

Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries Awareness and Preservation Weeks

April - May 2022

Narragansett Historical Cemeteries

NG001: Knowles Cemetery (William Knowles Lot)

Address: Pt. Judith Rd (steps north of traffic light at Sand Hill Cove Rd, 300ft down path)

- ***James N. Arnold, 30 March 1880: "On land of William H Knowles near the Point Judith Light on east side of road, lot although well fenced, in poor condition";
- *William Hazard Knowles, 1765-1815, "who perished in the great gale of Sept. 23, 1815" also in this yard are the graves of [his son and] 3 hired men who perished with him; wife Sarah (Sally) née Stanton, 1764-1820, daughter of Benjamin, 1740-1787 (NG011); son of Hazard Knowles, 1736-1823 (son of Samuel and Hannah née Hazard) and Margaret née Congdon, 1735-1788;
- *William Knowles, 1789-1815, son of William Hazard Knowles and Sarah (Sally) née Stanton;
- Hazard Knowles Jr, 1763-1822, son of Hazard Knowles, 1736-1823, and Margaret née Congdon, 1735-1788;
- Hazard Knowles, 1786-1873, son of William H. and Sarah (Sally) née Stanton;
- Susan Kenyon Knowles, 1796-1866, wife of Hazard, daughter of Gardiner Kinyon, 1657-1846, and Susannah née Boss, 1762-1844;
- Alexander C. Knowles, age 25; William G., age 11; Harriet G., age 5; William N., age 1; Louisa A., age 1; Jane F., age 1 - all children of Hazard and Susan Kenyon Knowles.

NG002: Green Kenyon Lot

Address: Green Kinyon Driftway (northside between private residences 41 and 51)

- *Benjamin Kenyon. Only stone in cemetery; seems to read "son of Green & Sarah, 188?"; Green Kinyon, 1763-1831, was married to Sarah née Armstrong, 1771-1792, Hannah née Armstrong, 1775-1844; son of Nathan Kenyon and Mary née Greene; nephew of **Gardiner Kenyon, 1757-1846, NG006.

NG003: Gibson Avenue Cemetery

Address: Gibson Ave (south of Kinney Ave, on the right).

- This antemortem tomb of Joseph Peace Hazard, 1807-1892, son of Roland and Mary nee Peace, a member of one of the oldest families in South County, was erected in 1886. An avid traveler, Hazard was fascinated by the Druids and upon returning from a visit to Stonehenge in England, constructed a tomb and monument to his family, naming it Kendal Green, dedicated to the memory of John Wakefield, Banker of Kendal, Westmoreland, England and

to John's daughter Isabella, whose Hazard's sister Isabella Wakefield Hazard, 1809-1838, was named for. He named the nearby stone house Druid's Dream. There are 8 four-foot urns without inscriptions, in a mystical circle of smooth, upright stones, ringed around what appears to be a central altar stone, aka Witches' Altar. He placed an unusually curved stone a little way off from the circle, calling it "Druids Chair." No one is buried here, so technically this is not a cemetery, yet was registered as one in the 1960s. His brother, Rowland Gibson Hazard: <http://riheritagehalloffame.com/Rowland-G-Hazard/>. The village of Peace Dale is named in honor of Mary Peace, daughter of merchant Isaac Peace and Elizabeth Gibson.

NG004: Foddering Farm Cemetery (Joseph N. Austin Lot)

Address: Pt. Judith Rd (privately owned, undeveloped lot, 1500ft south of Foddering Farm Rd)

- James N. Arnold, 27 October 1880: "A short distance southwest from the Upper Pt. Judith Schoolhouse a burial yard of the Austin Family lot walled in good condition but inside enclosure neglected.";
"The property was inherited by Samuel and Sarah Congdon's son, Joseph (1758-1825), who sold 150 acres to Joseph N. Austin (ca. 1766-1842) for \$5000 in 1817." Refer to section 8, pg 14:
https://preservation.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur406/files/pdfs_zips_downloads/national_pdfs/narragansett/narr_point-judith-rd-505_anthony-kinney-farm.pdf;
- *Benjamin G. Austin, 1801-1828; son of Joseph N., 1766-1842, and Sarah, 1788-1846.

NG005: South Pier Road Cemetery (Congdon-Perkins Lot)

Address: South Pier Rd (northside, 100ft west of Blossom Way)

- James N. Arnold, 2 March 1880: "Beside the south Pier road a distance west of the village is a burial yard well fenced and in good order that of the Congdon and Perkins family.";
- *Elcy Congdon, 1780-1831, wife of George Congdon, 1775-1845; children George C., 1806-1833, and Job B. Perkins, 1837-1838.

NG006: Lucky Star Cemetery

Address: Pt Judith Rd (Stop & Shop)

- James N. Arnold, 3 April 1880: "The Kenyon yard on the west side of the Point Judith Road a little south of the lower Pier road, lot walled though kept in poor condition. This cemetery was named after the Lucky Star Farm on Route #108.";
- *Hannah Kenyon, 1798-1824, wife of Capt. Caleb B. Kenyon;
- **Gardiner Kenyon, 1757-1846; son of Nathan Kinyon, 1731-1821, and Mary née Greene, 1739-1805; uncle of Benjamin Kenyon, NG002. "He received 100 acres from his father Nathan Kinyon at Point Judith on the Salt Pond. His farm is now (2014) Stop'n Shop Plaza in Narragansett, RI."
- Eagle Project 1978, Troop 1 Narragansett

NG007: Avice Street Cemetery (James H. Brown Cemetery)

Address: 41 Homeland Ave (private residence)

- James N. Arnold, 6 March 1880: "On land of James C. Dillon between his house and barn beside his lane is an old Brown burial yard fairly protected although a lot overgrown with weeds." Apparently these are relocated gravestones, laid flat next to the road at the corner of Avice St. and Pleasant Ave.;
- *Hannah Stanton Brown, 1802-1831; wife of James Hall Brown, 1794-1843, son of Peleg Brown, 1757-1831, and Mary née Cornell, 1761-1837.

NG008: Sprague Park Cemetery (Thomas Mumford Burial Ground)

Address: 195 Kingstown Rd (Sprague Memorial Field)

- James N. Arnold, 2 March 1880: "In the old orchard back of Gov. Sprague's farm house is the old Mumford burial yard - yard entirely unprotected. On dark stone [schist carved in CT] we read [4 gravestones read by JNA.]" 33 full graves and 23 smaller ones are in this yard marked with rude stones only.";
- *Abigail Mumford, 1670-1707, wife of Thomas Mumford, 1657-1726, children, Capt George, 1689-1756, and William, 1694-1765.

NG009: Canonchet Farm Cemetery (Hon. William Robinson Lot)

Address: Canonchet Farm/South County Museum

- James N. Arnold, 1 March 1880: "on land now belonging to Gov. Sprague at Narragansett Pier a short distance west of his mansion in an old Robinson burial yard. The lot was walled with a double-faced wall in fine condition, inside of the lot covered with briars and weeds." He mentioned that many graves had been removed to Riverside Cemetery in Wakefield;
- *Hon. William Robinson, 1694-1751, eighth child of Rowland Robinson, 1654-1716 and Mary née Allen, 1653-1716, the South County Robinson family patriarch who emigrated to America in the late 17th century. William, who served two terms as Deputy Governor of Rhode Island Colony, planned the cemetery as a final resting place for himself, his family, and his descendants. William's great-grandson moved the Governor's remains to Riverside Cemetery, Wakefield. A few Robinson family members remain buried here. Rehabilitation of Robinson Graveyard was done as an Eagle Scout Project in 1999 and is now maintained by South County Museum;
- **Benjamin Robinson, 1763-1830, husband of Elizabeth née Brown, 1769-1855; son of John, b 1743 and Sarah née Peckham; grandson of William H., and his 2nd wife, Abigail née Gardiner, 1700-1772.

NG010: Franklin-Gardiner Cemetery

Address: Adjacent to South Ferry Church, 170 South Ferry Rd.

- James N. Arnold, 9 May 1880: "opposite Meeting House on ferry hill is an ancient burial yard unprotected and in poor order being overgrown with briar..."
- *Thomas Franklin, 1745-1761, son of Stephen, 1715-1803, and Margaret née Mitchell, 1727-1785;
- **Capt. James Gardiner, 1753-1824. Died at Newport at age 71; was for years a well known sea captain from Newport who served in the American Revolution under John Paul Jones, "Father of the American Navy", in the *Bonhomme Richard*. He was a captain in regiments from Kings and Kent counties, RI; wife Sarah, 1756-1822.
- Eagle Project 2014 Troop 1 Narragansett

NG011: Benjamin Stanton Lot

Address: Behind South Ferry Church (800ft along path)

- James N. Arnold, 9 May 1880: "he found 4 marble stones, then "north of here 6 graves unmarked, 5 in line east the same, 4 in next line the same, 4 large and 3 small in next line the same, 2 small in the furthest east the same." The four Stanton stones were removed to No. Kingstown Elm Grove Cemetery NK026.";
- *Sarah Sherman Stanton, 1774-1834, wife of Benjamin, 1773-1843, son of Benjamin, 1740-1787 (father of Sarah (Sally) Knowles, NG001), son of John, 1674 - 1762, who married Elizabeth née Clarke, 1698 in Portsmouth, RI; they had 12 children. General Joseph Stanton, Jr., first U.S. Senator from RI under Constitution, laid to rest in Stanton family cemetery in Charlestown, RI. Joseph Stanton House, aka Wilcox Tavern, Charlestown, built by his father. General Stanton Inn, Charlestown, his former mansion. Distant relation to the Benjamins?

NG012: Boston Neck Cemetery (Saunderstown)

NG013: Rowland Robinson Lot

Address: Ginger Lane (Riverdell Condominium Association)

- James N. Arnold, 9 May 1880: "On land of John B L Watson a distance west of his house in an open lot is a tomb of the Robinson family, a poor wall is around it. Tomb in good state of preservation within this enclosure.";
- *Hannah Robinson, 1746-1773, daughter of Rowland, 1719-1806, and Anstis née Gardiner Robinson, 1721-1773; "A sick and heartbroken widow by age 27, she died on October 30, 1773, the day after coming home to receive her father's forgiveness for marrying a man he did not approve of: <http://www.greenvilleparanormal.com/legend-tripping.html>; [The Tragic Love Story Behind Hannah Robinson Tower In Rhode Island](#);

- **Hon. Rowland Robinson, 1719-1806, eldest son of Hon. William, 1694-1751 (NG009), and his 1st wife, Martha née Potter, 1692-1772 (5 children), 2nd wife, Abigail née Gardiner, 1700- (8 children); grandson of American patriarch Rowland, 1654-1716;
- "Stone erected in 1885 by Gardner Morey, great-grand-nephew of Rowland Robinson in memory of his sister Hannah G. (1831-1833), daughter of Hannah Robinson née Gardner and Robert Morey. Dates taken from Rowland Robinson's bible.";
- Eagle Project 2018, Troop 1 Narragansett

NG014: Timothy Collins Lot

Address: 31 Horizon Drive (private residence)

- James N. Arnold, 1880: "on land now owned by Joseph G Johnson between his house and the river is a burial yard ... walled.";
- *Hannah Clarke Collins, 1831-1847, daughter of Timothy Clarke Collins, 1799-1867, and Mary Ann née Gardiner, 1880-1863; sister of Peleg née Gardiner Collins, 1828-1876, all of whom are buried here.

NG015: Robinson Lot (John H. Knowles Lot)

Address: 29 Anglers Court (private residence)

- James N. Arnold, 30 Mar 1880: "On land of Jeremiah P Robinson near the Point Judith Light another Knowles family burial yard, lot walled and in fair condition, inside of lot poor";
- *George Augustus Knowles, 1831-1832, son of John H. and Ann.

*First known interment

**Served in Revolutionary War

*** James Newell Arnold, 1844-1927, born in Cranston, died in Providence, laid to rest at SK046, Peleg Brown Cemetery. Inscription on his gravestone: "A searcher of records, a careful Historian, a lover of the past, whose life was given to perpetuating its lessons." His collection of vital cemetery records resides at the Knight Branch of the Providence Public Library.

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