

**SMALL GRAVEYARDS  
IN  
EXETER  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



These small graveyards were  
surveyed in 1910 and 1937 by  
Elizabeth K. Folsom and  
Walter O. Pennell.  
They were inspected in 1999 by  
Marilyn J. Easton  
and William Gustin.

Small Graveyards in Exeter, New Hampshire  
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SMALL GRAVEYARDS IN EXETER

Barker Family Burying Ground

Located in the field in the rear of the old Barker house on Garrison Lane. The lot is 30' x 40', and is surrounded by a wooden fence with a gate.

BARKER

- Noah Barker died May 10, 1858, aged 94 yrs., 8 mos.
- Deborah, wife of Noah Barker, died Nov. 21st, 1855, aged 82 years.
- Benjamin Barker died Nov. 3, 1863, aged 71 yrs., 5 mos.
- Lydia, wife of Benjamin Barker died Dec. 31, 1887, aged 87 yrs., 10 mos., 22 dys.
- Noah Barker died Feb. 9, 1868, aged 74 yrs., 11 mos.
- Gilman Barker born Mar. 1, 1808, died Feb. 16, 1895.
- Emeline, wife of Gilman Barker died May 13, 1851, aged 35 yrs.

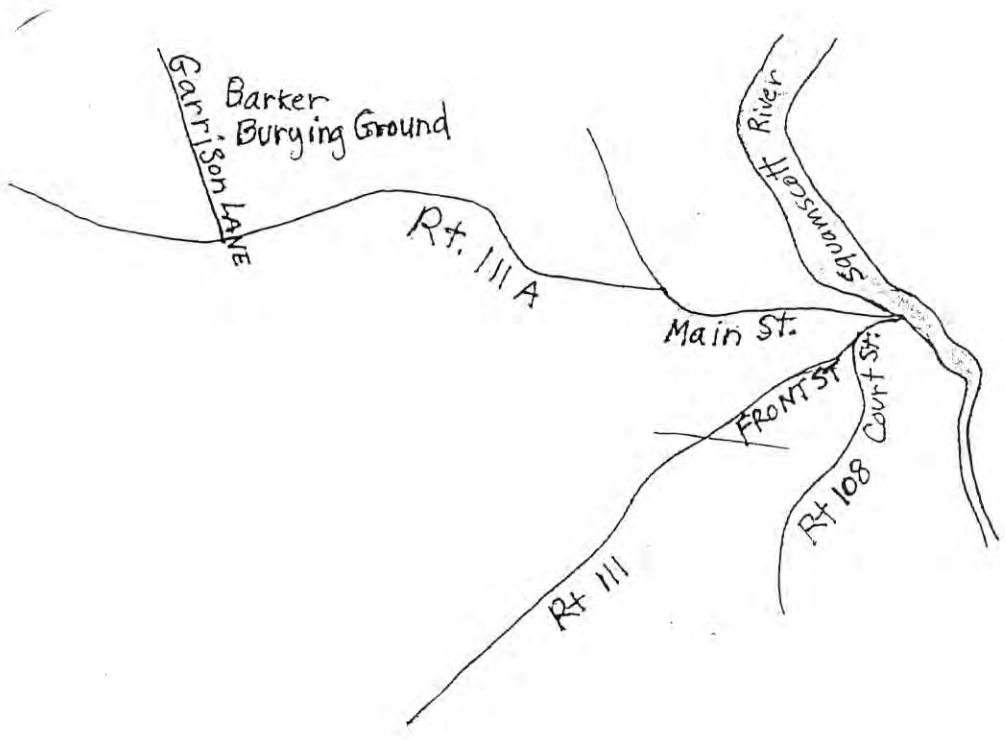
GILMAN

Judith Gilman, died May 3rd 1861, aged 91 yrs.

RUSSELL

- Thomas H. Russell died April 19, 1855, aged 72 yrs.
- Cynthia, wife of Thomas K. Russell died Mar. 31, 1864, aged 82 yrs., 5 mos.  
(Initial in his name "H", and in her inscription "K".)

Map:



## SMALL GRAVEYARDS IN EXETER

## Grave of Susannah Holman Brown

This lone grave is located in the edge of the woods now owned by Phillips Exeter Academy, and is about a fifth of a mile back of the Page home on Drinkwater Road, or Kensington Road as it is more often called.

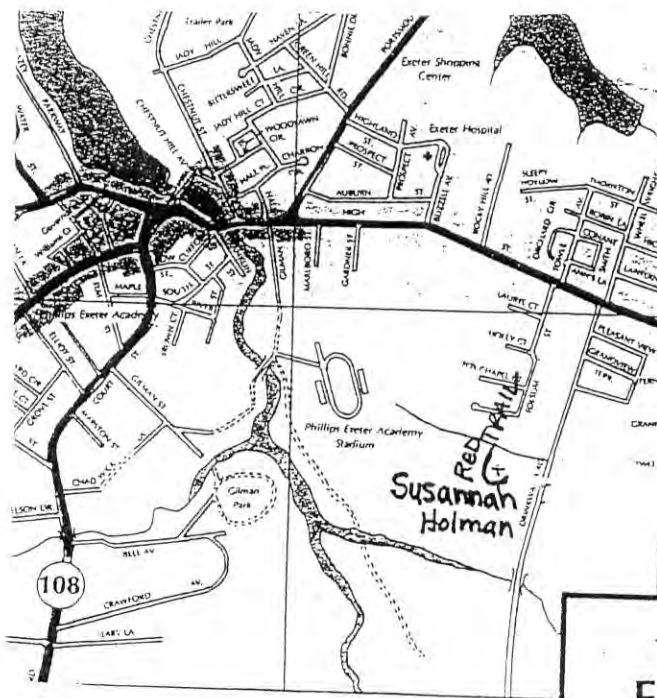
Susannah Holman  
 wife of  
 Joseph Brown  
 1785-1812  
 also an infant  
 daughter

NOTE: Joseph Brown, son of Abraham Brown and wife Judith Runnells, married first Susannah Holman; married second Mercy West. He lived in the Page house. His first wife died in childbirth and was buried in what was then an open field, and the grave marked by a common field stone. Forest trees crept forward and surrounded the lonely mound; were in time cut and some 42 years ago the writer saw this mound out in the open but surrounded by tree stumps. Now the spot is again among trees.

Joseph Brown and first wife, Susannah Holman, had two daughters besides the infant that died. One married Harvey D. Parker, founder of the Parker House in Boston; the other, Susannah H., married William S. Bickford of Exeter where she died in 1902, aged 95 yrs.

Some 25 or so years ago a grand daughter of Susannah Holman Brown and daughter of Harvey D. Parker, came to Exeter, located the isolated grave of her grandmother, and had the white marble headstone placed at the grave.

Map:



The grave is off the trail  
 through the Academy woods.

Located 9-99 by  
 William Gustin

# SMALL GRAVEYARDS IN EXETER

## The Daniel Conner Tomb

This tomb is on the west side of Newmarket Road in a pasture a little back from the road and just north of Isaac Williams's brick house. Daniel Conner once owned the brick house now owned by Williams.

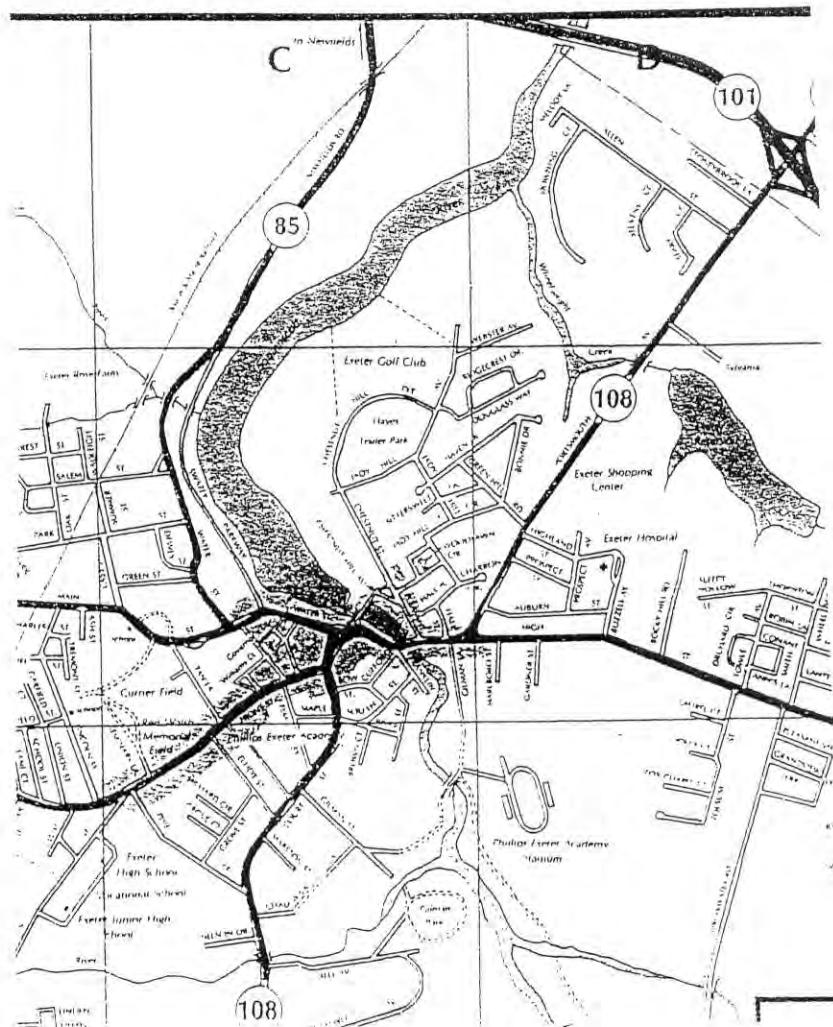
The tomb is well built of stone construction with an iron plated door. The top of the tomb is sodded and the whole structure is surrounded by a stone wall enclosing a lot with the tomb in its center. At present a pile of boards is all that is left of the coffins, and a few bones are scattered over the floor. From time to time Academy boys have held their secret society initiations in this tomb.

## The Swasey Tomb

The Swasey family at one time had a family tomb across the railroad tracks in the rear of the newly remodelled house now owned by Mrs. Henderson, on the Newmarket Road just at the north end of the Parkway. Sometime ago the bodies were all removed to the Exeter Cemetery, and the tomb was demolished.

Written by Walter O, Pennell.

Map:



## SMALL GRAVEYARDS IN EXETER

## The Cram Family Burying Ground

Located on the north side of Hampton Road on the original farm of Benjamin Cram now (1912) owned by J. V. Carossi. The lot is about forty feet square, is enclosed by a cut stone wall, and has an iron gate. The ground inside is raised somewhat and is reached by a stone step inside the gate. This is locally called "The Butterfly Cemetery," from the appearance of a butterfly in the grain of the granite of two of the wall slabs.

## CRAM

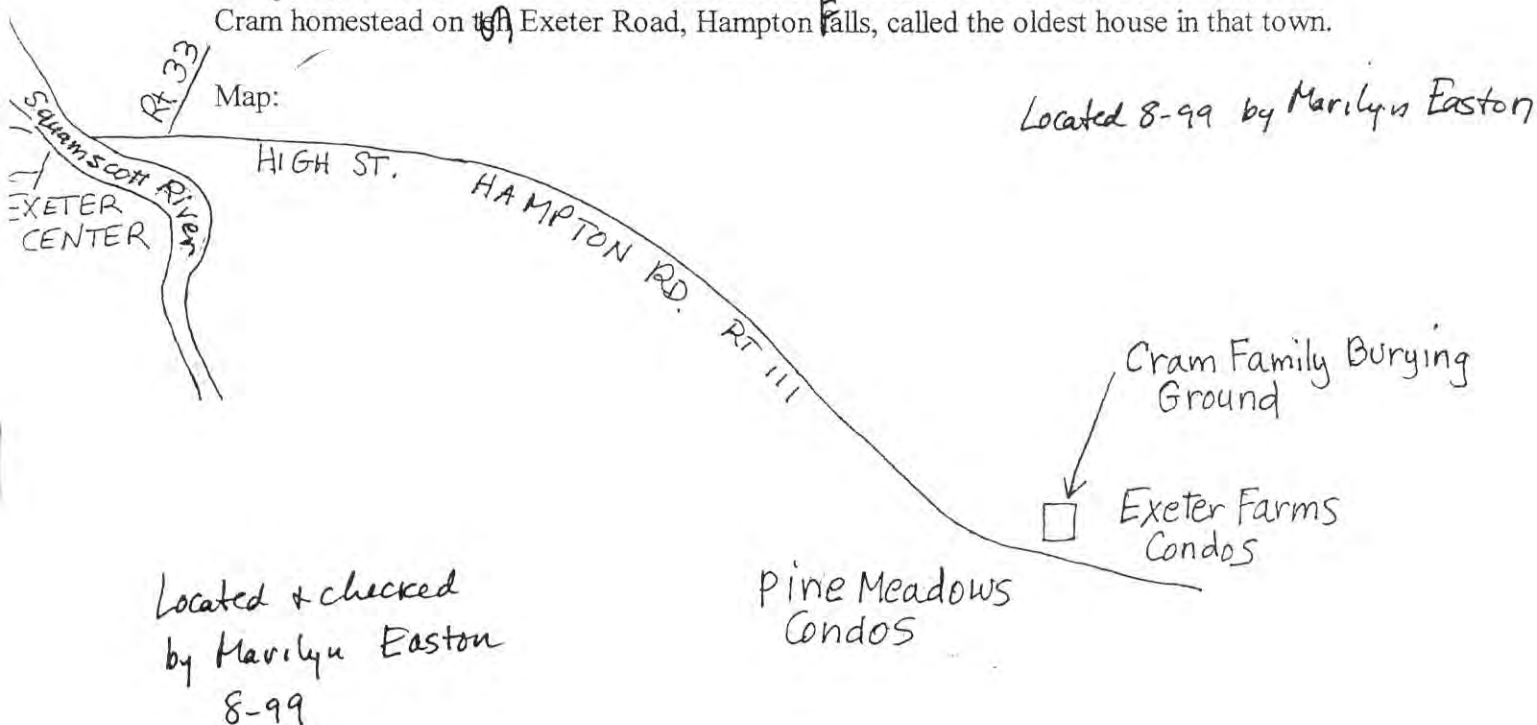
- ✓ Ben'j Cram died March 20, 1804, in his 88th year.
- ✓ Martha, wife of Ben'j Cram died July 14th 1804, in her 88th year.
- ✓ Anna Cram died March 29, 1849, aged 93 yrs., 8 mos., & 15 dys. (Mother)
- ✓ Joseph Cram, Esq., died Aug. 26, 1791, aged 46 yrs., 8 mos. (Father)
- ✓ Sarah, daughter of Joseph and Anna Cram, died June 27, 1792, aged 1 yr., 10 mos.
- ✓ Benjamin Cram, died Jan. 30, 1859, aged 77 yrs., 10 mos.

(Two other graves marked by unlettered field stones.) - *missing*

Additional Stones:  
M.C. 1802  
B.C. 1802

Copied by Elizabeth K. Folsom Oct. 3, 1912

Note: Benjamin 4 Cram (Benjamin 3, Benjamin 2, John 1) baptized in Hampton Falls, April 14, 1717; married July 20, 1742, Martha Brown, daughter of Jacob Brown 6 of Hampton; settled on this farm in Exeter; here both died in 1804. He was born in the old Cram homestead on the Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, called the oldest house in that town.



## SMALL GRAVEYARDS IN EXETER

## The Grave of John Dolloff

This is located in the front yard of a frame house the next to the last house on the south side of the Epping Road before the Exeter-Epping town line. The grave is partly covered with round stones to give it the appearance of a rock garden.

JOHN M. DOLLOFF

Died 1862

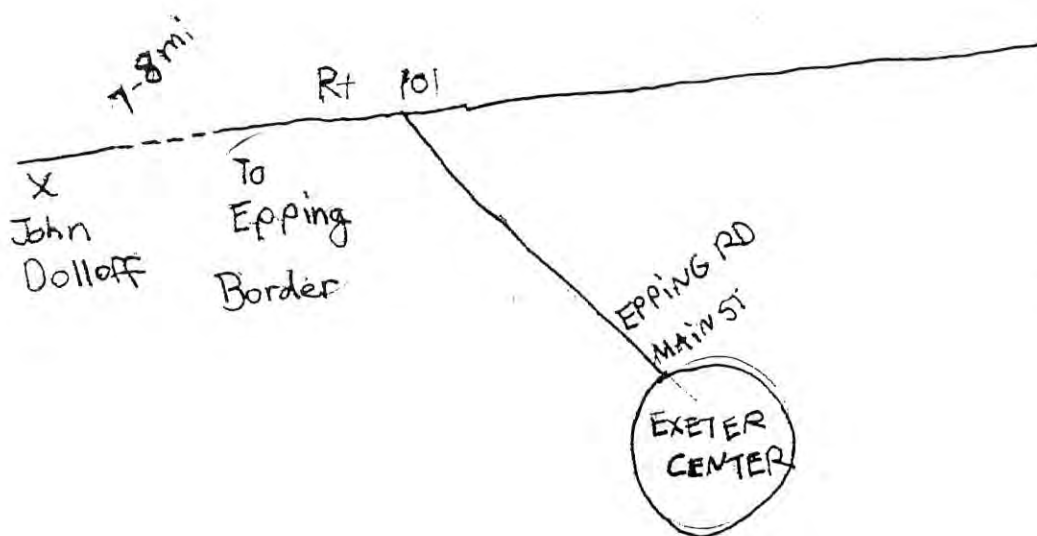
The day of the month could not be read. The occupants of the house said Dolloff was a young man about 22 years of age, and an adopted son of a Mr. Mace who owned the farm, and that he was drowned. It is said the location of the grave was originally where the frame house now stands, and when the house was built it was moved in front.

Source: Walter O. Pennell

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Map:

(There is no Exeter-Epping town line on 101 now)



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The Dow Family Burying Ground

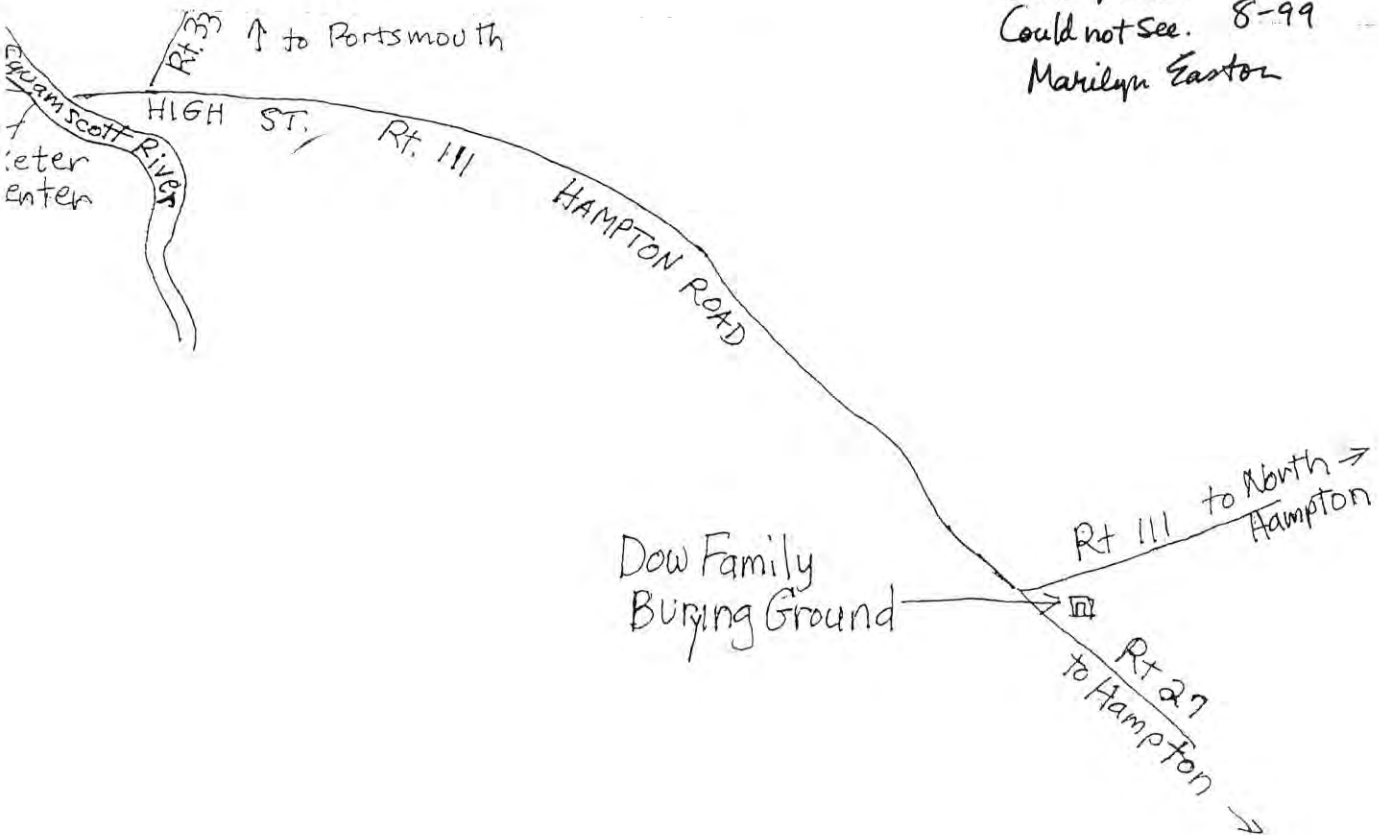
Located on the estate of Miss Josephine P. Dow, on Dow or Bride Hill. The single row of marble headstones are next to and parallel the stone boundary wall across the field east of her home.

DOW

- Charles Dow died Aug. 8, 1883, aged 72 yrs., 2 mos.
- Charles W., son of Ch's & Elizabeth Dow, died Aug. 17, 1849, aged 10 yrs, 6 mos.
- Elizabeth L. wife of Charles Dow, died Nov. 11, 1849, aged 44 yrs., 1 mo.
- George W. Dow died Jan. 15, 1894, Aged 57 yrs., 4 mos.
- Mary W., dau. of Richard and Jemima Dow, died Sept. 16, 1833, aged 18 yrs., 4 mos.
- Matilda A., wife of Charles Dow, died June 19, 1886, Ae. 65 yrs., 11 mos.
- Richard Dow died April 10, 1861, aged 77 yrs., 6 mos.

(Verified Feb. 1938 by Elizabeth K. Folsom.)

Map:



## SMALL GRAVEYARDS IN EXETER

## The Grave of James Dudley

On a low headland on the west bank of Salt River (Swampscott) about a mile below the falls and diagonally across Newmarket (Newfields) Road from the residence of the late Ambrose Swasey, is a stone slab resting on the ground and bearing the following inscription:

*Here Lyes Buried the Body of Mr. James Dudley who departed this life Nove'r the 14th 1720 in the 57th year of his age. He was son to the Rev'd Mr. Samuel Dudley, Minister of the gospel in Exeter and grandson to the Honourable Thomas Dudley, Esq'r one of the first Governours of New England.*

The slab, about 31' x 67', is of red stone of a similar kind to that used for his father's grave, and the shape is also somewhat similar. About the slab are some field stones which may have been used at one time to support it. The Rev. Elias Nason who describes the stone in 1862 in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. 16, says that it was "resting on some crude masonry about two feet from the earth."

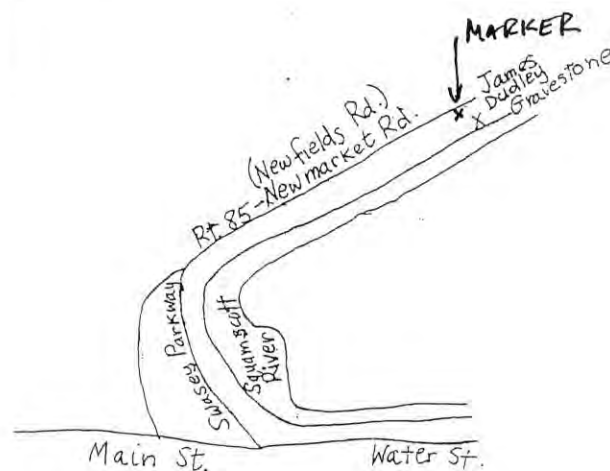
The wife of James Dudley was Elizabeth Leavitt, a daughter of Samuel Leavitt. She married for her second husband, Capt. Robert Briscoe who lived on the Leavitt farm,- later the Gardiner Gilman farm,- on the east side of Fresh River, now owned by the Academy. She married the 22nd of Sept. 1730 for her third husband, Rev. John Odlin, then a widower. She died Jan. 23, 1754.

It has been said that at one time there were other graves her of the Lyford family. Rebecca, the sister of James Dudley, married Francis Lyford and she inherited from her father's estate the field in which the grave is located.

The above account was written by Walter O. Pennell.

Currently (1999) there is a marker near the road as well as the original grave stone by the river across a farm meadow.

Map:





## SMALL GRAVEYARDS IN EXETER

## Folsom Burying Ground

This is the family burial place of descendants of Lieutenant Peter (2) Folsom, who was the first person buried here, in 1717. His son, Peter (3) Folsom was buried in 1718. A boulder and bronze tablet in their memory, and also of their wives, was unveiled August 10, 1938 during the 27th reunion of the Folsom Family Association, the 300th anniversary of the landing of John (1) Folsom and his wife Mary Gilman, in this country, and also the 300th anniversary of the founding of Exeter.

This cemetery is on the estate of Wendell Burt Folsom, on High Street and is nicely walled by cut granite slabs, and has an iron-work gate.

In Memory of  
 LIEUT. PETER FOLSOM  
 1649--1717  
 His wife  
 ✓ SUSANNA (MILLS) COUSINS  
 Their son  
 PETER FOLSOM  
 1689--1718  
 His wife  
 CATHERINE GILMAN

Unveiled August 10, 1938  
 Folsom Family Association

## FOLSOM

- ✓ In memory of Mr. Peter Folsom who died July 26, 1792, in the 78th Year of his Age.
- ✓ Josiah Folsom Born March 12, 1787, Died Jan. 21, 1874. (He was a soldier of the War of 1812.)
- ✓ Erected to the Memory of Mrs. Mary Folsom, Consort of Mr. Josiah Folsom, who died March 22, 1814, aged 30.
- ✓ Mary, wife of Josiah Folsom, Died April 12, 1847, aged 49 yrs., & 3 mos.
- ✓ Elizabeth, wife of Josiah Folsom, Born July 29, 1805, Died Sept. 16, 1878.  
 In memory of Deborah L., Dau. of James & Judith Folsom, Born Oct. 6, 1829, Died Feb. 27, 1837.
- ✓ In memory of William H., Son of James & Judith Folsom, died Nov. 6, 1842, aged 30 yrs.
- ✓ In memory of John T., son of James & Judith Folsom, died Jan. 24, 1845, aged 25 yrs.
- ✓ Ellen M., Dau. of James and Judith Folsom, Born Mar. 18, 1835, Died Jan. 26, 1864.

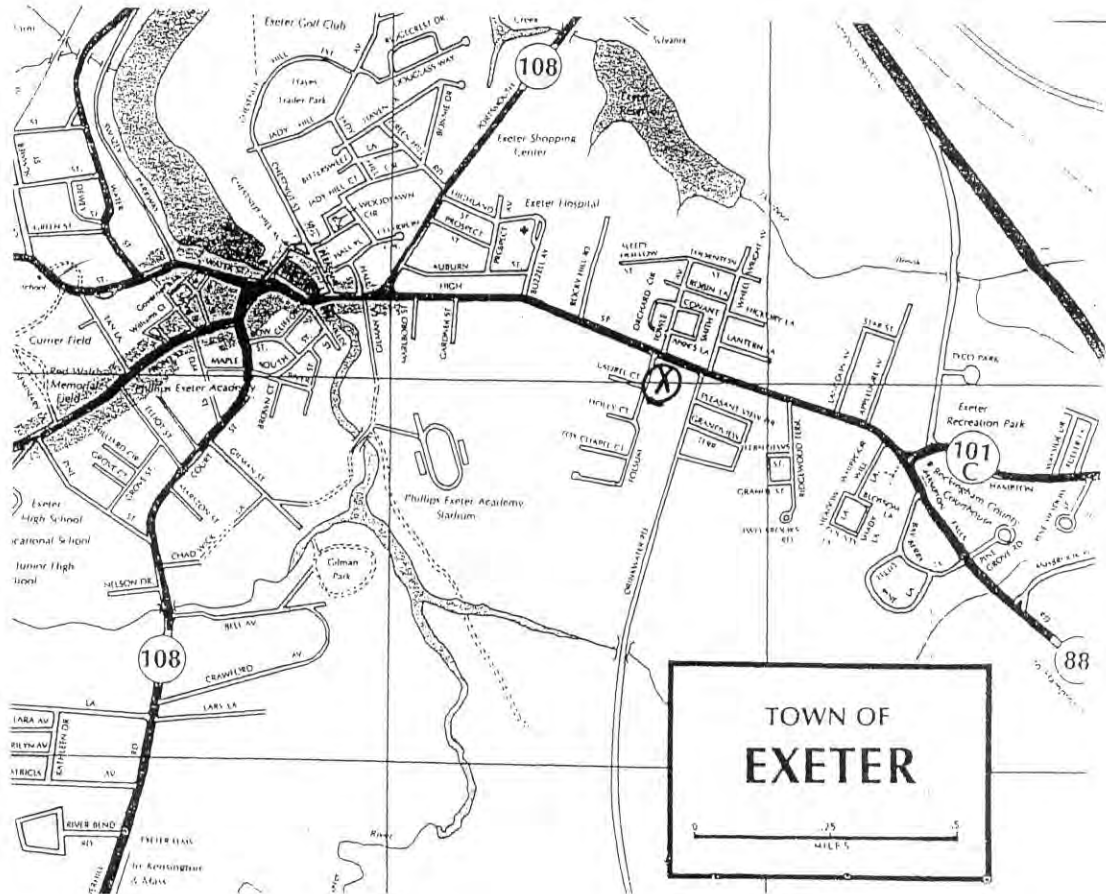
FOLSOM, Continued.

- ✓ James Folsom, Died may 13, 1861, Aged 75 yrs. (Soldier of War of 1812.)
- ✓ Judith, widow of James Folsom, Died April 29, 1871, Aged 81 yrs.
- ✓ Mr. James Folsom, Born July 22, 1756, died Aug. 17, 1835, Aged 79. (Soldier in Revolutionary War.)
- ✓ Mrs. Mary Folsom, wife of Mr. James Folsom, Born March 17, 1763, Died Dec. 25th, 1831, Aged 69 yrs.
- ✓ Mary Folsom, Born Feb. 13th, 1789, Died Dec. 22, 1852, Ae. 65.

Hon. Simeon Folsom married 18 Jan. 1800, Mary, dau. of Capt. James Leavitt.  
Josiah Coffin Smith married July 11, 1789, Emma, dau. of Capt. James Leavitt.  
Robert Shute married 5 Oct. 1817, Emma Smith

(Inscriptions copied by Elizabeth K. Folsom November 12, 1910. Copied by Walter O. Pennell in 1937.) All OK. 8-21-99 MJEaston

Map:



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The Folsom-Smith-Shute Burying Ground  
Originally a Leavitt Cemetery.

Located on the Samuel Leavitt farm, later the Gilman estate and now owned by the Phillips Exeter Academy. It is in the field just beyond the end of Marlboro Street which leads to the west from High Street.

Probably the old, unlettered field stones are at the graves of the Leavitt family, the stones still standing and well inscribed are at the graves of the descendants of Samuel Leavitt.

FOLSOM

Hon. Simeon Folsom died at Wolfeboro, N.H. on Aug. 23, 1816.

Unreadable stone.  
Footstone: HON

✓ Simeon Folsom, son of Simeon & Mary Folsom, died at Dover, May 9, 1824, and inter'd here on the following day, Aged 14 yrs.

SHUTE

✓ Miss Nancy Shute died June 29, 1831, Aet. 32.

✓ Infant son of Robert & Emma Shute, died May 11, 1823, aged 18 days.

✓ Mary Emeline, child of J. S. & Mary E. Shute, died Oct. 29, 1851, aged 1 mo.

(Stone standing in 1910, not found in 1938.)

SMITH

✓ Isaac, son of Mr J.C. & Mrs. Emma Smith, born July 24th 1811, died Sept. 11th, 1815.

Not found. Sarah Frances, dau. of George & Sarah Smith, born June 25th 1818, died July 29th, 1819. (This stone was standing in 1910 but not found in 1938.)

✓ Elizabeth Frances Rogers, only dau. of J.G. and M.S. Smith, born Feb. 28, died Sept. 8, 1822, aged 6 mos., 8 dys.

✓ Josiah C. Smith died Dec. 18, 1842, aged 78 yrs.

✓ Emma Smith, wife of Josiah C. Smith died Jan. 22, 1843, aged 72 yrs.

Mehitable Smith, wife of Josiah G. Smith born May 18, 1794 died

Map: Jan. 12, 1825, aged 31 yrs.



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GAS HOUSE  
D. 11

SMALL GRAVEYARDS IN EXETER

Second Public Burial Ground, Newmarket Road  
(Water St., Also called Gas House Hill Cemetery.)

CUNNINGHAM

Here lies Buried ye body of Timothy Cunningham, aged 46 yrs. Departed this life ye 16th of April, 1712.

DUDLEY

Here lies ye Body of Sarah Dudley, was born Feb. 25, 1666-7. Departed this life Jan. ye 24th, 1712/3.

Here lies ye body of Samuel Dudley Jun'r, aged 32 years and about two months. Died Feb. 16, 1717/18.

GILMAN

Here lies ye Body of Mrs. Joanna Gilman, wife to Mr. Andrew Gilman. Dec'd Nov. ye 16th in her 31 yrs. of her age.

THING

Here lies buried ye body of Mrs. Abigail Thing, wife to Samuel Thing, Esqr. who died Nov. 7, 1728, Aetatis suae 64.

Here lyes Buried ye body of Capt. Jonathan Thing, De'c Oct. 31, 1694. Aetatis 40.

Josiah Thing, aged 5<sup>m</sup> and 25<sup>15</sup> days died March ye 5th 1710/11.

Mrs. Mary Thing, wife of Capt. Jonathan Thing, dyed Aug. A.D. 1691, aetatis suae 33.

Here lyes buried ye body of Mrs. Abigail Thing, wife to Barth. Thing, who died May 29 ----, aged 25 yrs.

PENN

Jonathan Penn, Dec. 1757

?Joseph (obliterated)

The above inscriptions were on slate headstones copied in 1864 by Rev. Elias Nason, pastor of the First Church, Nov. 22, 1860 to May 30, 1865. Printed in New England Register.

Sarah Dudley was the first wife of Steven Dudley, the seventh son of the Rev. Samuel Dudley, by his second wife, Mary Byley. Steven married for his second wife, Mary Thing, and for his third wife, Mercy Gilman. No doubt but Steven Dudley, his wives and four children were all buried here.

(The third cemetery was not in use until after 1743.)

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GAS HOUSE

A fenced enclosure of graniteposts and iron rails, 18 x 20 feet, contains a granite monument erected in 1850 by Alexander Ladd, of Portsmouth, N.H., a descendant of the family. On top of the monument is a slab with the following inscription:

In memory of the Ladd family who sleep in this enclosure.

Nathaniel Ladd, the first of the name who settled in Exeter, was born in Haverhill March 10, 1650. Elizabeth, his wife, and daughter of Councillor John Gilman, was born in Exeter Aug. 16, 1661. He was mortally wounded in a fight with the Indians as Macquoit, Aug. 11, A.D. 1691. Alexander, one of their descendants was born in Exeter, May 9, 1764. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Abigail Lad dec'd Aug. 1, 1757.

Mrs. Josiah Ladd, Aged 75 yrs. Died Nov. 17, (defaced).

Mrs. Ruth Ladd, wife of Simeon Ladd, died Nov. 14, 1784, aged 42.

In memory of Mr. Simeon Ladd, Born May 18, 1742. Died Dec. 17, A.D. 1811.

Mrs. Alpha Ladd, wife of Mr. Simeon Ladd, Died Oct. 24, 1788, aged 33 yrs.

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### GRAVE REV. SAMUEL DUDLEY

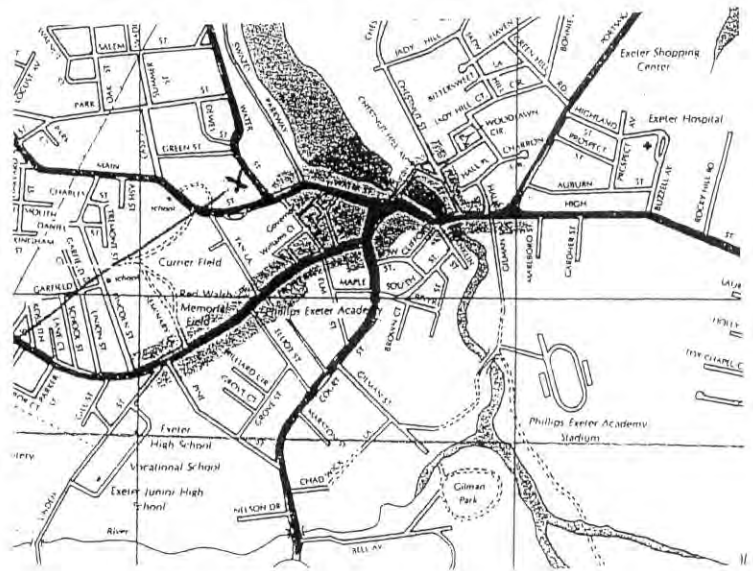
A tablet tombstone with "SAM" on it was considered by Dean Dudley, historian of the Dudley family, to mark the grave of REV. SAMUEL DUDLEY. Mr. Dudley, in his history of the Dudley family Vol. 1, pg. 163, said: "I visited the place (cemetery) in 1847, and found it much neglected and decayed."

Mr. John Kelly, of Exeter, in the News-Letter of July 5, 1852, said: "Mr. Dudley's bones lie buried in the neglected burying ground on Water Street." That is where the tablet tombstone lay which had the word "SAM" upon it.

Within a few years this burying ground was restored to better conditions and a picket fence erected around the grounds. At irregular intervals the bushes have been pruned out and the stones righted. In 1909 Exeter Chapter DAR placed a bronze tablet upon the tablet tombstone.

Source: Elizabeth K. Folsom.

Map:



Gas House Hill Cemetery

SMALL GRAVEYARDS IN EXETER

Haley Family Burying Ground

Located on the east side of Newmarket Road, on the hillside just beyond Stoney, or Bray's, Brook. The burial adjoins Williams's nursery, and is part of the old Haley Farm.

HALEY

Arthur C. Haley, died Dec. 21, 1890, Ae. 67 yrs., 11 mos., 26 days.

Harriet M., wife of Arthur C. haley, dide Oct. 31, 1895, Ae. 69 yrs., 3 mos., 5 days.

Clara E., dau. of Arthur C. and Harriet M. Haley, died May 17, 1863, aged 7 yrs., 1 mo., 3 dys.

John C., son of Benjamin & Martha Haley, died Jan. 8, 1821, aged 2 yrs., 9 mos.

Benj. Haley, died March 2, 1854, aged 82 yrs.

Susan Haley, died June 12, 1858, aged 82 yrs.

Moses Haley, died Oct 4, 1860, aged 82 yrs.

Also a footstone marked "B.H." but no headstone.

NOTE: Benjamin Haley was the great grandfather of the present (1937) Charles Haley who conducts the meat market of that name.

Written by Walter O, Pennell.

Map: /

HALL

### SMALL GRAVEYARDS IN EXETER

#### Hall Family Burying Ground

Located on a knoll at the west end of Pleasant Street near Duck Point in a corner of a field, with no enclosure.

This burying ground is on the original land of Lieut. Ralph Hall, born in England about 1619, who after a temporary residence in Exeter and some years in Dover, returned to Exeter where on Oct. 24th 1663 he bought house and land of Thomas Biggs one of the early settlers on the east side of the river.

Probably the first burial here was Ralph (2) Hall, son of Lieut. Ralph, who died in Exeter 3 June 1671. Lieut. Ralph and wife died after 1691 when they deeded land to son Kinsley. They were no doubt buried in this lot, as also their son Kinsley, his first wife Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Samuel Dudley, his second wife's stone still standing. Kinsley's son, Paul (3) Hall was buried here and his stone was standing in 1917, but not now (1937) found,--- only the foot stone remains, Paul's wife, and probably other members of the family rest here.

#### HALL

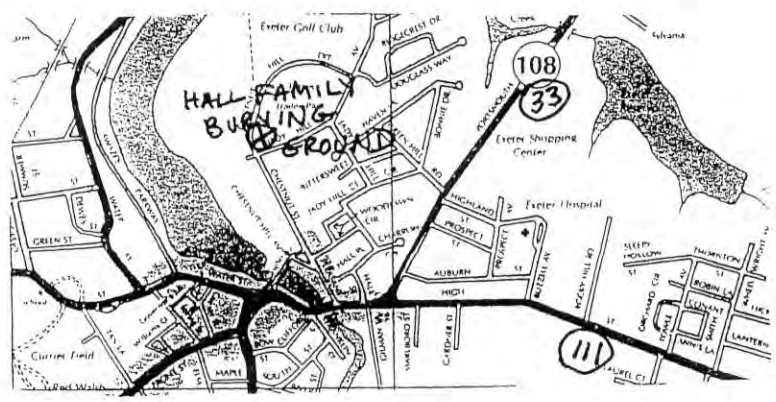
Here lyes ye body of mrs Mary Hall late wife of Cansley Hall Esqr Dec'd January ye 24th 1728/9 in ye 65th year of her age.

Here lyes ye body of Mr Paul Hall Dec'd Dec'r ye 29th 1726 in ye 39th year of his age.

Several old field stones, no lettering. Copied Oct. 26, 1917 by Elizabeth K. Folsom.

Only one stone remained, that of Mrs. Mary Hall, when Mr. Pennell inspected the burial place in 1937. *Could not locate. 8-21-99 M J Easton*

Map:



# SMALL GRAVEYARDS IN EXETER

## Leavitt Family Burying Ground

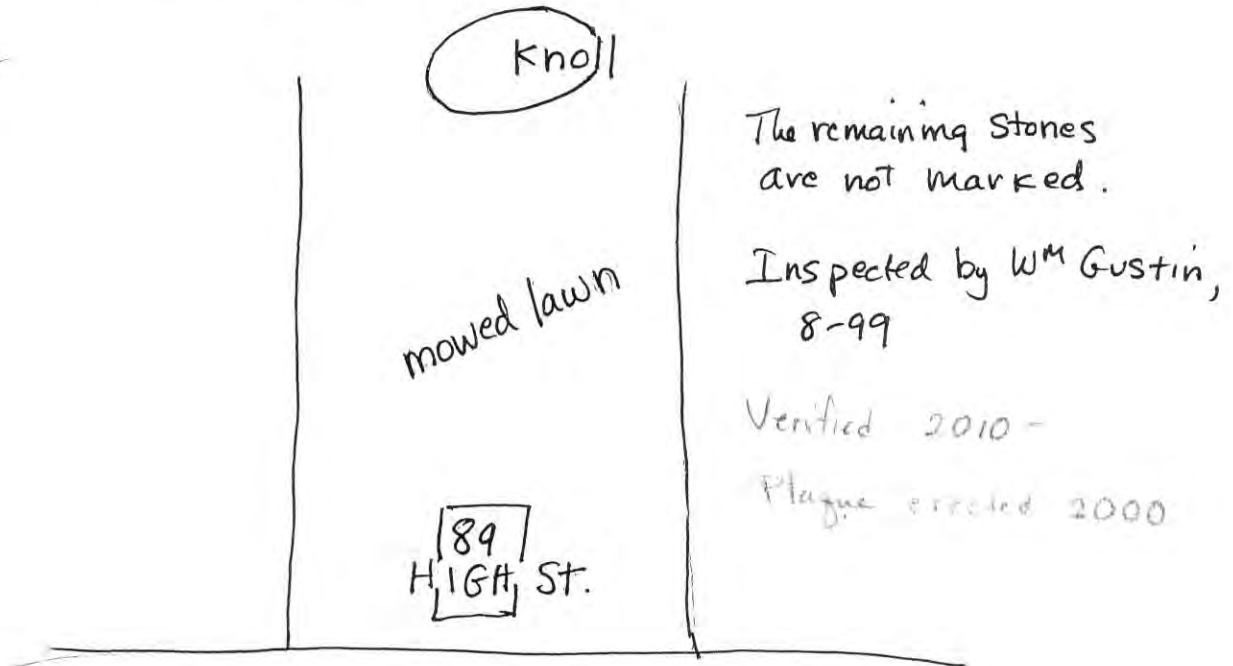
Located in the rear of the Luce place, 89 High Street, on a beautiful knoll and adjacent to the Academy Athletic field, formerly the Gilman farm.

There are about five graves marked with very old field stones. This is probably the burial place of Moses (2) Leavitt (John (1), of Hingham, Mass) who was born August 12, 1650; came to Exeter before 1681, when on the 26th of October that year he married Dorothy, daughter of Rev. Samuel Dudley. He settled on what is now High Street, his house being on the site of the Follansby house, now the Emerson School for Boys. Here he died in 1730. Of his eleven children Dudley (3) lived in the homestead. And here in 1702 lived Elizabeth, last wife of Rev. Samuel Dudley, with her daughter Dorothy Leavitt (Libby).

This burial ground is on land belonging to Moses Leavitt and his descendants, and he and other members of his family no doubt were buried here, as it has been known as the "Leavitt Burial Ground" by the oldest residents down to the present time.

Later when Samuel Lane settled on what is now Miss Spring's place, and which was land taken from the Moses Leavitt farm, and deaths occurred in the Lane family they were buried in this lot. About 1887 Mrs. Sobrina Lane had the Lane bodies removed to the Exeter Cemetery. (Written by Miss Emma F. Folsom.)

Map:





## SMALL GRAVEYARDS IN EXETER

Town Cemetery  
On Perkins Hill (Formerly called Gordon Hill)

This cemetery is on the south side of the road to Kingston beyond Perkins (Gordon) Hill, perhaps 500 feet in from the road, and about opposite the road to Pickpocket, and is on Route 111.

This is a rather large burying ground, and burials here are probably as early as 1710. Its origin is apparent from the following extract from the will of Thomas (2) Gordon [Alexander (1)]. The will is dated Dec. 2, 1757. Thomas (2) Gordon was born in 1678 and died in 1761.

"I give and bequeath to my two sons, viz. Benjamin and Nathaniel Gordon, their heirs and assigns forever, all my Homestead, my Dwelling House and Barn and other buildings thereon excepting half an acre of land to be reserved for a Burying place as convenient as may be where my last wife was buried and several of my children and grandchildren, and a convenient way to and from it to the County road leading from Exeter to Kingston."

This has been a town cemetery for many years, and the town has several times spent money for its maintenance. The lot is rectangular, about 225 feet wide and 180 feet deep, and contains nearly an acre. It is enclosed by a stone post fence with rails of timber about four or five inches square in cross section. The fence, of expensive construction but now in very poor repair, is quite similar to that on Front Street by the main Academy building. The fact that the plot is twice the size specified in Thomas Gordon's will is interesting in bearing on the point that it is a town cemetery.

The cemetery is overgrown with bushes, black cherry, pine and oak trees, - two of the latter are very large and several of the pine trees are of good size. The cherry trees have been cut from time to time, and now several good-sized sprouts have come up from every stump.

Some of the stones are lying flat, some covered with leaves and earth. Most of the stones are of gray slate, and nicely carved, the others are of white marble. Many of the oldest graves are marked by unlettered field stones, and some with crude initials, and in some cases the age is given, but no year.

## BARSTOW

Capt. Joshua Barstow died Dec. 22, 1821, aged 73.

Mrs. Margaret, relict of Capt. Joshua Barstow, died Oct. 26, 1825, Aet. 79.

Charles C. Barstow, died Jan. 31, 1828, aged 41 yrs.

Sophia, wife of Charles C. Barstow, died Dec. 23, 1833, aged 52 yrs.

COLBATH

Augusta, died April 16, 1838, aged 2 yrs., 3 mos.  
Eliza Ann, died April 7, 1838, aged 1 yr., 3 mos.  
(Children of Mark and Elizabeth Colbath. Double stone.)

DAVIS

Abigail, wife of Reuben Davis, died Feb. 13, 1841, aged 59.

FLOYD

Mr. Josiah Floyd died Aug. 13, 1828, aged 22.  
(An old stone next this, inscription illegible.)

GORDON

Mr. Joseph Gordon died May 20, 1832, aged 68 yrs., 6 mos.  
Mr. Nath (1) Gordon died March 22 1789, Aet. 61.  
Mrs. Elizabeth, relict of Mr. Nath (1) Gordon died Dec. 20, 1806, Aet. 74.  
Nathaniel Gordon died Dec. 31, 1815, aged 55 yrs.  
Mary Gordon, Ae. 84 yrs. A very old stone, crudely marked.  
L. Gordon, ag. 40 y. (Old field stone, crudely marked.)

A Number of unmarked graves of members of the Gordon family must be in this cemetery.

GRAVES

Doly Graves (Very old field stone, crudely marked.)

JOHNSON

Mrs. Sophia Johnson, Consort of Mr. Brackett Johnson, & daughter of Capt.  
Joshua Barstow, married Nov. 16, 1812, died Feb. 24, 1814, Aet. 25. (Also infant dau.  
ae. 1 dy.)

MAGOUN

Simon Magoun, Esq., Died Dec. 31, 1842, Aged 75 yrs.  
Betsey, wife of Simon Magoun, Esq., died Dec. 30, 1839, aged 63 yrs.  
Cynthia C. Magoun died Feb. 9, 1832, Aet. 23.  
Benj'a F. Magoun died Feb. 26, 1829, Aet. 23.  
Catherine B., wife of Benj. Magoun died Oct. 29, 1838, Ae. 28.  
Oliver Magoun died Aug. 28, 1828, Aet. 30.  
George W. Magoun died Oct. 26, 1820, Aged 20.  
(Next above a very old stone marked: B.M. Daug.? Ag. 77?)  
George H., son of Joshua & Martha Magoun, died Aug. 26, 1842, Aet. 2 yrs., 1  
mo.  
John C., son of Joshua and Martha Magoun, died Apr. 10, 1845, Aged 22 days.

PERKINS

Stephen Perkins died Sept. 21, 1838, Aged 67 yrs.  
Lydia, wife of Stephen Perkins, died Sept. 5, 1863, Aged 86 yrs.



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PERKINS, continued.

Sarah E., infant child of John H. & Sarah Perkins, died Augt 16, 1824, aged 8 mos.

POOR

Mr. Dennis Poor died June 19, 1834, Aet. 36.

Catherine, dau. of Dennis & Mary Poor, died Jan. 4, 1829 aged 3 yrs., 10 mos.

SANBORN

Isaiah F. Sanborn died Aug. 12, 1892, Aged 86 yrs., 9 mos.

Alma W. Gordon wife of Isaiah F. Sanborn died Jan. 19, 1871, Aged 60 yrs.

Old field stones are marked:

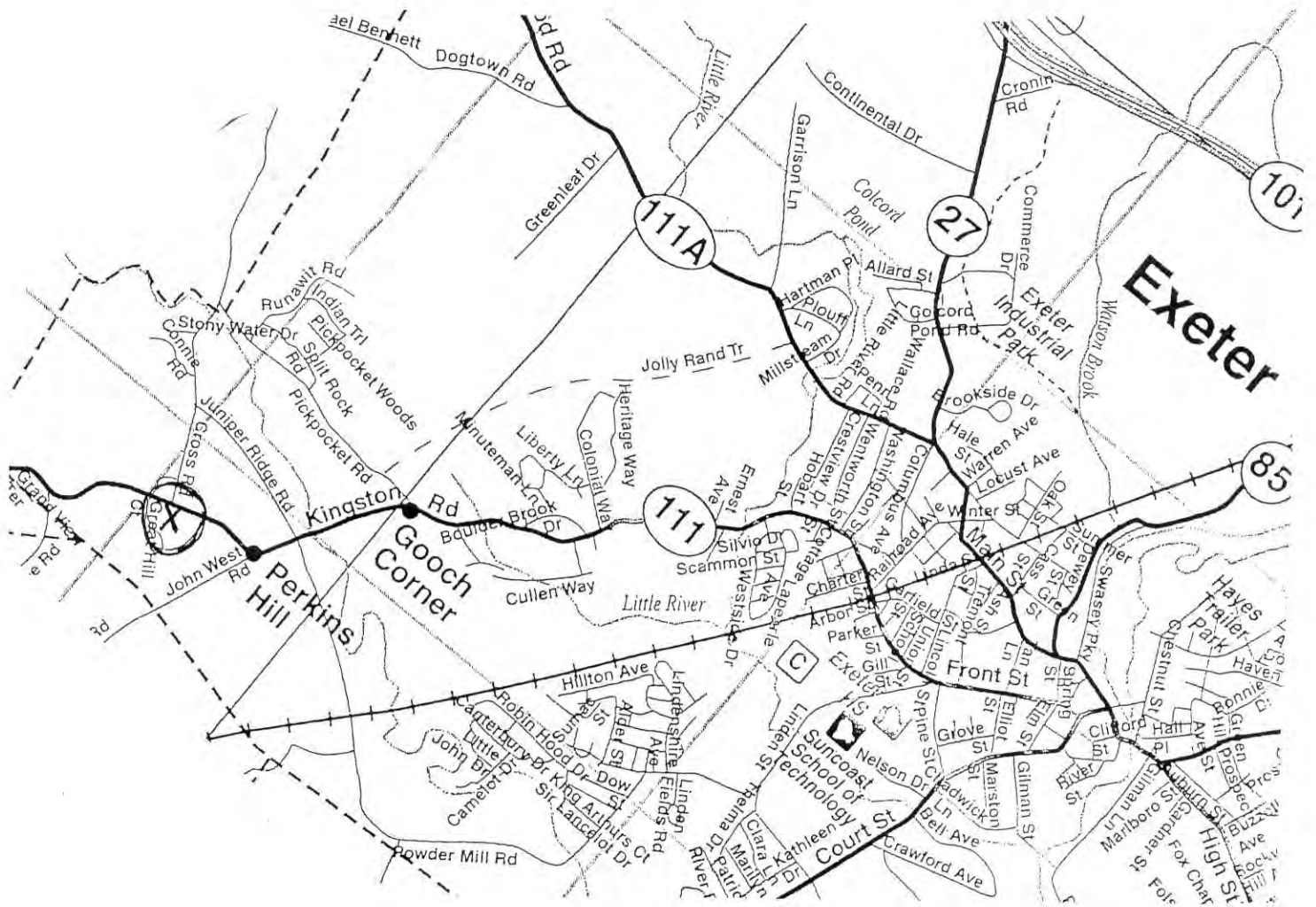
I.B. a 29 yrs. old

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Inscriptions in this cemetery verified by Elizabeth K. Folsom, Aug. 13, 1938.

Map:



### LOCATION OF A PEST HOUSE

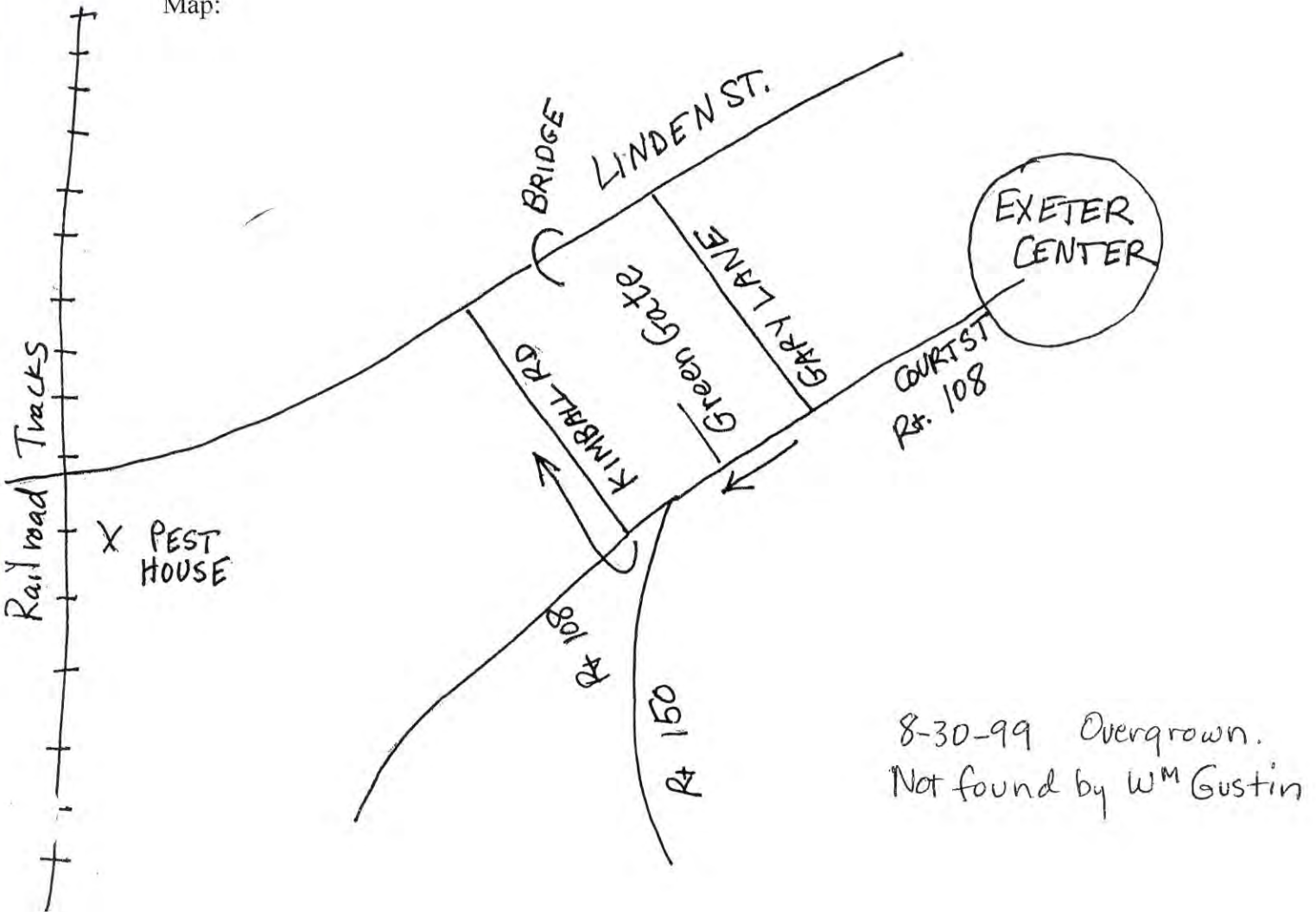
From: Cemetery Inscription of Exeter, NH by Mrs. Wendell Burt Folsum

Near where Linden Street extension crosses the B. & M. tracks on the south side of the road on a knoll covered with a thick pine growth, on the hillside about two or three hundred feet back from the road is the remains of what apparently was once an old tomb. The roof has fallen in, and juniper bushes have grown up all around it. A short distance away are the timber remains of a small building. It is thought that this may be the remains of a pest house, and the tomb was for the burial of some of the dead. The tomb is located to the left of a private road leading through the pine grove to an abandoned brick yard.

Mr. Leonard F. Smith has told me that about 75 years ago, when a small boy, he remembers the impression made on him by being told that an old pest house once stood in that location, and some who died there were buried on the nearby hillside. It was used in times of small pox epidemics.

Source: Walter O. Pennell

Map:



SMALL GRAVEYARDS IN EXETER

Town Farm, or Pickering Family Burying Ground

In 1817 the town voted to purchase a town farm to house the poor and bought for this purpose from the heirs of James Pickering, the Pickering farm on the road leading to and not far from Beech Hill. The town farm continued in existence about fifty years, until 1868, when it was replaced by the County Farm at Brentwood, and the old town farm was sold, excepting, however, the burial plot which remained and still is the property of the town.

This burial ground is located about a quarter of a mile back from the road and cannot be seen from the highway. It is about 100 feet square enclosed by a wall of field stone. One half is grown up with pine, and the other half with juniper and bushes. There are many fox holes in the ground. It was the burial place for the Pickerings as is evident from three fine old slate stones with inscriptions, as follows:

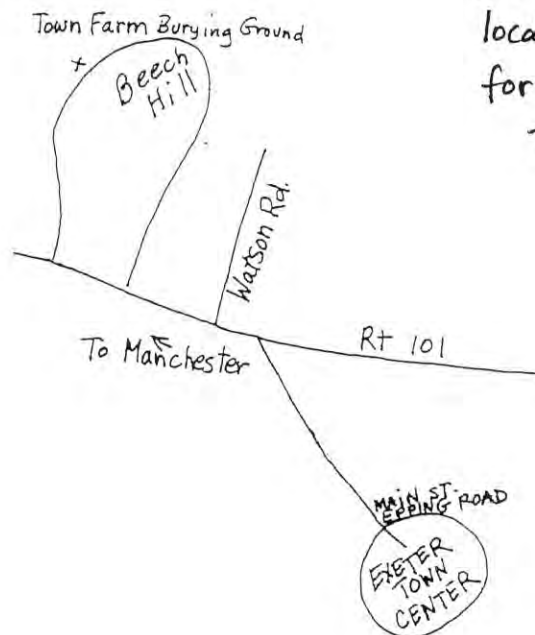
PICKERING

- Mary Pickering, Consort of James Pickering died Dec. 25, 1791, aged 53 yrs.
- James Pickering died Dec. 5, 1796, aged 60 yrs.
- James Pickering, only son of James & Mary Pickering died June 29, 1798, aged 25 yrs.

In the enclosure are many other graves probably those of the inmates of the poor house marked with rough field stones without inscriptions. I was told by Mr. Pike whose grandfather purchased the farm from the town when the poor house was discontinued, that the burial yard was so filled with graves that some of the later burials were on top of older ones.

Source: Walter O. Pennell

Map:



No sign on road. Could not locate, but may be in woods for sale by McCoy Realty. 7-99 Marilyn Easton

## SMALL GRAVEYARDS IN EXETER

## The Graves of John Robinson and his Wife

Located on the west side of Guinea Road about one quarter mile from the Hampton Road and about 400 feet in from the highway and from the site of John Robinson's home. The two graves are in what has long been a pasture and are near the pines bordering the woods. The entrance to the pasture is opposite the road to J. V. Carossi's gravel pit, which road is closed by an iron chain suspended from two stone posts.

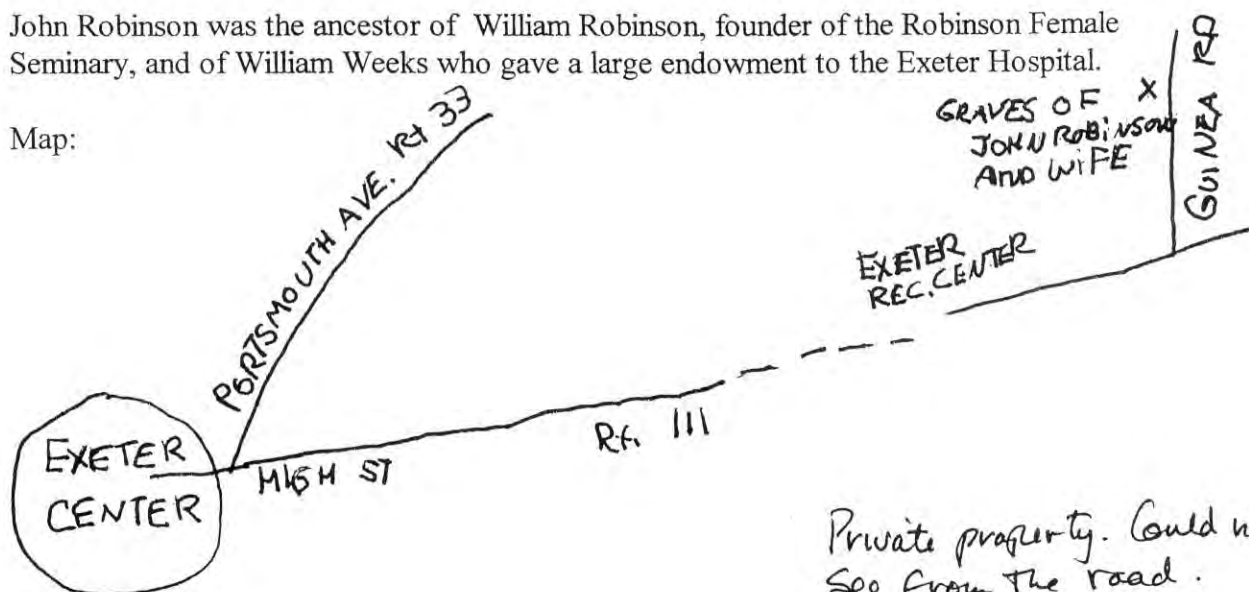
The graves are side by side and marked by unlettered field stones. John Robinson and his son were on their way home from the grist mill in Exeter when they were beset by Indians and John killed. His son escaped. His wife, Elizabeth Trickey Robinson, was later buried by his side. Arthur French, a descendant of John and Elizabeth Robinson stated that formerly there were other graves of the family near these two field stones,---probably of his children.

John Robinson was a blacksmith and man of some importance in the settlement. He settled first on the bank of the Exeter Fresh River, on the site of a large house on the south bank which was demolished within a few years by the Academy. Here he was voted the first ferryman to take people across the river at a penny a head. He later moved to the site of his home on Guinea Road. He had formerly settled in Haverhill, Mass., and came to Exeter about 1657.

Descendants are buried in the Robinson Family Burying Ground in Guinea Road, which is about 100 feet from his grave. There was also at one time a Robinson Burial Lot on the south side of Hampton Road opposite the W.A. Stone home. No markers now remain. It has also been stated that graves were found in the rear of Mr. Stone's buildings, his home being on the site of the Robinson family.

John Robinson was the ancestor of William Robinson, founder of the Robinson Female Seminary, and of William Weeks who gave a large endowment to the Exeter Hospital.

Map:



Private property. Could not see from the road.

8-99 Marilyn Easton

SMALL GRAVEYARDS IN EXETER

Robinson Family Burying Ground

Located on the east side of Guinea Road about 850 feet in from Hampton Road, This lot is about 45 x 30 feet, is surrounded by an iron railing set into stone and wooden posts and has an iron gate. Fourteen tall spruce trees are growing along the sides of the lot, which is well cared for through and income from a fund established for the purpose.

ROBINSON

- ✓ Capt. Josiah Robinson died Oct. 6., 1802, Aet. 84.
- ✓ Mrs. Sarah, relict of Capt. Josiah Robinson, died May 5, 1806, Aet. 86.
- ✓ Lieut. Jeremiah Robinson died Oct. 6, 1842, aged 81 yrs.
- ✓ Mrs. Mary, wife of Lieu. Jeremiah Robinson, died Aug. 14, 1836, Aet. 74.

JAMES

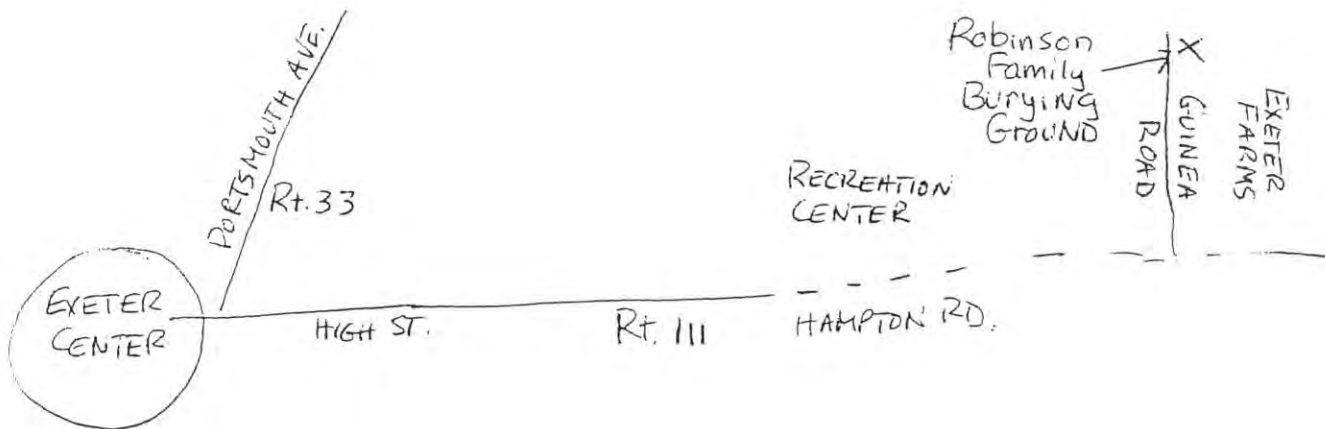
- ✓ Jere R. James, died Sept. 7, 1855, aged 21 yrs. *Stone is flat.*

NOTE: James was a relative of the Robinsons, and was drowned in a creek in the Hampton marshes. (Source: Arthur French.)

Three other graves are marked with unlettered field stones.

*verified 8-21-99 MJ Easton*

Map:





SMALL GRAVEYARDS IN EXETER

Rollins Family Burying Ground

Located on Bride Hill on the Norman Rollins farm across the field west from his buildings, and near the northeast corner of Mrs. Charles H. Summerfield's barn, about 500 feet in from Hampton Road.

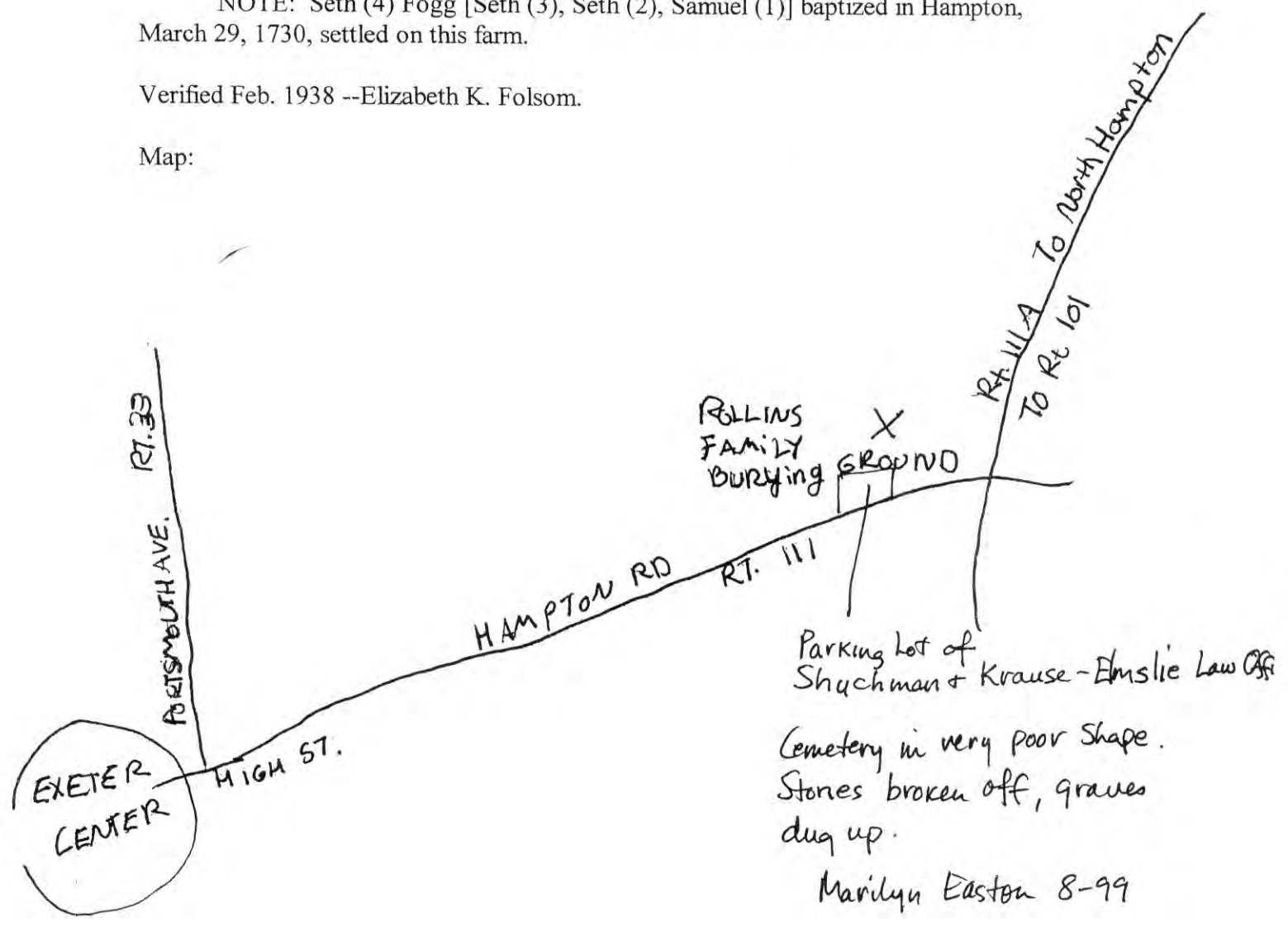
ROLLINS

- ✓ Josiah Rollins, Jr., N.H. Mil., Rev. War. (Government headstone placed by Exeter Chapter D.A.R.)
  - ✓ Lowell Rollins, Died Nov. 19, 1859, aged 79 yrs.
  - ✓ Susy, wife of Lowell Rollins, Died Nov. 15, 1853, aged 69 yrs.
  - ✓ Obed Rollins, Died July 4, 1870, aged 67 yrs., 5 mos.
  - ✓ Sarah, wife of Obed Rollins, Died Oct. 19, 1868, aged 65 yrs.
- Four other graves marked by unlettered field stones.

NOTE: Seth (4) Fogg [Seth (3), Seth (2), Samuel (1)] baptized in Hampton, March 29, 1730, settled on this farm.

Verified Feb. 1938 --Elizabeth K. Folsom.

Map:



## SMALL GRAVEYARDS IN EXETER

Small Burying Ground  
(Probably the Smith Family Cemetery.)

[It is] just one-fifth of a mile from the gate to the Town Cemetery on Perkins Hill to the gate of this burial place, and on the same side, or south side of the road to Kingston. It is on a knoll overlooking the road, is about 105 feet square and is overgrown by trees and shrubs: a stone wall along the front, and old wooden fence on one side and a wire fence on the other.

## BRAGDON

Sarah Bragdon died April 19, 1853, aged 72 yrs.

## FERNALD

Dorcas, wife of Benj. Fernald, died Sept. 15, 1865, aged 81 yrs.

## PARKER

Benjamin F. Parker, 1809-1891.

Lydia P. Smith, his wife, 1811-1902.

(Near this stone is a stone with no inscription, and a pot of geraniums beside it, apparently a burial within the last year or two (1937.)

There are also other graves marked by small field stones, no lettering on them.

## SMITH

Nathaniel Smith, 1805-1857.

Judith, his wife, 1792-1872.

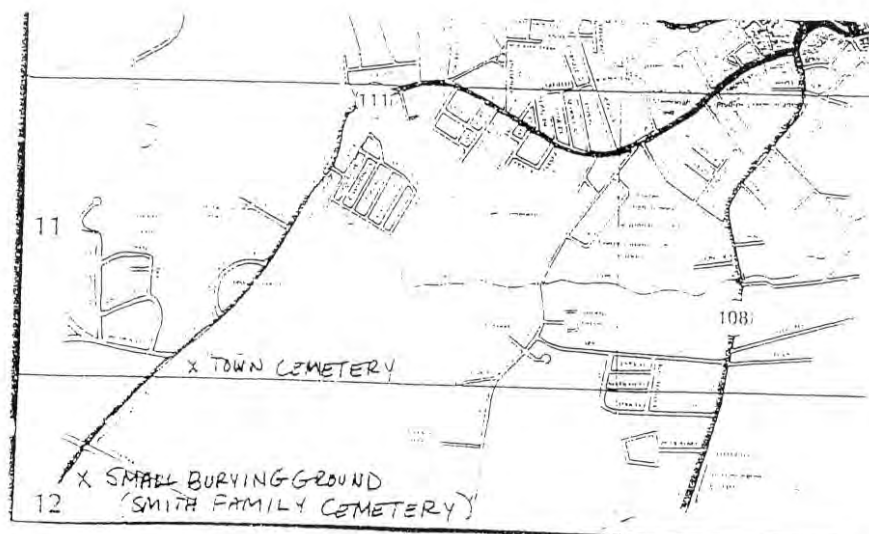
Louisa A. Smith died June 6, 1867, aged 50 yrs.

Olive L. Smith died June 7, 1867, aged 64 yrs.

(One stone.)

Verified April 13, 1938. Elizabeth K. Folsom. *Unable to locate. 8-21-99 MJE*

Map:



SMALL GRAVEYARDS IN EXETER

Thing Family Burying Ground

Located on the west side of Watson Road on the Exeter side of a boundary stone dividing Exeter from Newfields. The graves are in a field near the stone wall by the roadway.

FULLER

✓ Thomas W., son of T.W. and S. Fuller, died April 22, 1824, Ae. 3 mos., 3 dys.  
(Old soapstone stone.)

MILES

✓ John Miles, died Jun. 1, 1836, Aged 64 yrs.  
✓ Margaret, wife of John Miles, died April 17, 1858, aged 84 yrs.

THING

✓ Winthrop Thing, Born Mar. 20, 1754, Died Sept. 21, 1837.  
✓ Lydia, wife of Winthrop Thing, Born Aug. 15, 1768, Died Jan. 30, 1847.

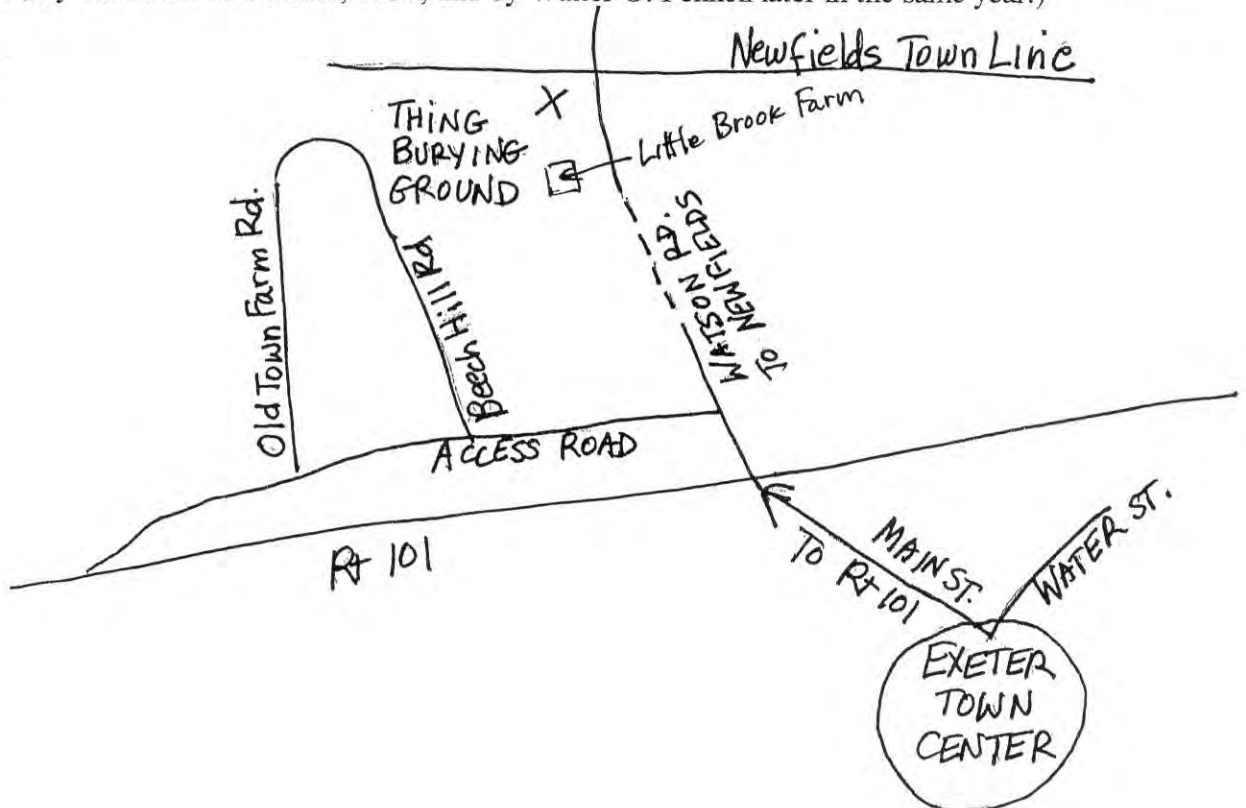
(The Miles and Thing stones are of red slate.)

Another stone in this cemetery bore an inscription which is now illegible. [There are about ten other graves marked by field stones; also three old head-stones, and foot-stones thrown against the wall, having no legible inscriptions.] *These are now missing.*

*Verified 8-21-99 MJEaston*

(Copied by Elizabeth K. Folsom, 1937, and by Walter O. Pennell later in the same year.)

Map:



## SMALL GRAVEYARDS IN EXETER

## Wiggin Family Burying Ground

Located about 1000 feet east of the road to Newmarket in the pasture opposite the old Wiggin Farm, about one quarter of a mile beyond Mr. F.G. Peavey's place. The Stones are now (1937) all flat on the ground and some are partly buried by turf. They are of slate with urn and willow design, and unusually small, being only twelve and a half inches wide.

## WIGGIN

Joth'n Wiggin died Feb. 23, 1827, Aged 82.

Martha A., wife of Jonathan Wiggin, died June 16, 1831, aged 85.

Joshua Wiggin died June 9, 1806, aged 75.

Betsey, wife of Joshua Wiggin, Died June 27, 1818, Aged 82.

Joshua Wiggin, Died Sept. 14, 1840, Aged 71 yrs.

(There is the lower end of another headstone, evidently a part of a well-engraved slate stone. This fragment was below the inscription and the remainder of the stone could not be found. It may be the stone of Comfort Wiggin, born 1781, died Aug. 27, 1847, wife of the above Joshua.)

Source of information: Walter O. Pennell

NOTE: Joshua (5) Wiggin [Chase (4), Bradstreet (3), Andrew (2), Capt. Thomas (1)] was born in 1731; m. Elizabeth Lyford; was a tailor in Newmarket, 1760; petitioned for a bridge at Newfields, 1766; was door keeper and messenger of the Fourth Provincial Congress, 1775; protested against the hoarding of salt by the traders of Exeter, July 5, 1776; signed the Association Test 1776 (refused to sign in the War Rolls, Vol. XXX, p. 101 - Source: Elizabeth K. Folsom.) The "Flax-break" came on to the farm in his day and was used by three generations. Child: Joshua (6) m. Comfort, dau. of Jonathan Wiggin. (History of Newfields, p. 680.)

Map:

