*, was published in the *Red Bank Register*, 4 October 1905, 12.

Hazlet Township #2—St. Joseph's (R. C.) Cemetery

Published inscriptions:

- 1) distantcousin.com. Photoread by David Podmajersky. Huge photo collection.

Hazlet Township #4—Green Grove Cemetery

Published inscriptions:

- 1) USGenWeb. Copied pre-2000 by Donna Renninger; in five parts. "An Incomplete List of Interments at Green Grove Cemetery [but] 90-95% complete." Possibly the manuscript item (2) above, digitally scanned.
- 2) distantcousin.com. Photoread by David Podmajersky. Huge photo collection.

Hazlet Township #6—Cedarwood Cemetery

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 4) MCHA, Separate. "Cedarwood Cemetery (Originally Known as Raritan Cemetery), Hazlet, Monmouth County, New Jersey." Records from cemetery record books, copied by George Warren, 1986, and transcribed by Judith A. Watson, 2000. 18 pages. Provides detailed death records, including place and cause of death, of about 200 persons who died 1888–1898 and were buried here (and whose stones may now be excessively eroded).

Published inscriptions:

- 1) distantcousin.com. Photoread by David Podmajersky. Photos of many stones.

Hazlet Township #9—Aumack Family Burial Ground

Published inscriptions:

- 1) *GMNJ*, 83:14-15 (January 2008). Copied 1933 by Mrs. Walter L. Wise; checked 1948 by Philhower/Sinclair.
- 2) distantcousin.com. Copied 1991 by Trevor D. Kirkpatrick; compared with Wise. Extensive historical background and supplementary genealogical information. Photos of site and several gravestones.

Hazlet Township #10—Truax Burial Ground

Published inscriptions:

- 1) distantcousin.com. Copied 1984 et seq. by Trevor D. Kirkpatrick; compared with Fields. Detailed historical background and supplementary genealogical information. Separately covers both the

Palmer and Wood sections. Extensive site and gravestone photo coverage.

Holmdel Township #1—Old Walling Family Burial Ground

Published inscriptions:

- 2) distantcousin.com (Daniel Walling Family B.G.). Copied 1986 and 1991 by Trevor D. Kirkpatrick; compared with McLean. Extensive historical background and supplementary genealogical information. Photos of site and gravestones.

Holmdel Township #2—Dorsett–Walling Burial Ground

Published inscriptions:

- 1) distantcousin.com (Dorsett Town Historic Cemetery). Photoread 2002 by David Podmajersky. Photos of site and many stones.

Holmdel Township #5—Crawford Family Burial Ground

Published inscriptions:

- 2) USGenWeb. Copied 1952 by Raser.

Holmdel Township #12—Hendrick Hendrickson Family Burial Ground

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 3) MCHA, Separate. “Hendrickson Family Cemetery, Holmdel, New Jersey.” “Original transcriber unknown, Annotations by Eugene L. Hendrickson, date unknown.” Data sheets for 58 stones (including fieldstones), with full inscription, size, material, misc. notes. Map of stone locations. A notation on an introductory page says: “Visited cem Tue Sept 14, 1999.”

Holmdel Township #13—Luyster Family Burial Ground

Comments: An extensive account of the early Luyster family, also describing various family antiques kept in the house in 1930, appeared in the *Red Bank Register*, 14 May 1930, 26. [David H. Johnson, Oct. 2008]

Holmdel Township #14—Van Brackle–Lequier Burial Ground

Comments: In early 2005 Edward G. Fitzgerald of Aberdeen opened access to much of the burial ground in an attempt to make a complete copy of the inscriptions. He found all but two Lequier stones reported by Dibben and Spang, both of whom made many copying errors and missed some stones, including the earliest for John, son of James & Mary Morrel, who d. 27 July 1803, aged 4 yrs. and 17 days. An interesting note is that eight of the stones record deaths between 27 June and 7 September 1849.

Holmdel Township #15—Colored Peoples Burying Ground

Age: 1845–1894; Size: Eleven commercial stones; Use status: Abandoned; Wear: Excessive

Location: Bordering the west side of the Old Catholic Burying Ground (#16 below), and separated from it by an ancient narrow lane—which now is barely discernable as a rutted depression in the overgrown woods.

Comments: In the process of clearing the Old Roman Catholic Burying Ground (see #16 below), work extended to the west and included these grounds. This site contains, in addition to the commercial gravestones, several unscribed fieldstone markers near these stones, as well as a prominent unscribed fieldstone marker about 25 feet further west—which suggests that there may be a great many older unmarked black burials within these grounds. The following

inscription information was copied from the inscribed stones in early 2003:

Holmes, Abraham, b. 14 Oct. 1798, d. 25 June 1854 (2-2); wife Hannah, b. 20 Jan. 1791, d. 15 Aug. 1879 (2-2); dau. Ann Eliza, d. 19 Nov. 1845, aged 23.10.11 (1-3); granddau. Hannah Mariah, d. 16 Sept. 1847, aged 5 yrs. (1-2). Abraham and Hannah's inscriptions are on a single stone, but footstones indicate that Hannah was buried to the left of Abraham.

Napoleon, Charles H., b. 20 Oct. 1853, d. 20 Mar. 1868 (1-1).

Napoleon, William*; wife Alice L., b. 22 Mar. 1830, d. 1 May 1884 (2-1).

Riley, James*; wife Elizabeth*; eldest son James Henry, d. 11 May 1870, aged 16.8(?)15 (1-4). Loose stone, resting against a tree; severely eroded near its edges.

Riley, Robert*; wife Catharine*; granddau. Emma Ward, d. 15 May 1893, aged 13.0.21 (1-5). Loose stone, lying against a tree, but resting on a grooved-base stone.

Vanderveere, [B?]razilla, d. 21 Jan. 1868, in her 50th yr. (3-1). Top broken off stone; initial letter of given name now lost.

In 2004, Edward G. Fitzgerald discovered records (see Aberdeen Township #4 above) of 26 persons buried in this place during 1861–1902. Contemporary documents usually refer to this as the Pleasant Valley Colored Burying Ground. Surnames found here in death records were Blake, Bowles, Conover, Cummings, Harris, Holmes (many), Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Quarrels, Riley, Rock, Schanck and Shemo.

Fitzgerald also visited the burial ground in early 2004, searching the area up to 100 feet to the left (west) of the main group of stones (i.e., the area at the rear of the Schenck–Covenhoven Burial Ground). He found two government-provided stones for: William Johnson, d. 26 Aug. 1887, aged 61 yrs., Co. A, 41 U.S. Colored; and John Harris, Sr., d. 1 Jan. 1894, aged 74 yrs. [rest buried; Fitzgerald adds: Co. E, 20th U.S.]

Published inscriptions:

- 1) See Comments above. Copied March 2003 by Raser.

Holmdel Township #16—Old Roman Catholic Burying Ground

Age: 1851–1892; Size: At least 18 stones; Use status: Abandoned; Wear: Excessive

Comments: In early spring 2002, at the urging of Mary Ann Kiernan, the Volunteer Patrick Torphy Division #2 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians did an excellent job clearing these grounds, as well as the adjoining Colored Peoples Burying Ground (#15 above). At least 18 stones were revealed, several of which were fallen—others may lie fallen and buried. Observed surnames were Armstrong, Conboy, Connealy, Coyne (Cine/Kine), Doud, Farren, Hartnett, Hurley, Kelly, Long, McCormick, McLaughlin, McNeil/McNail, Noon, Schaifer. Patrick McLaughlin, d. 30 Apr. 1892, aged 80 yrs., probably is the person who founded this burial ground. An interesting stone is one for Jacob Schaifer, who d. 3 Sept. 1859, aged 30 yrs., “Killed in marl pit.”

Holmdel Township #18—Holmdel Cemetery

Published inscriptions:

- 2) distantcousin.com. Photoread 2002 by David Podmajersky. Huge photo collection.

Holmdel Township #22—Red Meeting House (Reformed) Burial Ground

Published inscriptions:

- 4) distantcousin.com (First Reformed Dutch Church). Substantially the Marilyn Duff listings, above, augmented with many photos by David Podmajersky.

Holmdel Township #23—Holmdel Baptist Churchyard

Published inscriptions:

- 4) distantcousin.com (Holmdel Community ... Church). Substantially the Youth Fellowship listings, above, augmented with many photos by David Podmajersky.

Howell Township #1—Layton Family Burial Ground

Comments: Sometime before mid-June 2005 a major effort was undertaken to uncover all stones, raise the fieldstones to ground level, and reset the fallen commercial stones. The crude initials and generally incomplete surnames on the fieldstones tend to confirm that this was a colonial Layton burial ground. Joseph C. Dangler photographed all the stones and mapped their location; a set of prints was deposited in MCHA as Separate: "Layton Family Burial Ground, Howell Township, Monmouth County, N.J."

Howell Township #2—Bethesda M. E. Church Cemetery

Published inscriptions:

- 2) USGenWeb. Copied 2008 by Raymond Martin; in two parts, photos of cemetery and veterans markers.

Howell Township #4—Ardena Baptist Churchyard

Published inscriptions:

- 1) USGenWeb. Copied 2008 by Raymond Martin; photos of church and cemetery.

Howell Township #5—Farmingdale Evergreen Cemetery

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 3) MCHA, Separate. "Farmingdale Evergreen Cemetery, Farmingdale, New Jersey." Compiled by Jean Houston, Richard Houston, Jane Peck (2001). Copied 1993–2000 as a Monmouth County Genealogy Society project, and completed by the compilers 2000–2001. A four-page introduction provides a brief history of the cemetery development. Full inscription information, contained in 12 sections blocked out (per map) for copying purposes, 164 pages; full name index, 82 pages. An addendum contains photographs of selected stones taken ca. 1994.

Published inscriptions:

- 1) USGenWeb (Evergreen Cemetery). Copied 2006 by Raymond Martin; in two parts, photos of cemetery and selected veterans markers.

Howell Township #8—Brewer Burial Ground

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 7) MCHA, Separate. "Brewer Cemetery, Howell Township, NJ, by Mrs. (Robert) Tove Brunnett [*sic*] (-1989)." A xerox copy of the OWHS card file; three cards per page.

Published inscriptions:

- 2) USGenWeb. Copied 2007 by Raymond Martin; photos of site.

Howell Township #10—Squankum Friends Burial Ground

Comments: Matlack, 623, reporting on a 1930 visit, noted that "there are a great many graves marked with plain wooden stakes, one of which has initials on it, all of which hint at the early Quaker influence in the vicinity. So also do two old brown field-stones appear very Quaker-like. One of these is inscribed 'In memory of' R. Runion, the other of C. Runion, and both have so sunken

into the ground as to completely obscure most of the lettering, including dates, if any such is on either stone.”

Published inscriptions:

- 2) interment.net (Lower Squankum Friends). The typescript in the Manasquan, NJ, library, from which this list was reconstructed, looks suspiciously like it may have been made by T. Chalkley Matlack in 1930. The reconstruction is confusing, in that it may seem to imply that persons are buried here when their names actually only appear on gravestones in a relationship manner.
- 3) USGenWeb (Lower Squankum Friends B.G.). Copied 2008 by Raymond Martin; photos of site.

Howell Township #12—Southard M. E. Churchyard

Published inscriptions:

- 1) USGenWeb. Copied 2008 by Raymond Martin; photos of church, cemetery, and several markers.

Manalapan Township #6—St. James A.M.E. Churchyard

Comments: The churchyard now contains a large sign listing, in year order, 107 persons buried here during 1830–1992. The few remaining old sandstones are eroded and difficult to read.

Manalpan Township #7—Preston Family Burial Ground

Comments: Since 2002 the land surrounding this site has been under development with up-scale housing. On 14 June 2004 a subdivision map was filed for Brookside at Manalapan (Maps, 294-23), showing the burial ground as lot 16.06 within house lot 16.07, and flagged as an Existing Historic Cemetery. Note 7 in the corner note-list states: “Existing historic cemetery to remain.” The former dirt farm road is now Rifkin Court, and the graveyard is sandwiched between the first and second houses on the right after entering Rifkin Court.

Marlboro Township #3—Pease Family Burial Ground

Comments: In the fall of 2003 Leslie Serafin discovered the fallen and shattered gravestone of David O. Nivison. By that time the burial ground existed within a grove of trees on a slight knoll, completely surrounded by an extensive grassy area. When seen by Raser in March 2007 David’s stone fragments were on the vulnerable edge of the grove nearest the administration building; his death year and age were still readable.

Marlboro Township #9—Old Brick (Reformed) Churchyard

Published inscriptions:

- 4) distantcousin.com. Photoread 2003/4 by David Podmajersky. Photos of most stones.

Marlboro Township #14—Topanemus (Episcopal) Burial Ground

Comments: Matlack, 626, reporting on a 1930 visit, noted that “the ancient graveyard was in a deplorable state. The mount whereon the cemetery is located, slopes to all points of the compass and is thickly overgrown with trees and wild undergrowth.” He added that “On the northwest side [of the burial ground] stands a gigantic white oak, some four feet in diameter. The Barricklo family still use a small plot on the west side enclosed by an iron fence, as a burial place. On the south side was the ancient graves of the Reids and Bairds. Near the centre is the grave of Thomas Warne, covered with a slab about six feet long by three feet wide ... Several of the aged trees have fallen prone across a number of the graves, notably on those of John Reid and his wife Margaret, Thomas Warne, and over the inclosed burial lot of the Barricklo family, crushing the iron fence that surrounds it.”

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 3) MCHA, Separate. "Topanemus Burial Ground, Marlboro, New Jersey." Eagle Scout project of Gordon R. Prochnow III, 2002. Bound collection of colored prints (one per stone, with inscription information at the bottom), from three locations: (1) 32 stones reset in St. Peter's Churchyard, (2) 24 stones remaining at Topanemus, (3) seven stones stored in the basement of St. Peter's Church.

Published inscriptions:

- 4) USGenWeb. Symmes' ca. 1900 list, prefaced by extensive historical background information.

Middletown Township #4—Hallenbake Family Burial Ground

Published inscriptions:

- 2) distantcousin.com. Copied ca. 1989 by Trevor D. Kirkpatrick; compared with McLean and Raser. Extensive supplementary genealogical information; photos of gravestones.

Middletown Township #7—Eastmond Burial Ground

Published inscriptions:

- 1) distantcousin.com. Copied 1986 and 1990 by Trevor D. Kirkpatrick; compared with Stillwell and McLean. Extensive historical background and supplementary genealogical information. Photos of site and several gravestones.

Middletown Township #14—Belford Burial Ground

Published inscriptions:

- 1) distantcousin.com (Old Covert/Halsey Family Cemetery). Copied ca. 1989 by Trevor D. Kirkpatrick; compared with McLean. Includes supplementary genealogical information, and photos of many gravestones.

Middletown Township #16—Compton Family Burial Ground

Comments: In late spring 2001 inmates of the Monmouth County Correctional Institution thoroughly cleaned up these grounds, removing ground cover and decades of accumulated trash. Historical interests then were able to assemble visible gravestones and fragments, and to probe the grounds for other fragments and stumps of broken-off headstones. As a result, all or part of the 13 stones recorded by McLean in 1941 were found, except for the stone of Cornelius Compton, Sr. It soon after was discovered being used in the neighborhood as a septic tank cover, and was retrieved.

The only erect headstone was for Sarah, daughter of Cornelius & Abigail Compton—for years its right side had become imbedded in a tree trunk. Her pedestal-mounted stone, like that of her mother's, was whole but eroded. The unbroken stones of Jonathan Stout and wife were found buried flat under soil and in excellent condition. All other stones consisted of broken pieces; only the lower part of Hannah Compton's stone was found, with the years and months of her age barely recognizable. Subsequently, broken stones were repaired, fallen stones were re-erected, and a commemorative sign was placed on the rehabilitated burial ground. However, in March 2007 it was found that most of the epoxy repairs had failed and the loose sandstone fragments were lying on the ground near the stones.

A sandstone with a large piece of the upper-left portion broken off (the missing piece remained undiscovered), still retained the end letters "DA" of the decedent's name. The space below the name likely indicated the person was a spouse or child of a Compton—only that surname remained. A loose footstone inscribed "E.A.C." found nearby, and which was the only footstone that could not be related to a headstone, raised the possibility that the decedent was named Emily Amanda. A name of this length would have fitted nicely on the top line of this broken headstone.

The following information is from Raser's July 2001 check of McLean's list, with McLean's readings shown in square brackets whenever fragments with that information were not found. McLean's copy contained a number of errors, which are corrected below and shown using italics.

Compton, Cornelius, Senr., d. 22 Jan. 1816, aged 55 yrs. (2-6); *widow* Huldah, and wife of James Emmet, d. 5 Mar. 1855, aged 84 yrs. & 3 mos. (2-7). Huldah's stone read fully by Raser in 1952; portions of the top are now broken off or so eroded that her name and relationship to Cornelius are no longer available.

Compton, *Cornelius*, d. 27 Apr. 18[59], aged 60.5.7 (1-2); wife *Abigail*, d. 24 Feb. 1880, aged 77.3.13 (1-1); dau. Sarah, of Cornelius and Abigail, d. 18 Feb. 1845, aged 9.11.11 (2-2).

Compton, [Emily Aman?]da, [relationship missing], d. 10 July 1843, aged 26.4.25 (2-1). See introduction for discussion.

[Compton, Hannah, d. 2 Oct. 1862, aged] 67.9.[22] (2-8). Most of the upper part of this stone is still missing.

Compton, John*; wife Deborah*; dau. Huldah, d. 18 Feb. 1838, aged 80.11.13 (2-5).

Holmes, Benjamin A., d. 28 Feb. 1862, aged 64 yrs. (2-3); wife [Mary], d. 13 Oct. 1860, aged 64.4.24 (2-4). The top or Mary's stone is broken off; her inscription does not include Benjamin's middle initial.

Seely, Hiram, d. 15 July 1[860, aged 55.6.20] (1-3). The bottom of this stone is still missing.

Stout, Jonathan, d. 14 Sep. 1825, aged 48.11.25 (2-9); wife *Ester* Morris, d. 6 Oct. 1864, aged 87.8.17 (2-10).

Published inscriptions:

- 1) distantcousin.com. Copied 1984 and 1989 by Trevor D. Kirkpatrick; compared with McLean. Lists additional persons known or believed to be buried here, and includes extensive supplementary genealogical information. Photos of site and several gravestones. Confirms Emily Amanda's name (see Comments), and identifies her as the daughter of Isaac and Emley [*sic*] Compton.
- 2) See Comments above. Copied 2001 by Raser; compared with McLean.

Middletown Township #20—Bay View Cemetery

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 2) MCHA, Separate. "Tombstone Inscriptions of Bayview Cemetery, Leonardo, New Jersey." Copied 1999–2001 by Dorothy Ryan Cuva and Lois Sodon Dashkavich. Tabular listing of individuals, alphabetical by surname, with plot and lot identification (map on cover), and selected supplementary information about the lot—or from the marker. Includes Brower Family Burial Lot, Middletown Township #42; photo.

Published inscriptions:

- 1) distantcousin.com. Photoread by David Podmajersky. Huge collection of the "more legible, older markers ..."

Middletown Township #24—Reformed Dutch Churchyard

Comments: The *Red Bank Register*, 5 October 1910, reported that sidewalk improvement at the Highlands was then progressing westward in the borough. "The matter of putting down cement sidewalks along the old cemetery on Valley avenue was a matter of official [concern as the] cemetery line is more than five feet over the present curb line of other parts of the avenue and ... it would be necessary to cut away part of the old cemetery and move several bodies. The older residents ... strongly objected to disturbing the cemetery and the council instructed the concrete workers to leave that part of Valley avenue without the concrete walks. The cemetery is on Valley avenue

between Fourth and Fifth streets and adjoins the Episcopal church property.” [David H. Johnson, Aug. 2001]

Middletown Township #27—Seabrook Family Burial Ground

Comments: See Daniel Hendrickson Family Burial Ground (#35 below).

Middletown Township #35—Daniel Hendrickson Family Burial Ground

Comments: In January 2003 Joseph C. Dangler discovered that when Richard Saltar Hartshorne sold a 20-acre tract to Charles Dubois, Daniel Hendrickson and John Hendrickson in April 1801 (Deeds, M:504), he excepted and reserved out of the tract two “Burying Yards,” the first being 1.36 chains (89 feet) north–south and 76 links (50 feet) east–west, and the second being 50 links (33 feet) north–south and 25 links (16 1/2 feet) east–west. The second lot adjoined the west side of the first lot, with the north sides of both lots in alignment.

In 1804 John Hendrickson bought out the interests of Charles Dubois (Deeds, O:737) and Daniel Hendrickson (Deeds, O:739), both deeds “always excepting and reserving out of the [20-acre] tract the burying yard, Also another small parcel Excepted for Daniel Seabrook and Thomas Seabrook and their heirs adjoining the first mentioned burying ground ... ” A plot of the tract, and study of the Seabrook and Hendrickson families, leaves no doubt that the 1801 deed describes the original locations of the **Seabrook Family Burial Ground (#27)** and the Daniel Hendrickson Family Burial Ground. The wording of the two later deeds vaguely suggests the Seabrook lot was not within the 20-acre tract, strengthening the belief that the two lots lay on opposite sides of the ancient property line along which the northern section of present-day Lenapi Trail was laid out.

Stillwell noted pre-1900 (*SHGM*, 2:280) that the (present-day) Hendrickson burial ground “was set aside by the Hendricksons in recent years ... ” It is known that the Seabrook remains were relocated to Fair View Cemetery in 1871, and as the present-day Hendrickson site appears in the 1873 Atlas, 52, it is possible its remains also were relocated about 1871.

Published inscriptions:

- 1) distantcousin.com (Hendrickson Family B.G.). Stillwell’s copy; photos of 12 stones.

Middletown Township #36—Throckmorton–Lippit–Taylor Burial Ground

Comments: By spring 2003 the grounds had again become overgrown and littered with large fallen branches. Brian Bugbee, as his Eagle Scout project, with troop members and others, removed fallen debris, cleared groundcover and pruned bushes, and put down woodchips on the footpath. They reset fallen headstones and any buried footstones in their proper positions. Brian, assisted by family members, built and erected an information board which identified the grave sites by position, and provided an excellent history of the origin of the site and a number of its illustrious occupants. This information can be viewed on the website, <http://middletownnj.govoffice.com>, under About Middletown, History. [Suzanne Bugbee, Apr. 2007]

Published inscriptions:

- 2) USGenWeb. Copied 2003 by Suzanne and Brian Bugbee; compared with Stillwell.

Middletown Township #45—Navesink Methodist Episcopal Churchyard

Comments: In Spring 2004 the new owner of the house at 11 East Lincoln Avenue in Atlantic Highlands discovered that some of the flat stones laid years earlier in their unpaved driveway were actually fragments of gravestones. When the fragments were turned over the inscribed pieces were all found to be portions of the Chloe Swan, Benjamin Udell and Rebecca Walling stones from the Navesink M.E. Churchyard. The only new information they revealed was that Benj. F. Udell

was a member of Co. D. 29th Regt. N.J. Vol. Subsequent efforts to determine how the stones came to be here, and what had happened to the decedents' remains, proved futile. [Lead courtesy of Mary Ann Kiernan]

Middletown Township #54—Fair View Cemetery

Published inscriptions:

- 1) distantcousin.com. As best I can tell, this massive, illustrated list is a composite of (1) information copied from two 1993 printouts of a database of records transcribed from the cemetery's chronological interment records—and identified in the list by *CR*; and (2) information read on-line from a huge file of digital photographs taken by David Podmajersky, DistantCousin webmaster. The larger 1993 printout covered interments through 1929, while a three-page printout covered persons who died before the establishment of the cemetery in 1855. The date information in both lists is headed "Died/Buried." The dates in the small list are likely to be death dates derived from reinterred gravestones, while the dates in the large list could be burial dates, or death dates derived from death certificates. Since gravestones usually are obtained well after burials, most of the *CR* information was not derived from gravestones. In both printout lists, if the person's age actually appeared on a gravestone or certificate in years, months and days, it was truncated in the database to years. As to the date information derived from the photos, while the bulk of the photos are excellent and will be of much interest to viewers, when the face of the stone was poorly lighted for some reason, or eroded to some degree, some of the reading is anyone's guess. In any case, careful searchers must personally examine these gravestones on site to verify what is actually inscribed on them. (EJR)

Middletown Township #58—Mount Olivet Cemetery

Published inscriptions:

- 1) distantcousin.com. Photoread by David Podmajersky. Huge photo collection.

Middletown Township #67—Bennet Family Burial Ground

Comments: In late December 2006 plans were approved for Lincroft Estates, a nine-lot subdivision on the north side of Newman Springs Road. The lots lie on either side of a short new street, Brouwer Court, located about 750 feet east of Stag Place. A centerline extended northward up Brouwer Court would enter the woods close to the burial ground. A 20-foot wide cemetery access easement was provided on the right (east) side of this centerline, over lot 26.05 (Maps, 303–17). By June 2009 the development was complete, with the heavily overgrown burial ground and woods immediately bordering the back yards of houses #11 and #12.

Middletown Township #69—Cedar View Cemetery

Comments: In 2002 paths were opened up into several areas of the cemetery which formerly were inaccessible, revealing a considerable number of gravestones in the western section. By spring 2007 the central path remained, but side paths were increasingly being cut off by bramble and poison ivy growth.

Published inscriptions:

- 1) distantcousin.com. Photoread by David Podmajersky. Photos of site and many gravestones.

Millstone Township #3—Manalapan (Presbyterian) Church Cemetery

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 3) MCHA, Separate. "Manalapan Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Conover Road, Millstone Township, New Jersey." Copied 2007 by Jane Peck, Jean Houston, and Richard Houston. Compared with William D. Perrine's 1938 copy. Listed in three sections; 46 pages incl. full-name index.

Millstone Township #4—Jersey State Memorial Park

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 1) MCHA, Separate. "Jersey State Memorial Park, (Muslim Cemetery), Conover Road, Millstone Township, NJ." Copied 2007 by Jean Houston, Richard Houston, and Jane R. Peck. Section map; 84 pages incl. full-name index, plus five pages of photographs. Currently about 1,200 graves. "There are some tombstones denoting graves, but most [grave markers] are Funeral Home metal markers with paper or tile inserts."

Millstone Township #6—Perrineville Presbyterian Churchyard

Published inscriptions:

- 2) GMNJ, 78:76-84 (May 2003), 117-122; 79:38-45. Copied 1951–2000 by Raser; compared with William D. Perrine's 1938 copy.

Millstone Township #8—St. Joseph's (R. C.) Churchyard

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 1) MCHA, Separate. "St. Joseph's (Roman Catholic) Churchyard, Millstone Township, NJ." Copied 2007 by Jean Houston, Richard Houston, and Jane Peck. 38 pages, incl. section map, extensive church history, and full-name index, plus 3 pages of photographs.

Millstone Township #9—Roosevelt Municipal Cemetery

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 1) MCHA, Separate. "Roosevelt Municipal Cemetery and Congregation Anshei Roosevelt Cemetery, Roosevelt, New Jersey." Copied 2007 by Jean Houston, Jane Peck and Richard Houston. For Municipal Cemetery: 25 pages, incl. section map, full-name index, and photographs.

Millstone Township #10—Congregation Anshei Roosevelt Cemetery

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 1) MCHA, Separate. "Roosevelt Municipal Cemetery and Congregation Anshei Roosevelt Cemetery, Roosevelt, New Jersey." Copied 2007 by Jean Houston, Jane Peck and Richard Houston. For Congregation Cemetery: 11 pages, incl. full-name index.

Millstone Township #11—Clarksburg Methodist Episcopal Churchyard

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 2) MCHA, Separate. "Clarksburg Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, County Route #524, Millstone Township, New Jersey." Copied 2007 by Jean Houston, Richard Houston, and Jane Peck. Compared with William D. Perrine's 1938 copy. 18 pages incl. full-name index, plus 3 pages of photographs.

Neptune Township #3—Congregation Brothers of Israel Cemetery

Comments: An article titled "Bequest of a Cemetery," appearing in the *Red Bank Register*, 25 December 1929, 17, provides further details in Abraham Schlossbach's will about the cemetery and his heirs. [David H. Johnson, Oct. 2008]

Neptune Township #6—St. George Greek Orthodox Cemetery

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 1) MCHA, Separate. "St. George Greek Orthodox Cemetery of Asbury Park, New Jersey." Copied 2000–01 by Jane R. Peck, Jean Houston, and Richard Houston. 61 pages, incl. lot map and full-name index.

Neptune Township #7—Mount Prospect Cemetery

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 1) MCHA, Separate. "Mount Prospect Cemetery." Undated and unattributed, but a xerox copy of OWHS, GI Coll. file cards. 52 pages of family group and cross-reference cards; three cards per page.

Published inscriptions:

- 1) USGenWeb. Undated, recent copy by Betty Andrews. Partial copy, unconventional format.

Neptune Township #10—Shark River Presbyterian Churchyard

Comments: In recent years the American Legion Neptune Township Post No. 346 has taken interest in this burial ground, commonly referred to as the Greenville Cemetery and believed to contain Revolutionary and Civil War veterans. In April 2001 the Post undertook a clean-up effort, and subsequently petitioned the township to obtain ownership of the grounds. On 15 November 2002 Post No. 346 was deeded the property (Deeds, 8210:3623). By fall 2003 the site was again overgrown and inaccessible. [Ronald Heller, Sept. 2003]

Neptune Township #11—Hamilton Methodist Episcopal Churchyard

Published inscriptions:

- 2) USGenWeb (Hamilton Cemetery—new section). Copied 2000 by Melinda Deuchar and Neil Campbell.

Neptune Township #12—Temple Beth El Cemetery

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 1) MCHA, Separate. "Temple Beth El Cemetery, Route #33, Neptune, NJ." Copied 2000–01 by Jane R. Peck, Richard Houston, and Jean Houston; English-worded inscriptions only. Section map; 166 pages incl. full-name index.

Ocean Township #1—Fields Burial Ground

Location: As a result of recent development, the burial ground is now easily found. After using a detailed map to find Nottingham Drive, proceed north on Nottingham to Tess Court on the left (just beyond Oxford Lane on the right), then down Tess Court to near its end. The burial ground is in the woods to the right, immediately behind the house at 18 Tess Court.

Comments: The grounds are now clear of vegetation, many stones have been reset, and fragments of the same shattered stones have been collected together. However, the earlier vandalism is much in evidence.

Ocean Township #3—White Ridge Cemetery

Published inscriptions:

- 1) distantcousin.com. Photoread by David Podmajersky. Huge photo collection.

Ocean Township #4—Woodbine Cemetery

Published inscriptions:

- 1) distantcousin.com. Photoread by David Podmajersky. Huge photo collection.

Ocean Township #8—Greenlawn Cemetery

Published inscriptions:

- 1) USGenWeb. Copied 1998 by June Smith, Ella Smith, and Ruth Ryan; “almost 100% complete.”

Ocean Township #14—Old First Methodist Episcopal Churchyard

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 3) MCHA, Separate. “Cemetery at Old First Methodist Church, Study II,” by Joseph C. Dangler (1992). Supplementary information: (1) New Era monument background story, (2) list of subscribers to the Public Burial Ground, 1837, (3) list of Long Branch Cemetery lots (map included) and owners, in lot order, (4) same, but in alphabetical owner-name order.
- 4) MCHA, Separate. “Cemeteries at Old First Methodist Church, West Long Branch, NJ,” by Joseph Cozine Dangler (“As of 2006”). An enlarged and updated revision of items 2 and 3 above.

Published inscriptions:

- 2) USGenWeb. Copy of Martin’s 1916 publication; item (1) above.

Ocean Township #17—Independent Methodist Graveyard

Comments: The grounds have been cleared of all undergrowth, and all stones are now readily accessible.

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 2) MCHA, Separate. “Free Church Cemetery.” Copied March 2003 by Arthur T. Green II and Joseph C. Dangler. Inscription information from 118 stones, arranged in both name and stone position order; map. Enclosure 4 contains digital photos of selected stones. Enclosure 5 lists information about 15 persons whose graves or gravestones were found to have been removed to other West Long Branch cemeteries.

Ocean Township #20—Wayside Methodist Episcopal Churchyard

Published inscriptions:

- 3) distantcousin.com. Photoread by David Podmajersky. Photos of many stones.

Shrewsbury Township #5—Old Rumson Burial Ground

Comments; An interesting account of early burial practices here, and neighborhood concerns about maintenance of the grounds, appeared in the *Red Bank Register*, 28 June 1916, 1, in an article about the McCarter family mausoleum, which was under construction at this time.

Published inscriptions:

- 4) USGenWeb. Photos of about 40 stones taken 2007 by Lisa Caruso.
- 5) distantcousin.com. Photoread 2001 by David Podmajersky; augmented with earlier readings of Rev. William Hance and *Book of the Dead*. Photos of site and many gravestones.

Shrewsbury Township #6—Embury Methodist Cemetery

Comments: By September 1909 the fence around the church cemetery (and which separated it from the McColgan lots) was badly in need of repair. J. Horace Harding, wishing to improve the appearance of the site, possibly offered a financial inducement to the McColgins which prompted them to sell (for a token amount) their unsold lots to the church, after which sale Harding paid to have the present attractive brick wall built around the enlarged cemetery (*Red Bank Register*, 1 September and 20 October 1909). [David H. Johnson, July 2001]

Published inscriptions:

- 1) USGenWeb (Evergreen Cem. of Embury Ch.). Photoread 2003 by Jennifer Selfridge; “3/4 complete.” No photos.
- 2) distantcousin.com (Evergreen Cemetery). Photoread by David Podmajersky; photos of many stones.

Shrewsbury Township #7—Shrewsbury Friends Burial Ground

Published inscriptions:

- 3) USGenWeb (Friends Meeting House Yard). Copied 1999–2000 by Maureen Foster; compared with Stillwell and an anonymous 1953 list.

Shrewsbury Township #11—Red Bank Hebrew Cemetery

Comments: On 23 September 1910 “the first gravestone to be placed in the cemetery of the Red Bank Hebrew association [on Lawes bridge road] was put up over the grave of Mary Dixon, who was the wife of Morris Dixon, the shoemaker on West Front street” (*Red Bank Register*, 28 September 1910). [David H. Johnson, Aug. 2001]

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 1) MCHA, Separate. “B’nai Israel Cemetery, Tinton Falls, New Jersey, Gravestone Listing.” Copied 2007 by Jane Peck, Jean Houston, and Richard Houston. Section map; 55 pages incl. full-name index. “Hebrew inscriptions were not translated.”

Published inscriptions:

- 1) distantcousin.com. Photoread by David Podmajersky; huge photo collection.

Upper Freehold Township #1—Allentown (Methodist) Cemetery

Published inscriptions:

- 1) USGenWeb. Copied 2000 by Melinda Deuchar.

Upper Freehold Township #2—Allentown A.M.E. Church Cemetery

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 1) MCHA, Separate. “African Methodist Episcopal Church Burying Ground, Allentown, New Jersey.” Copied 2002 by Jane Peck, Jean Houston, and Richard Houston.

Upper Freehold Township #4—Old Christ Episcopal Churchyard

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 4) MCHA, Separate. “Old Christ Episcopal Churchyard.” Copied 2008 by Jean Houston, Richard Houston, and Jane Peck, Jean Houston, and Richard Houston. 10 pages, incl. history, photographs and index.

Upper Freehold Township #5—St. John’s (R. C.) Cemetery

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 1) MCHA, Separate. “St. John’s [Roman Catholic] Cemetery, Allentown, New Jersey.” Copied 2002 by Jane Peck, Jean Houston, and Richard Houston. 68 pages, plus 37-page full-name index; section map.

Upper Freehold Township #6—Allentown Presbyterian Churchyard

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 5) MCHA, Separate. “Allentown Presbyterian Churchyard.” Copied 2008 by Jane Peck, Jean Houston, and Richard Houston. 165 pages, incl. full-name index and photographs. Also, an Epilogue

containing: (1) a 27-page “list compar[ing] the gravestones present in 2008 [in the old section] to a previous list found at the Monmouth County Historical Society,” compiled 2008 by Elizabeth S. Dey, with the stones numbered and keyed to a map; (2) the 19-page text (with name index) of a Cemetery Walk describing historical personages buried in the cemetery, compiled 1995 by Elizabeth S. Dey.

Upper Freehold #7—East Branch (Friends) Meeting Burial Ground

Published inscriptions:

- 2) USGenWeb (East Branch—Robin’s Meeting Cemetery). Copied 1998 by Barbara Barnett.

Upper Freehold #9—Robbins Burial Ground

Published inscriptions:

- 2) USGenWeb. Four lists: (1) Copied 1998 by Barbara Barnett, (2) short list from F. B. Lee’s history, (3) Hutchinson’s 1885 list, manuscript list (1) above, and (4) Perrine’s 1938 *Matawan Journal* list.

Wall Township #1—Brisbane Family Burial Ground

Comments: In late 2006 the entrance gate and all the metal plaques on the brick wall were removed, leaving the site without any indication of its original purpose.

Wall Township #6—Glendola Cemetery

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 3) MCHA, Separate. “Glendola Cemetery.” In four spiral-bound parts: A–E, F–K, L–R, S–Z. Undated and unattributed, but a xerox copy of OWHS, GI Coll. file cards; three cards per page. A fifth binder covers “Addendum to notecards copied from Old Wall Historical Society.”

Published inscriptions:

- 1) USGenWeb. Copied 2006 by Raymond Martin; in three parts, photos of cemetery and some markers.

Wall Township #7—St. Anne’s (R. C.) Cemetery

Published inscriptions:

- 1) USGenWeb. Copied 2006 by Raymond Martin; photos of site and some markers.

Wall Township #13—Wall Methodist Episcopal Churchyard

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 2) MCHA, Separate. “Wall M.E. Churchyard, Spring Lake Heights, NJ, by Mrs. (Robert) Tove E. Brunet (–1989).” A xerox copy of the OWHS, GI Coll. file cards; three cards per page.

Published inscriptions:

- 1) USGenWeb. Copied 2007 by Raymond Martin; photos of church, site, several markers.

Wall Township #16—Allenwood Methodist Protestant Churchyard

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 3) MCHA, Separate. “Allenwood Church Cemetery, Wall Township, Monmouth County, N.J.” Copied 1986, rechecked and updated to Sep. 2002 by Robert L. White. The original churchyard gravestones are all covered in Section 1.

Published inscriptions:

- 1) USGenWeb (Allenwood Church Cemetery). Copied 2006 by Raymond Martin; photos of church and old churchyard (in foreground). List intermixes churchyard and Allenwood Cemetery inscriptions.

Wall Township #17—Allenwood Cemetery

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 2) MCHA, Separate. "Allenwood Cemetery, Wall Township, NJ" Undated and unattributed, but a xerox copy of the OWHS, GI Coll. file cards; three cards per page.
- 3) MCHA, Separate. "Allenwood Church Cemetery, Wall Township, Monmouth County, N.J." Copied 1986, rechecked and updated to Sep. 2002 by Robert L. White. Covered in Sections 2–5, and part of Section 1.

Published inscriptions:

- 1) USGenWeb (Allenwood Church Cemetery). Copied 2006 by Raymond Martin; photo of Allenwood Cemetery (in background). List intermixes churchyard and Allenwood Cemetery inscriptions.

Wall Township #21—St. Catharine's (R. C.) Cemetery

Published inscriptions:

- 1) USGenWeb. Copied 2006 by Raymond Martin; in twelve parts, photos of site and veterans markers.

Wall Township #22—Manasquan Friends Burial Ground

Comments: During April and June 2006 two ground-penetrating radar surveys were made of about 1/3 of the burial grounds. Objectives were to locate unused burial sites and to more accurately locate the site of the first meeting house in the southeast corner of the grounds. In all, 66 unmarked grave sites were found, of which 45 were then marked using old footstones and large broken gravestone fragments previously used as patio flooring. Most grave sites found near the original meeting house were so marked—current researchers should therefor ignore initials on footstones in that area as not being relevant. [Robert N. Lane, Apr. 2007]

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 5) MCHA, Separate. "Quaker Burying Ground, Squan, NJ, by Mrs. (Robert) Tove E. Brunet (– 1989)." A xerox copy of the OWHS, GI Coll. file cards; three cards per page.
- 6) MCHA, Separate. "Manasquan Friends Burial Ground, As it was in November of 2002," by W. Ronald Heller. 21 pages of inscriptions as appearing on the stones; keyed to a map showing stone positions by row and place-in-row.

Published inscriptions:

- 2) USGenWeb. Copied 2007 by Raymond Martin; photos of meeting house and graveyard.

Wall Township #26—Atlantic View Cemetery

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 3) MCHA, Separate. "Atlantic View Cemetery, Wall Township (Manasquan–Old), by Mrs. (Robert) Tove E. Brunet (–1989)." A xerox copy of the OWHS, GI Coll. file cards; three cards per page.

Published inscriptions:

- 1) Burials at Atlantic View Cemetery, Manasquan, New Jersey," edited by Anne Mount West and Robert J. Fenner, Sr. (2002). The cemetery burial records prior to 1944 having been destroyed, this is a composite of records from the Atlantic View Cemetery (1944–1999), Alan Grote, Lois H. Ketchem, Toni McChesney, Robert L. White and The Coast Star newspaper. 232-page tabular listing, giving last name, first and middle names, cemetery section (map provided), lot number, grave, birth date, death date, burial date.
- 2) USGenWeb. Copied 1967 and 1986 [sic] by Robert White; augmented with burial records by Anne West. Includes huge collection of marker photos taken 2005–09 by Anne West and others.
- 3) distantcousin.com. Undated copy by Anne Mount West. Many photos, usually of newer gravestones.

Wall Township #27—Manasquan Presbyterian Churchyard

Gravestone inscription manuscripts:

- 2) MCHA, Separate. "First Cong. Church (old), (The Old Presbyterian Churchyard), Manasquan, NJ, by Mrs. (Robert) Tove E. Brunet (-1989)." A xerox copy of the OWHS, GI Coll. file cards; three cards per page.
- 3) MCHA, Separate. "Manasquan Presbyterian Cemetery." Copied 1995 by Robert L. White; compared with Rankin, Martin and Reed. Another copy: GSNJ, GI Coll.

Published inscriptions:

- 3) USGenWeb. Copied 2009 by Raymond Martin; photos of church and graveyard.

Wall Township #29—Greenwood Cemetery

Published inscriptions:

- 1) USGenWeb. Copied 2007 by Raymond Martin; in seven parts, photos of site and some markers.

Miscellaneous Graveyards

#18. Unidentified Burial Ground, Matawan Borough

During 2003 Edward G. Fitzgerald, Aberdeen Township Historian, using the Stillwell deed of 1807, made an extensive deed search of surrounding properties, discovering that the burial ground was located at present-day 183 Main Street (sheet 11, block 35, within lot 7). It was listed as an exception in a 23 March 1809 deed from William Parker to Daniel I. Schanck (Deeds, S:331), and in a 17 April 1813 deed from Schanck to Charles Holmes (Deeds, X:189). By 1852 Robert R. McChesney, a marble cutter, owned the surrounding property, and on 14 April 1852 he purchased the "burying ground lot" of 1/19 acre from Daniel I. Schanck (Deeds, W5:268), only to sell the same lot on 1 April 1865 to Frederick Lupton, another marble cutter (Deeds, 182:101). Fitzgerald also found mention of this burial ground in an article on "Middletown-Point 50 Years Ago" published in the *New Jersey Standard* of 24 August 1853, stating; "Another very old burying ground was used fifty years ago, immediately in the village by the road side, somewhat of which is built over, but a few monuments are still left, standing almost in the door yards of some of the dwellings." Nothing in the deeds indicated who might have been buried here, or what ultimately happened to the burial ground's occupants and their gravestones.

#24. Johnston Family Burial Ground, Matawan Borough

In early 2004, following a cleanup of the Mount Pleasant Burial Ground, Edward G. Fitzgerald discovered that the Johnston graveyard had long been subsumed within **Mount Pleasant Burial Ground** (Aberdeen Township #6), and the previously presumed adjoining and seemingly unoccupied Johnston graveyard site was actually an unutilized portion of the Johnston property. A comparison of the Mount Pleasant tax map (Matawan Borough sheet 17, block 51, lot 19) with the Johnston partitions description, reveals that the long, rectangular Johnston graveyard and its roughly ten feet wide and 220 feet long access way to Sutphin Avenue, now forms almost the entire southerly border area of the Mount Pleasant grounds.

Fitzgerald notes that the rectangular section contains about 35 graves, arranged in ten rows, if we include the graves of Benjamin P. Cooper and his son Adolphus. The earliest apparent burial is that of William Johnston Smyth, son of John and Mary, who died 15 September 1813, aged 2.1.3; he is named on the same well-preserved sandstone with brother Peter Watson Smyth, d. 22 July 1822, aged 12.10.8. The latest burial is of Catharine Aumack, wife of John Simmons, who died 1 February 1863, aged 64.9.11—unless we include the 1891 burial of Benjamin P. Cooper. All burials appear to be of Johnstons or allied families, although a connection to the Cooper or Thomas families is not known—all, however, were immediate neighbors. The families represented are Aumack, Conover, Cooper, Johnson, Johnston, Smith, Smyth, Thomas, Van Pelt and West. All their gravestones are listed in Enterline and Kirkpatrick's 1989 survey, now available on the Internet—see Aberdeen

Township #6.

#25. Burial Ground at Phalanx (pre-1855), Colts Neck Township

The *Red Bank Register*, 30 June 1938, 49, in “Another Article On the North American Phalanx,” quotes the following passage from Alexander Woolcott’s *While Rome Burns*: “The place (Phalanx) is thronged with ghosts. Ghosts of the Van Mater slaves who, back in the early part of the 18th century forged the nails and hewed the beams of the barn that went up in flames in 1919, and whose burial ground still stands between two fields, the wooden crosses long since moldered away ...”

#26. Almshouse Burial Ground, Hazlet Township

In researching the Almshouse (also called Town-House) property, Edward G. Fitzgerald, Aberdeen Township Historian, found that it was purchased jointly by Raritan, Holmdel and Matawan Townships from John W. Murphy on 15 November 1871 (Deeds, 233:500) for a regional facility to house paupers. The tract occupied four acres on the northeast corner of Bethany and Keyport–Holmdel Roads (sheet 1.10, block 232, lots 8-19). The site apparently was in use earlier, at least for a shelter and possibly was rented from Murphy, as Beers’ 1860 wall map indicates a “Town-House” at this location. Problems eventually developed in running the facility, which along with the tract was sold under court order on 15 September 1892; Daniel I. Stillwell was the purchaser (Deeds, 506:261). The property contained a burial ground; Fitzgerald discovered during his 2004 search for black burials in the Aberdeen Township Death Records (see Aberdeen Township #4 above) that blacks Henry Smith and Aaron West were buried here in 1883. Undoubtedly whites also were buried here. The tract is now completely developed, being occupied by a gas station and a number of houses. The disposition of burial remains at the site is unknown.

#27. Unidentified Burial Ground, Holmdel Township

A list dated August 1982, compiled by Elaine M. Frey of the Holmdel Historical Society, describes this place as “Graves of Black People. On a knoll at the rear of Antonides land (Margie Callan) mid-way between Crawford’s Corner Rd. and Middletown Rd. – East of a new Rd. [American Way] constructed from East gate of Bell Labs to Crawford’s Corner Rd.” [Edward G. Fitzgerald, Apr. 2005]

#28. Hankinson Graveyard, western Matawan Borough

In 2003 Edward G. Fitzgerald of Aberdeen determined that this was indeed the **Robertson Family Burial Ground** (Aberdeen Township #2), which in the late 19th and early 20th centuries was on property owned by William Henry Hankinson. Hankinson’s obituary in the *Matawan Journal* of 28 July 1904, 5, states that he was the owner of Ravine Farm—where the Robertson burial ground was located.

#33. Lawrence Family Burial Ground (pre-1710), Brielle Borough (Wall Township)

On 21 December 1716 Nicholas Wainwright, yeoman of Shrewsbury, sold to Samuel Osborn, yeoman of Middletown, two tracts at Manasquan which he had purchased from Joseph Lawrence on 27 July 1710, “only Excepting [from the second tract of 90 acres] a small peice [*sic*] two Rodds square about the Burying place where Joseph Lawrence has buried his Wife and two Children being near North West from the house ...” (Deeds, H:309).

Dr. Stillwell, in his Lawrence genealogy (*SHGM*, 3:403, 485), identifies this wife of Joseph as Sarah, daughter of William Worth and Faith Patterson of Shrewsbury. Joseph Lawrence married second, in 1712, Rachel (nee Folke), widow of David Curtis, of Burlington County. The location of these graves is unknown, except that they were within the large Osborn estate southwest of Brielle. [Is it possible the site was further used and became the Osborn Family Burial Ground, Wall Township #31? EJR]

#34. Joseph I. Newman Family Burial Ground (pre-1848), northwest of Baileys Corner, Wall Township

Joseph I. Newman, of (then) Howell Township, died intestate in 1847 leaving heirs and a large farm. Soon afterwards the heirs petitioned that the farm be subdivided. In the 9 May 1848 report of the commissioners (Partitions, A:17, with map, A:24), heir Rhoda Allen, wife of John Allen, received lot No. 2 of 33 acres; no mention was made of an included burial ground. On 25 August 1848 John L. Allen and wife Rhoda sold this tract to Samuel Morris, Jr., “But allways excepting and reserving out of [this] tract one chain square where the burying ground now is for the use of a burying ground” (Deeds, F5:575).

Over the years the tract, subsequently defined as 30.13 acres, exchanged hands more than a dozen times until 23 April 1964, always with the burial ground excepted (Deeds, 3319:353). In 1988 the westernmost part of the tract, which contained a knoll, was sold without mention of any burial ground. The remainder subsequently was developed as Brandywine Estates; the subdivision map of 1994 indicated no burial ground (Maps, 250-32). The exact location and disposition of the burial ground and its remains (which may have been relocated) remains undiscovered. [Lead courtesy of Robert L. White, Oct. 2002]

#35A. Unidentified Burial Ground, Little Silver Borough

The following article, under the heading “Found Three Skulls,” appeared in the *Red Bank Register*, 4 May 1932, 15. “Men carting away dirt on Andrew Bowman’s farm at Little Silver, unearthed three skulls Monday. It is believed a private burying ground was on the farm at one time, although officials of Little Silver can not find any record of one having been located there. Old timers remember when several skulls were found on the property over thirty years ago.” [David H. Johnson, March 2009]

#35B. Unidentified Burial Ground, Holmdel Township.

The following article, under the heading “Skeleton Dug Up on Holmdel Farm,” appeared in the *Red Bank Register*, 11 July 1935, 1. “A dredging machine ... being used on Theron McCampbell’s Ramanessin farm at Holmdel to make a road [last week] unearthed a human skeleton. This was not discovered until the dirt was used to fill in a hole.” “Some of the bones were disjointed, but when placed together they made the complete framework of a body [that a student of physiology later judged to be] that of a woman.” “Old-time residents of Holmdel say that they have heard stories told by their grandparents that there was once a private burying ground on Ramanessin farm ... The fact that only one skeleton was dug up by the machine has caused doubt as to whether the story is true. One theory which has been advanced is that the skeleton is that of a slave.” [David H. Johnson, May 2009]

#51. Unidentified Burial Ground, West Long Branch Borough, Ocean Township

Comments: Although the earlier referenced Norwood Park newspaper article states that “Mr. Munro purchased several plots in the West Long Branch cemetery and had the remains of all of those buried [on the McIntyre property] exhumed and put in new plots,” no burial lot purchases by Munro have been found—although many lot sales were recorded by the cemetery. However, on 8 September 1890, J. Howard McIntire purchased lot 303 in the Long Branch Cemetery (Deeds, 1048:177). This was just two months before he sold his farm to Munro. This lot contains only the following gravestones:

Dangler, John, d. 26 Jan. 1841, aged 59.4.15 (1-1); wife Sarah, d. 23 Aug. 1849, aged 68.10.18 (1-2).
Dangler, John, Jr., d. 27 July 1854, aged 37 yrs. & 19 days (1-4).
Dangler, John*; wife Martha*; dau. Sarah, d. 29 Aug. 1860, aged 18.10.(6?) (1-5).
George, Anthony*; wife Martha, d. 25 Jan. 1859, aged 42.9.3 (1-3).

The Dangers were not related to McIntire, but John Dangler’s widow was a Tallman (*SHGM*, 5:37). Some Tallman family historians are of the belief that the “very ancient cemetery” may

have been established in colonial times by Tallmans who owned land here, had evolved over time into a community burial ground, and was chosen by Sarah (Tallman) Dangler as a place to bury her husband. Possibly these were the only obvious graves needing to be relocated before McIntire sold his farm on 13 November (Deeds, 473:48). Lydia McIntire, a widow, owned a 3.27-acre tract at the northeast corner of Howard McIntire's farm; she sold to Munro two days after Howard McIntire (Deeds, 473:62). Both deeds contain extremely peculiar wording, which Tallman researchers suggest might be a veiled reference for handling future burial ground access requests. Since the newspaper article only says the cemetery was "On the McIntyre property," it could have been on either tract—or even straddled both properties. Earlier sales of both properties have been traced back through a number of transfers, with no unusual wording being found in any of the deeds. To compound the mystery, Lydia's tract remained mostly undeveloped for over a century.

Howard McIntire's tract was traced back to 1838, when it was sold to George Greig by Richard Crum (Deeds, V3:201). Crum had accumulated properties in the area since 1811, selling in 1828 a tract bordering on the estate of William Renshaw. On 8 March 1830 Richard Crum bought for \$12 from Brittain Woolley and wife Anne a one-acre lot along the north side of present-day Cedar Avenue, and bordering a corner of Crum's other property, with Woolley "reserving and excepting a quarter of an acre" located "in the southeast corner of the said lot now allotted for a Burying Ground" (Deeds, W2:261). To date, the exact location of this burial ground within Crum's properties has not been determined, but the possibility exists it was the place from which the Petit-Christie-Renshaw gravestones were removed to Long Branch Cemetery by John W. Woolley in 1885 or later.

#55. Woolleytown Colored Burial Ground, Morganville, Marlboro Township

Age: 1891–1898 (based on burials); Size: One stone; Use status: Abandoned; Wear: Critical

Location: From its beginning at Tennent Road, proceed west on Wooleytown [*sic*] Road 0.2 mile (about 350 feet beyond Sorrel Drive) to a vacant lot (as of March 2007) on the right. The burial ground is in the far northeast corner of the lot (as defined by current fencing on the north and east side of the grave site). (Sheet 26, block 120.02, within lot 36 on the 1998 tax map. The burial ground clearly lies on the northwesterly side of what appears to be an ancient diagonal property line cutting through the southeasterly corner of this block.)

Comments: Edward G. Fitzgerald, in the process of researching black burial records (see Aberdeen Township #4 above), discovered seven burials in this place, identified in the earliest (1891) death record as the Woolleytown Colored Cemetery, and later as the King Family Burial Ground—all seven persons bore either the King or Suydam surname. After examining a deed for Jacob King and finding his property was off Wooleytown Road, Fitzgerald consulted Ruth E. Alt, a local historian. She soon found a 1950s resident of Wooleytown Road who remembered seeing a gravestone in the woods behind his mother's garage. Subsequently, Edward Piotrowski searched the area and discovered the broken-in-half gravestone of Levi Suydam. Severely eroded, the inscription appears to say he was born 14 April 1860, and died 24 June 1898. It is likely that more than seven black burials were made here—possibly much before 1891—since black burial grounds in Monmouth County tended to be community-based, serving a number of unrelated families, and rarely contained permanent grave markers.

Book corrections (by page reference):

- 66: #10. Number the second published inscriptions citation 2), *not* 1)
- 162: Comments, second paragraph: Richard Applegate died 1821, *not* 1824
- 182: #40. Delete (SH-24) at end of entry title.
- 250: #14. Size: Large (about 850 stones); Use status: Inactive
- 254: Peter, son of William Tallman, died aged 18.0.10, *not* 10.0.10
- 332: Comments, third paragraph: see #23, *not* #21
- 342: Johnston Family Burial Ground, Misc. #24, *not* #23
- 357: *add*: Still, 235; Samuel, 263