



*The old burying ground
of Fairfield, Conn*

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THE OLD BURYING GROUND

—OF—

FAIRFIELD, CONN.

A Memorial of many of the early settlers in Fairfield, and an exhaustive and faithful transcript of the inscriptions and epitaphs on the 583 tombstones found in the oldest burying ground now within the limits of Fairfield, with brief notes and illustrations of five eras of tombstone embellishments.

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PREFACE.

The broken stones, the moss covered inscriptions, and the neglected tombs of our general ancestors for the first two generations, constitute the apology for placing this work before the public. The patronage of such works is not sufficiently attractive to publishers, but the time will come when the citizens of Fairfield will be grateful that a portion of its records is thus placed beyond the reach of ordinary danger and preserved for convenient reference. The notes interlarded and the address by Mr. W. A. Beers will preserve for the future generations, much information concerning "ye olden time," which never has appeared in print before.

K. E. P.

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The inscriptions are numbered from the north-easterly corner of the burying ground, proceeding westward. The rows lap so that it is wholly impossible to divide the ground into sections, therefore the numbering of each row begins at the fence by the street.

Many of the stones previous to 1752, contain a double date, if it appears between January 1st and March 25, showing that the change was not universally adopted from O. S. to N. S.

The reliefs at the top of the stones are designated by :

S. B. for Skull and Bones.
H. W. for Head and Wings.
F. W. for Face and Wings.
U. W. for Urns and Willows.
U. S. for Urn and Stars.

Beneath the inscription the species of stone is indicated by :

W. M.—White Marble.
B. S.—Blue Slate.
F. S.—Free Stone.
C. S.—Common Stone.

There are five styles, which cover the eras of tomb-stone embellishments.

1st. The Common Stone with crude initials,
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2nd. The brief inscription with a beautiful face and wings; a skull and wings, or skull and cross bones.
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3d. Faces and Wings, or Monograms with elaborate inscriptions.

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5th. The brief inscription.
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INSCRIPTIONS.

I.

H. & W.

Here lies Buried
the body of
M^{rs}. SARAH WILLSON,
Second wife of
Mr. NATHANIEL WILLSON,
and Daughter of
Mr. ROBERT SILLIMAN,
who was born February 17th,
1728, and departed this
Life, July 13th, 1795,
Aged 67 Years, 4 months
and 26 days.
(w. m.)

II.

H. & W.

In Memory of
MR. NATHANIEL WILLSON,
who died June 21st,
1802,
in the 77th year
of his age.

III.

E. W. (Monogram.)

ELIZA WILSON,
Daughter of
M^r. DAVID & M^{rs}.
BETSEY WILSON,
Died Dec^r. 6th, 1804,
aged 1 year and 9 months
wanting 3 days.

IV.

In
memory of
DANIEL WILSON,
who died
Aug. 17, 1795,
aged 48 years.
Also of
SARAH WILSON,
his wife, who died
Oct. 28, 1832,
aged 85 years.
Boast not thyself of to-morrow.
(W. M.)

V.

H. & W.
In Memory of
M^r. DANIEL WILLSON,
who was born August 6th,
1747, and departed this
Life, August 17th, 1795,
Aged 48 years and
11 days.
Death is a debt to nature due,
Which I have paid and so must
you.

NOTE.—This stone lies on the ground.

VI.

In Memory of
Mrs. Sarah Willson,
 Wife of
Mr. John Willson,
 who died April 3d,
 1814,
 Aged 48 years, 9 months
 and 7 days.
 (F. S.)

VII.

IN
 Memory of
John Wilson,
 who died
 July 27, 1848,
 Aged 84 y'rs.
 (F. S.)

NOTE.—Probably Stones VI and VII are to husband and wife, if the orthography is not uniform.

VIII.

In
memory of
Anne Bibbins,
wife of
Billy Bibbins,
who died
Aug. 6, 1825,
aged 42 years
and 11 months.
 (W. M.)

IX.

CHARLES,

Son of Billy and

Anne Bibbins;

died

March 11, 1815;

aged 4 years.

X.

ELIZABETH,

daughter of

Billy Bibbins,

died June 30, 1819;

aged 9 months and 14 da.

(w. m.)

XI.

In

memory of

GRISEL,

Wife of

Gershom Osborn,

who departed this life

January 1th, 1820;

Aged 76 years.

(w. m.)

XII.

In

Memory of

GERSHOM OSBORN,

who died April 5, 1819;

Æ. 73.

XIII.

In
Memory of
M^{rs}. GRISEL BRADLEY,
wife of
Capt. INCREASE BRADLEY,
who departed this life
July 24th, 1813,
aged 27 Years, 11 Months
and 7 Days.
(w. m.)

XIV.

In
memory of
GRISEL OSBORN,
daughter of
GRISEL &
Increase Bradley,
who departed this
life Feb. 5, 1827,
in the 14 year
of her age.
(w. m.)

XV.

HORACE,
Son of
Walter & Lucretia
Sherwood,
born Aug. 13, 1811,
& drown'd
June 15, 1816,
of such is the kingdom
of God.
(w. m.)

NOTE.—The other members of this family lie in the West Burial Ground
of Fairfield.

XVI.

IN

memory of

JOHN M. OSBORN

Son of

George & Sarah Osborn,

who died August 30th,

1830,

aged 9 months

& 15 days.

(w. m.)

XVII.

DAVID OGDEN,

died Aug. 23, 1828,

aged 68 years.

DAVID, his son,

died May 9, 1814,

aged 15 years.

WALTER, his son,

was drowned

July 31, 1824,

aged 30 years.

(w. m.)

XVIII.

In

memory of

HARRIET,

Daughter of David

& Sally Ogden,

who died Nov. 6th, 1810,

Aged 19 years & 1 month,

Also

WALTER,

their Son, died Jan. 12, 1794,

Aged 6 years, 3 months &

12 days.

(w. m.)

XIX.

SALLY,

relict of
David Ogden,
died
Feb. 18, 1844,
in her 80. year,

NOTE.—This grave is close to the fence in no row.—This Sally Ogden was daughter of Peter Perry.

XX.

Miss SARAH ALLEN,
Daughter of
DAVID ALLEN, Esq^r., and
M^{rs}. SARAH his Wife,
died Oct^o. 16th, 1805,
in the 19th year
of her age.
(F. S.)

XXI.

In
Memory of
DAVID ALLEN, Esq.,
who died
Jan. 20, 1812;
in the 69. year
of his age.
(W. M.)

XXII.

M^{rs}. SARAH ALLEN,
Wife of
DAVID ALLEN, Esq.,
died Aug^t. 30th, 1804,
in the 60th, year
of her age.
(F. S.)

XXIII.

EDWARD ALLEN,
 Son of
 M^r. David & M^{rs}.
 SARAH ALLEN,
 died Oct^o. 2^d, 1794,
 Aged 16 years 3
 months & 10 days.
 (F. S.)

XXIV.

M^r. Gideon Allen,
 Son of
 [David Allen, Esq., and
 M^{rs}. SARAH, his Wife
 died Dec^r. 8th, 1805,
 aged 34 years.
 (F. S.)

XXV.

H. & W.
 M^r. DANIEL OSBORN, Jun^r.,
 who died Aug^t. 29th,
 1801,
 aged 41 years, 2 months
 and 4 days.
 (F. S.)

NOTE.—This inscription needs recutting.

XXVI.

In Memory of M^{rs}.
 DEBORAH OSBORN,
 Confort of M^r. DANIEL
 OSBORN, Jun^r. & Daugh^r.
 of Col. ABRAHAM &
 Mrs. ELIZABETH GOULD,
 who departed this Life,
 July 28th, 1785, Aged
 22 years and 3 days,
 Death is a debt to nature due,
 Which I have paid and so must yo^a.
 (F. s.)

XXVII.

In Memory of
 M^{rs}. ELIZABETH OSBORN,
 Relict of
 M^r. DANIEL OSBORN,
 who died Oct^r. 5th,
 1815,
 in the 90th year
 of her age.
 (F. s.)

XXVIII.

Here Lies Buried
 the Body of Cap^t.
 JOHN SILLIMAN,
 Who Departed this Life
 Nov^{br}. 29th, 1752, Aged 64
 Years, 11 Months wanting 2 D^a.
 (B. s.)

XXIX.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried y^e
 Body of Mrs. MARY
 WILLSON, Wife to Mr.
 NATHANIEL WILLSON,
 Jun^r., Who Departed this
 life. Octo^{br}. 10th, 1749, in y^e
 25th Year of Her Age.

XXX.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried y^e
 Body of M^{rs}. ANNE
 Silliman, Wife to Cap^t.
 JOHN SILLIMAN, Who
 Departed this Life, Oct^o.
 1st. Anno Domⁱ. 1740 in y^e
 45th year of her Age.
 (B. S.)

XXXI.

H. & W.

Here lies y^e body
 Of Abigail y^e wife
Of Joseph Gorham,
 Who died Ianua^{ry}
 y^e 23^d. 1724-5.
 aged 31 years.
 (B. S.)

NOTE.—This is a handsome Stone, and more legible than many of
 recent date.

XXXII.

H. & W.

EDWARD,

Son of Mr.

DAVID & Mrs.

SARAH ALLEN

departed this

Life Nov^r. 8th, 1774,

aged 17 Years &

9 Months.

(F. S.)

XXXIII.

H. & W.

ELLEN ALLEN

Daughter of Mr.

DAVID & Mrs.

SARAH ALLEN

who departed this

Life September 4th

1775 aged 20 Years

9 Months & 15 Days.

(F. S.)

XXXIV.

In Memory of

Lieu^t. DAVID ALLENwho died Septem^r. 8th

1777.

In the 6 4th. Year

of his Age.

(F. S.)

XXXV.

In Memory of
M^{rs}. SARAH ALLEN
 Relict of
Lieu^t. DAVID ALLEN
 who died Feb^{ry}.

1778

In the 60th Year
 of her Age.

(F. S.)

XXXVI.

EDWARD,

Son of
 Gershom &
 Anna Osborn,
 died

May 15, 1823,
 aged 5 years.

(W. M.)

XXXVII.

In
 memory of
ANNA OSBORN,
 who died July 9, 1831,
 in her 54, year,
 relict of
 Gershom Osborn.

(W. M.)

XXXVIII.

In
memory of
GERSHOM OSBORN JR.
who died
Feb. 22, 1827.
aged 49 years.
(w. m.)

XXXIX.

In
memory of
ELIZA B.
daughter of Gershom
& Anna Osborn
who died Dec. 28, 1830,
aged 16 years.
(w. m.)

XL.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
the Body of
M^r. DAVID OGDIN
Who departed this life
March y^e 13th. 1768 in y^e
74th Year of His Age.
(B. s.)

XXI.

H. & W.

In Memory of
M^{rs}. ABIGAIL OGDEN
 Relict of
M^r. David Ogden
 who Departed this
 Life Sept^r. 14th, 1783.
 in the 81st year
 of her age.
 (B. S.)

XLII.

In Memory of
Mr. Jonathan Ogden
 who Departed this
 Life, Oct. 28th, 1775
 in y^e 41st year of
 his age.
 (B. S.)

NOTE.—Mr. Jonathan Ogden built a "Colomal" House, standing on MILL Plain, owned at present by one of his descendants, Mr. Oliver Bulkley, of Southport.

XLIII.

In
 Memory of
SARAH, wife of
ELIPHALET THORP
 who died
 July 10, 1820;
 Æ 81.
 (W. M.)

XLIV.

In
Memory of
MR. JOSEPH ALLEN,
who died
July 3, 1812;
in the 28 year
of his age.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—The name of Allen has long been associated in Fairfield, with the best families. (See CCCLXXIV, XXXIV, DLX, LXXXIV.) Among the Allens were men of ability, and faithful in the discharge of the official duties in their trust. Among their descendants, Joseph Allen, Esq., is an honorable gentleman, greatly interested in Fairfield's, preserving her historic name.

XLV.

SARAH ALLEN,
WIDOW OF
JOSEPH ALLEN,
DIED JUNE 19, 1843;
AGED 61 YEARS.
Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.
(W. M.)

XLVI.

H. & W.
In
Memory of Mrs
HANNAH OSBORN
Relict of Mr
SAMUEL OSBORN
who departed this
Life August 30th. 1774.
in her 76th Year.
(F. S.)

 XLVII.

H. & W.

Here lies interred
the Body of
Mr. JOSEPH OSBORN,
who departed this Life
Octo^r. 4th.

1776.

in the 44th. Year
of his Age.
(B. S.)

 XLVIII.

This monument is erected
in memory of
Deacon DANIEL OSBORN,
who departed this life
April 27th. 1804.
aged 79 years.

 XLIX.

MARY BURR

DAUGHTER of

Peter & Esther Burr

Died Oct. 18. 1864.

Æ. 73 y'rs, 1 mo. & 9 d's.

I know that my Redeemer liveth.

(W. M.)

 L.

In

memory of

Abigail Burr

who died

Nov. 28. 1809.

aged 69 years.

 LI.

H. & W.

This Stone

ERECTED

BY THADDEUS BURR

& EUNICE BURR

to the memory of their dear friend,

MRS. LYDIA HANCOCK ;

 Relict of the Hon^{ble} THOMAS HANCOCK, Esq^r;
 of BOSTON

 Whose remains lie here Interred,
 Having retired to this Town from
 the calamities of War, during the
 Blockade of her native City in 1775.
 Just on her return to the reenjoyment
 of an ample fortune

On April 15, A. D. 1776.

 She was seized with the apoplexy and
 clofed a life of unaffected Piety.
 universal Benevolence and extensive Charity.

 NOTE.—See No. XCVIII.

 LII.

H. & W.

 Here Lies Interred the
 Body of MARY WILLSON
 the daughter of M^r. ROBERT
 and M^{rs}. KATHERINE WILLSON
 who died May the 14th.
 1757 in the 4th.
 Year of her Age.

 LIII.

In Memory
 OF
 JAMES PENFIELD
 who departed this life
 May 12th. A. D. 1794
 In the 63rd. Year
 of his age.
 (F. S.)

 LIV.

In Memory
 OF
 ELLEN PENFIELD
 Widow of
 JAMES PENFIELD
 who departed this life
 March 12th. A. D. 1803:
 in the 70th. Year
 of her age.
 (F. S.)

 L. V.

MARTHA
 wife of
 Jabes Thorp
 died Jan^y. 30th.
 1810.
 aged 80 years.
 (F. S.)

LVI.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried
the Body of
Capt. John Osborn,
Who Departed this life
Oct. 13th. A. D. 1760. in y^e
78th Year of His Age.
(B. s.)

LVII.

H. & W.

In Memory of
M^{rs} SARAH LEWIS,
Wife of
Mr JONATHAN LEWIS,
who departed this Life
April 8th 1776.
in the 48th Year
of her Age.
(F. s.)

LVIII.

H. & W.

In Memory of
Mr JONATHAN LEWIS
who Departed this Life
Decem^r 31st 1792
In the 65th Year
of his Age.
(F. s.)

LIX.

In memory of
M^{rs} ELIZABETH LEWIS
Relict of
Mr JONATHAN LEWIS
who died Dec^r. 28th.
1808
in the 64th. year
of her age.
(F. s.)

LX.

In Memory of
 M^{rs} ELLEN LEWIS
 Wife of
 M^r LOTHROP LEWIS
 who departed this Life
 May 22^d 1794,
 In the 37th Year
 of her Age.
 (F. S.)

LXI.

In Memory of
 Miss SARAH LEWIS
 Daughter of
 M^r. LOTHROP & M^{rs}. ELLEN
 LEWIS.
 who died Oct^o. 18th.
 1802
 in the 24th year of
 her age.
 (F. S.)

LXII.

H. & W.
 Elisabeth Burr
 Brewster Daughter
 of Caleb & Anna
 Brewster, was born
 July 11th. 1792 &
 died June 23 .1796.
 (F. S.)

LXIII.

IN

memory of

Captain CALEB BREWSTER,

who died

February 13th. 1827;

aged 79 years.

He was a brave and active officer

of the Revolution.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Captain Brewster was a large powerful man. He resided in Black Rock.

LXIV.

H. & W.

Here lies buried

the Body of

M^r. JEREMIAH OSBORN,

Son to M^r. SAMUEL and

M^{rs}. HANNAH OSBORN,

who departed this Life

Oct^r. 8th. 1757 in the

24th. Year of his Age.

(B. S.)

LXV.

H. & W.

HERE LYES Y^{er} BODY

OF M^{rs} ABIGAIL OSBUN

WIFE TO M^r. SAMUEL

OSBUN AGED ABOUT 44

YEARS. DEC^r AUGUST

y^e 5th 1 7 2 4.

(B. S.)

LXVI.

H. & W.

Here Lyes Buried
the Body of M^r.

SAMUEL OSBORN;

Who Departed this

Life. April 2nd Anno Domⁱ

1752 Aged 72 Years.

(B. S.)

LXVII.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried
the Body of M^r.

BENJAMIN OSBORNE

who departed this Life

July y^e 29th. 1770.

Aged 47 Years.

(B. S.)

LXVIII.

H. & W.

HERE LIES BURIED

THE BODY OF

SAMUEL OSBORN, Jun^r.SON OF M^r SAMUEL.OSBORN DIED NOV^r.20th. 1752IN THE 12th YEAR

OF HIS AGE.

(B. S.)

LXIX.

H. & W.
 HERE LIES BURIED
 THE BODY OF M^r.
SAMUEL OSBURN
 DIED JUNE 7th. 1754
 IN THE 54th. YEAR
 OF HIS AGE.
 (B. S.)

LXX.

H. & W.
 In
 Memory of
 ESTHER, wife of
 PETER BURR
 who died
 Oct. 2, 1837
 aged 82 yrs
 & 7 mo's.
 (W. M.)

LXXI.

In
 Memory of
MR. PETER BURR
 who died
 July 4. 1816.
 in the 71st Year
 of his age.
 (W. M.)

LXXII.

In
Memory of
MRS ABIGAIL BURR
wife of
MR EPHRAIM BURR
who died
July 8, 1780;
aged 78 years.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—Mrs. Abigail Burr was a daughter of Judge Peter Burr.

LXXIII.

H. & W.
In Memory of
Mr. EPHRAIM BURR.
who departed this
Life April 29th
1776;
Aged 76 years
and 13 Days.
(F. S.)

LXXIV.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—Judge Peter Burr,—a fac-simile of whose head stone is given on the opposite page,—was of the first generation of Burrs born in this Country, his Father and Grandfather being natives of England. He was an important personage who assisted in making the Burr name illustrious. A graduate from Harvard in 1690, he commenced his career as a teacher in Boston; subsequently he studied law, and settled in Fairfield in the practice of his profession. In 1700 he was Auditor of the Colony; also, Deputy for Fairfield; in 1702 Speaker of the House; in 1708 Assistant in the Government; Councilor on the French and Indian War, and was Justice of Peace, Judge of Probate for Fairfield; Judge of County Court; Judge of Superior Court, and Chief Judge of the Superior Court. In 1724, the year of his death, he held the three last offices named, besides being Auditor and Assistant. His influence for good in the Colony was not exceeded, and rarely equalled by any of the leaders in the Commonwealth, and in ability, attainments and public service he was not eclipsed.

A silver tankard is in the possession of Mr. William Burr, (1863) which is an heir loom inherited from his ancestry, Judge Peter Burr's family, bearing this inscription.

The Gift of
Thaddens Burr
Decd to
Abigail Burr
1785.

Judge Peter Burr has many descendants residing in Fairfield, highly respected Citizens, under the name of Burr, Lyon, Jennings, and Morehouse.



LXXV.

Here lies Interr'd y^e Body
of M^{rs} Eunice Dennie wife of
M^r. James Dennie who Dec'd
Oct'r y^e 6th 1740 in
the 32nd year of her age.

LXXVI.

Inscription gone.

NOTE.—These two freestone tablets to the memory of Mr. & Mrs. James Dennie, contained inscriptions engraved on slate and cemented therein, but the inscription to the latter, has been entirely destroyed.

LXXVII.

H. & W.

Here lies Interr'd
the Body of M^r
GARSHORN BURR
who died Sep^t y^e
2nd. 1747 Aged 42
Years 4 Months
& 2 Days.
(F. S.)

LXXVIII.

S. & B.

HERE LYES BURIED
THE BODY OF
M^{rs}. ABIGAIL BURR, WIFE TO
THADDEUS BURR ESQR.
SHE DIED JUNE 26th. 1753.
IN THE 49th YEAR OF HER AGE.
(B. S.)

LXXIX.

S. & B.

HERE LYES BURIED
THE BODY OF
THADDEUS BURR ESQ^r:
WHO DIED MARCH 28. A. D.
In the 55 YEAR of his AGE.
(B. S.)

LXXX.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried ye Body of M^r
BENJAMIN WYNKOOP of Fairfield
he was born in New York
May y^e 5th old Stile 1705 &
departed this Life Sep^t. 1st 1766
in y^e 62^d Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

LXXXI.

ABIGAIL 2 wife of
Hezekiah Nichols,
died Oct. 18. 1830.
aged 67.
(W. M.)

LXXXII.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried y^e
Body of M^{rs} ANN
ALLEN Wife to Lieut.
GIDEON ALLEN
Who Departed this life
March 14th. Anno Domⁱ.
1747-8 Aged 72 Years.
(B. S.)

LXXXIII.

H. & W.
 Here Lyes Buried
 the Body of M^r.
 GIDEON ALLEN, Jun^r.
 Who Departed this Life
 May 29th. A. D. 1748 in y^e
 46th Year of His Age.
 (B. S.)

LXXXIV.

H. & W.
 In Memory of
 Mrs ABIGAIL ALLEN Wife of
 Doct^r JOHN ALLEN
 Who departed this Life
 July the 4th. 1773 in the
 43^d Year of His Age.
 (B. S.)

LXXXV.

MARY OSBORN
 daughter of
 M^r. JOHN & M^{rs}.
 JERUSHA OSBORN
 died July 14th 1792
 aged 7 years &
 3 months.
 (F. S.)

LXXXVI.

SARAH ELIOT
 Daughter of
 ANDREW and MARY
 ELIOT.
 Died May 8th 1794
 In her 12th Year.

Our God! how faithful are his Ways.
 His Love endures the Same.
 Nor from the promise of his Grace
 Blots out our Children's name.

LXXXVII.

In Memory of
The Rev^d. ANDREW ELIOT
A. M.

Born at BOSTON, MASS.

Jan^y. 11th. 1743;

Ordained Pastor of the first

Church of CHRIST in

FAIRFIELD. June 22^d. 1774,

in which station, he served

God with fidelity until

Sept 26th. 1805;

when he rested from his labors

in the 63^d. year of his age,

and 32^d. of his ministry.

They that be wise shall shine as

the brightness of the firmament : and

they that turn many to righteousness

as the stars forever and ever.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—Rev. Mr. Eliot suffered in common with the citizens of Fairfield, during the Conflagration in 1779. He resided on Holland Hill previous to his owning the house in possession of Mrs. Henry Burr. He was a ripe scholar, a prudent, faithful and beloved pastor. When the Congregation advised him to seek more prosperous fields of labor, this one being crippled in its finances and demoralized through its great losses, he showed himself in all the nobleness of a man by saying: "I've been with you in your prosperity, and I'll stay by you in your adversity." He left one son, Andrew, who was the beloved pastor of the Congregational church in New Milford, Ct. for several years; and five daughters, Eunice who married a Mr. Bibbins; Ruth, Dr. Wm. B. Nash, late of Bridgeport; Elizabeth, Gershom Burr, Brig. General of the militia from 1816 to 1834; Mary, a Mr. Joy; and Susan became the wife of Rev. Nath'l Hewit, D.D. The records left in Mr. Elliot's writing of the scenes he witnessed are valuable additions to Fairfield and Revolutionary history.

LXXXVIII.

In Memory of
MARY ELIOT,
 Relict of the late
 Rev^d. **ANDREW ELIOT**
 and Daughter of the
 Hon^{ble}. **JOSEPH PYNCHON**
 of BOSTON,
 and **MARY** his Wife.
 She was born at
 BROOKFIELD, MASS.,
 was married July 19th.
 1774,
 and died Decem^r. 10th.
 1810,
 in the 62^d. year of her age.
 Her flesh rests in hope.
 (F. S.)

LXXXIX.

H. & W.
 In Memory of
 Lieu **ELEAZER OSBORN**
 who departed this Life .
 May 20th. 1788;
 In the 73rd Year
 of his Age.
 (F. S.)

XC.

In
 Memory of
Hannah Wife of
Eleazer Osborn,
 who died
 Nov. 19. 1812,
 aged 93 years.
 (W. M.)

XCI.

In
memory of
MARY BEERS,
only child of
David B. &
Folly Perry,
who died
Sept 19, 1824,
aged 18 years, 10
months & 4 days.
 (W. M.)

XCII.

In
memory of
Samuel Osborn
who died
Aug. 16, 1829
aged 28 years.
 (W. M.)

NOTE.—This stone is so broken that the inscription was obtained with difficulty.

XCIII.

Sons of Sturges
 & Nancy Thorp.
GEORGE
 died July 30, 1830,
 aged 20 years.
STURGES
 died Aug. 14, 1829.
 aged 4 years.
FRANCIS J.
 died April 16, 1818.
 aged 6 months.
 (W. M.)

XCIV.

HARIET

daughter of
Sturges & Nancy
Thorp
died Sept 28. 1815
Æ 13 months.
(W. M.)

XCV.

ELEANOR B.

daughter of
Burr &
Abigail Lyon
died
Nov 18. 1823
aged 1 year.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—Others of the Lyon family lie in Fairfield East Burial Ground.
Many of the Lyons lie in Greenfield.

XCVI.

In
memory of
Ebenezer Burr,
who died
Jan. 5, 1828,
in his 55, year.
(W. M.)

XCVII.

In Memory of
M^{rs}. EUNICE BURR
Relict of
THADEUS BURR Esq.
who died August 14th
1805
in the 76th year
of her age.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—Mrs. Eunice Burr was a beautiful and accomplished daughter of James Dennie, Esq. (See Tablets Nos. LXXV and LXXVI.) At the time of the conflagration in 1779, Mrs. Burr's residence occupied the site of O. W. Jones, Esq., which she determined to save by her personal efforts, that proved of no avail, as the mansion was sentenced to the flames and speedily set on fire. She appealed to Gov. Tryon for protection both for herself and property, which was refused, and in consequence their house well filled with every thing which contributes to comfort or elegance, was laid in ashes. When the house was to be rebuilt, John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, presented the frame, his own being the model after which this structure was made; the latter has since undergone some changes.

XCVIII.

In Memory of
THADEUS BURR
Esquire
who died Feb^y. 19th
1801
aged 65 years.

NOTE.—Thaddeus Burr was a son of Thaddeus and grandson of Judge Peter Burr. (See No. LXXIV.) His mother was Abigail daughter of Jonathan Sturges, Esq. He graduated from Yale in 1755, and subsequently filled various offices: Deputy of the General Court for several Sessions, Justice of the Peace for several years, and High Sheriff of the County, which position he held when his house was consumed in the general conflagration in 1779. (See XCVII.) He early espoused the cause of the Colonies against the King, and in 1775 was a member of the Town Committee of war. His was a princely hospitality. Washington was his frequent guest, as were Franklin, Lafayette, Otis, Quincy, Dr. Dwight, Trumbull and Copley. At his house Governor Hancock was married in state to Miss Dorothy Quincy, of Boston: Madam Hancock (See No. LI.) died here; and Aaron Burr spent many of his youthful days on this historic ground.

XCIX.

H. & W.

Here lies buried the Body of
 M^{rs}. ABIGAIL HALL,
 wife of Lyman HALL, M: A:
 Daughter of THADDEUS BURR Esq^r.,
 died July 8th. 1753 Aged 24 Years.

Modest, yet free, with innocence adorned;
 To please and win, by Art and Nature formed;
 Benevolent and wife, in Virtue firm;
 Constant in Friendship, in Religion warm;
 A partner tender, unaffected, kind;
 A lovely Form, with a more lovely mind,—
 The Scene of Life, tho' short sh' improved so well,
 No Charms in human forms could more excel;
 Christ's Life her copy; His pure law her Guide;
 Each part She acted, perfected, and dy'd.

NOTE.—Lyman Hall was one of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. He probably married again, and was buried in Georgia where he was Governor in 1783. The Mrs. Hall commemorated here was the granddaughter of Judge Peter Burr. (See No. 74.)

C.

F. & W.

HERE LYES Y^E BODY
 OF SARAH BURR
 THE DAUGHTER OF
 PETER BURR, ESQ^R.,
 AGED ABOUT 16 YEARS
 DECEM^R y^e 2

I 7 2 3

(B. S.)

NOTE.—This inscription is nearly obliterated, and is deciphered with difficulty.

 CL.

H. & W.
 Here lies the
 Body of Peter
 Burr son to M^r
 Thad^s & M^{rs}. Abi
 gail Burr, died
 Sept^r. y^e 13th 1745
 in ye 15th Year of
 his Age.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—This is a very handsome stone and deserves a photograph.

 CII.

H. & W.
 This Monument
 is put up in Memory
 of M^r. GERSHOM BURR
 Son of Thaddeus Burr Esq^r.,
 who was born
 the 10th of June 1744;
 and died
 the 12th of March 1774,
 in the 30th Year of his Age.

(B. S.)

 CIII.

In
 Memory of
Thaddeus Burr,
 Son of Gershom &
 Susanna Burr,
 who died
 July 15, 1811:
 aged 21 years.

(W. M.)

CIV.

JOSEPH A. BURR

son of Gershom &

Elizabeth Burr;

died Jan 18. 1814,

aged 2 years.

(W. M.)

CV.

H. & W.

Here lyes buried y^eBody of M^{rs} ANN BURRRelict of M^r. GERSHOM

BURR Who Departed

this Life Sep^t 27th A. D. 1747.in y^e 47th Year of her Age.

(B. S.)

CVI.

The Corruptible of

JAMES DENNIE SAYRE,

Son of JAMES SAYRE

Minister of the Gospel, &

SARAH his Wife, who fell

asleep on the 25th Day of

May A. D. 1793, Aged

almost 17 Years.

Young man! trust not

thy Youth, Health or Strength;

Trust in the Lord with all thy

Heart & remember thy Creator, who is

also thy Redeemer.

NOTE.—Altho' Scarlet Fever was then little known, this young man was
a victim.

CVII.

Rev^d. JAMES SAYRE

departed this Life

Feb^y. 18th 1798,

Æt 53.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—This Rev. Mr. Sayre was an able and sincere divine, who was the Episcopal Clergyman at the time of the Conflagration; he vainly tried to stay the destructive hand of Gen. Tryon, his countryman; he preserved much of the property of others through his influence, though his own shared the general fate of being consumed by the flames. He married Sarah Dennie, daughter of James Dennie, Esq., of Fairfield, and sister of Mrs. Eunice Burr. (See No. XCVII). Of his daughters, Jane married Uriah Bulkeley, who died in 1874; Eunice married Frederick Girond; Esther, Moses Judah; the two latter gentlemen were from New York.

CVIII.

Mifs ELIZABETH SAYRE,

Daughter of

Rev^d JAMES & M^{rs}. SARAH

SAYRE,

departed this Life

Feb^y. 27th. 1798,

Æt 18.

(F. S.)

CIX.

In

Memory of

HEZEKIAH NICHOLS

who died

March 19. 1819

aged 75 years.

(W. M.)

CX.

ANN NICHOLS
Wife of
HEZEKIAH NICHOLS
died March 13th 1793;
In the 48th. Year
of her Age.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—Most of their descendants are buried in the East Ground.

CXI.

JOHN,
Son of
Samuel A. &
Wilsana Nichols,
died Sept. 30. 1828
aged 2 years.
Alas! how changed that flow'r
Which bloom'd and cheer'd my heart
Fair fleeting comfort of an hour
How soon we're called to part.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—The name of Nichols is of early date in Fairfield, and has been associated with men of prominence, who have been patriotic and faithful in their labors both in Church and State. Probably two or three generations of them lie unmarked by stone or monumental shaft in this ground. Many of the Nichols lie in Greenfield ground. Other members of this family lie in the East burying ground. Samuel A. Nichols was the Town Clerk for 26 consecutive years, also Selectman and Deacon in the Cong. Church for 34 years. He married Wilsana, daughter of Capt. Wilson Wheeler, (See CCCCXXXI). He and other members of his family lie in the East ground.

CXII.

H. & W.
In Memory of
HANNAH PENFIELD Dau^r of
M^r. SAMUEL & M^{rs}. ELIZABETH
PENFIELD. who was born
Dec^r. y^e 28th. 1761 & departed
this life April y^e 8th. 1762.
(B. S.)

CXIII.

H. & W:

Here lies

Buried the Body of MARY
 Daughter of M^r. PETER & M^{rs}
 MARY Penfield who departed
 this Life July the 16th

A: D: 1753 In y^e 22^d.

year of her

Age.
 (B. S.)

CXIV.

In

Memory of

Lieut GIDEON HAWLEY.

who died

April 11th 1784:

Aged years.

GIDEON Son of

Gideon & Hannah Hawley

died Jan. 6th. 1788:

Aged 3 years. & 6 months.

"Death like an overflowing stream,
 Sweeps us away, our life's a dream;
 An empty tail; a morning flower;
 Cut down and wither'd in an hour."
 (W. M.)

CXV.

In

Memory of

MR SAMUEL PENFIELD

who died April 2. 1811:

Aged 77 Years.

& MRS ELIZABETH

his wife

died Jan 31. 1786.

Aged 49 Years.
 (W. M.)

CXVI.

U. S. & D.

In

Memory of
Abigail, wife of
James Knap,
who died June 11, 1804
aged 33 years & 6 months.

—: o:—

Also Squire, Son of
James & Abigail Knap
who died Nov 11. 1819
aged 27 years.

(W. M.)

CXVII.

SUSANNA HULL

Daughter of

DAVID & SUSANNA

HULL

died Feb^{ry} 9th 1796In her 2^d Year.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—This was one of Dr. David Hull's daughters; her parents lie in the
 Fairfield East Burying Ground. She has two sisters now living in Fairfield.

CXVIII. *

W. P. (in monogram.)

This Monument is erected
 by M^{rs}. MOLLY PIKE
 to Commemorate her Husband
 M^r WILLIAM PIKE

who died April 1st.

1806.

in the 55th. year
 of his age.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—Mrs. Molly Pike was a daughter of Capt. Eliphalet Thorp, who
 died in 1795 with the yellow fever. She married (1) Jonathan Darrow, who
 was taken prisoner by the British, and died on their prison ship. She mar-
 ried (2) William Pike, who was Lieutenant, under George Washington. They
 were the parents of fifteen children, one of whom, Capt. Robert Pike died on
 Barnegat Beach after humanely preserving the lives of his crew from shipwreck
 in a terrible gale, Dec. 6th, 1830. His was the first body interred in Fairfield
 West or Mill Plain Ground. Mrs. Molly Pike lies there also.

 CXIX.

In
 Memory of
Mrs ABIGAIL BEERS
 wife of
 Mr. Nathan Beers.
 who died Sept. 12. 1815.
 aged 90 years.
 (W. M.)

 CXX.

In
 Memory of
Nathan Beers
 who died
 Jan. 22. 1813.
 aged 78 years.
 (W. M.)

NOTE.—This Nathan Beers built a "Colonial House," which stands on Mill Plain and is now owned by Abraham Gould.

 CXXI.

H. & W.
 The Reader
 is hereby informed,
 that the Body of
THADDEUS BURR,
 Son of M^r Gershom Burr
 is Buried here,
 He was born
 the 14th of Feb^r 1767.
 and Died
 the 9th. of Oct^r. 1776.
 in the 10th. Year
 of his Age.
 (B. S.)

CXXII.

In
Memory of
SUSAN,
wife of
Nathaniel S. Bibbins
who died
Nov 16, 1814;
in the 34th year
of her age.
(W. M.)

CXXIII.

In
Memory
of
MR. HEATHCOAT MUIRSON,
who departed this life
Nov 6th 1810;
Aged 29 Years.
(W. M.)

CXXIV.

JERUSHA
TALCOT
daughter of
Joseph &
Eleanor Osborn,
died Sept 5, 1824.
aged 2 y's. 10 mo.
& 17 days.
(W. M.)

CXXV.

*MARY FRANCES**daughter of**Jonathan &**Miranda Bulkley;**died Sept. 7. 1812.**aged 16 months.*

(W. M.)

CXXVI.

H. & W.

In Memory of

Capt. ELIPHALET THORP

who departed this Life

Sept. 1st. 1795in the 56th. Year

of his Age.

(F. S.)

CXXVII.

Star.

In Memory of

Mrs. Eunice Thorp

wife to Capt. Eliphelet

Thorp. who Died

July y^e 4th, 1780.in the 38th year of

her age.

(B. S.)

CXXVIII.

U. & S.
 In
 Memory of
MRS RUAMAH
 wife of
 Mr Walter Thorp
 who died Aug^{ust} 29. 1816
 In the 44th year of
 her age.
 O empty name of earthly bliss
 'Tis all an airy dream.
 (W. M.)

CXXIX.

U. & S.
 In
 memory of
WALTER THORP Esq.,
 who died
 Oct 21, 1837,
 aged 67 years.
 (W. M.)

NOTE.—The Thorps were of maritime tastes, taking their vessels to all ports open to American commerce. Many are the beautiful articles which they collected on their trips to grace Fairfield homes. They were very estimable men as well as worthy sea captains.

CXXX.

U. & S.
 In
 memory of
WALTER THORP
 who died
 Sept 24. 1818 :
 in the 5, year
 of his age.

Also
GEORGE THORP
 who died in
 North Carolina
 Sept. 10. 1817 :
 in the 22, year of his age,
 Sons of Walter &
 Ruamah Thorp.
 (W. M.)

CXXXI.

In
Memory of
David Osborn
who died
April 8. 1813,
in the 70, year
of his age.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—David Osborn died with the typhus fever, an epidemic at that period. He built the "Colonial house" west of Mill Plain public school building. His son H Ezekiah built the house occupied by Mrs. Burr Clemons. His son David, the one opposite the school house, at the north east and kept a store with his father on the corner of his father's premises. The sons Daniel and David lie in this ground, but Ezekiah removed to Yerona, N. Y., where he and his wife Nancy *Perry* Osborn died, but his children moved to Kansas.

CXXXII.

MARY OSBORN
wife of
David Osborn
died March 13. 1813
Aged 66.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—Mary Osborn was the daughter of Samuel Beers. (See CLXXIV.)

CXXXIII.

In
Memory of
MR DAVID OSBORN
who died
Oct 28. 1815:
in the 35, year
of his age.
(W. M.)

 CXXXIV.

In
 Memory of
 DAVID OSBORN
 Son of George and
 Sarah W. Osborn
 who died
 August 19th. 1824.
 Aged 10 Months
 and 28 days.
 (W. M.)

 CXXXV.

ELIZA OSBORN
 widow of
 Benjamin Osborn
 died
 March 29. 1834.
 (W. M.)

 CXXXVI.

In
 memory of
 BENJAMIN OSBORN
 who died
 Dec. 19, 1830,
 aged 33 years.
 (W. M.)

 CXXXVII.

In
 memory of
 DAVID B. STURGES
 who died
 in Charleston S. C of
 the quick Consumption
 Oct. 28, 1830,
 aged 25 years.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

CXXXVIII.

In
memory of
NANCY D. STURGES,
daughter of
Capt. David and
Thankful Sturges,
who died
March 7, 1828,
aged 25 years.
(W. M.)

CXXXIX.

Charles
son of
Capt. David &
Elizabeth Sturges
died Dec. 26. 1830,
aged 13 months.

Sad was the hour that summoned thee away
Deep was the grief that wrung a parent's heart
But He who gave forbade thy longer stay;
Too pure, too bright, too beautiful for earth.

(W. M.)

CXL.

In
memory of
CAPT. DAVID STURGES
who died
June 6, 1832.
aged 62 years.
(W. M.)

CXLI.

In
memory of
Thankful wife of
David Sturges
who died
July 26, 1824,
Aged 51 years.
(W. M.)

CXLI.

In Memory of
M^r. HOWES OSBORN
who died Aug^r. 29th.
1807
aged 85 years.
(F. S.)

CXLI.

In Memory of
M^{rs}. MARY OSBORN
Relict of
M^r. HOWES OSBORN
who died Nov^r. 25th.
1812
aged 81 years.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—Howes Osborn left a "Colonial House," heired from his father John Osborn, in Southport, now owned by Charles Rockwell. The King's Highway was past his door; and there Gen. Washington was entertained. Probably the Osborns originated from that vicinity—their "Long Lot" is said to extend from there.

 CXLIV.

In this spot
 Are deposited the remains of
WILLIAM PITT BEERS.
 (Late of Albany in the State of New York)
 Called to the Tomb
 in the meridian of life and of usefulness,
 his memory will be cherished
 in the affections of a bereaved family
 and a numerous circle of
 relatives and friends.
 He died 13th. Sept^r. 1810,
 Aged 44 Years.
 (W. M.)

 CXLV.

In
 memory of
MISS HANNAH OSBORN
 who died
 Aug. 24, 1828,
 aged 80 years.
 (W. M.)

 CXLVI.

In
 memory of
MISS ELLEN OSBORN
 who died
 Feb. 9, 1828,
 aged 73 years.
 (W. M.)

CXLVII.

In
memory of
CATHARINE,
daughter of
Daniel B &
Sally Osborne
who died
Dec. 3, 1841,
aged 36 years.
(W. M.)

CXLVIII.

In
memory of
SALLY OSBORN,
WIFE OF
Daniel B. Osborn
who died
Sept. 26. 1826.
aged 46 years.
(W. M.)

CXLIX.

In
memory of
Dan^l. Beers Osborn
who died
Dec. 15, 1823;
in his 45,
year.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—Son of No. CXXXI.

CL.

In
memory of
Mehetabel, wife of
Nathan Beers,
who died
May 9, 1824;
aged 71 years,
1 mo. & 13 da's.

Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Mehetabel was a daughter of Nathaniel Pezry and grand daughter of CXCIV.

 CLI.

In
memory of
NATHAN BEERS
who died
Dec. 15, 1835,
aged 78 years.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—He is remembered to have led the Jurymen to the Court room, being the Town Constable when the County Courts were held in Fairfield—He was County Surveyor, and a man devoted to public life.

 CLII.

In
Memory of
Mrs Abigail, Relict of
Mr John Whitear;
who died
Oct^r. 5, 1813,
Æ 71.
(W. M.)

CLIII.

H. & W.

In Memory of

Mr. JOHN WHITEAR

Who departed this life

August y^e 26. 1773 in y^e35th Year of His Age

Blessed are the dead who

die in the Lord.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—This John Whitear was a clock maker; one of his make (an eight day clock) bearing his name was made for Peter Perry in 1763 and is in good running order up to date, (1881). His family resided in Black Rock.

CLIV.

H. & W.

HERE LYES y^e BODY

JOSEPH PHIPPENE

AGED ABOUT 26

YEARS DIED y^e 10

of JULY 1712.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—The style of this stone renders it a curiosity.

CLV.

W. & U.

*In**Memory of**Elihu Bulkley,**who died**Oct. 15, 1821,**aged 17 years.*

(W. M.)

CLVI.

In

Memory of
 ABBY B daughter of
 Stephen &
 Sally Morehouse
 who died

July 14, 1829,
 aged 13 years:
 & 7 months.

Remember thy Creator in the days
 of thy youth.

(W. M.)

CLVII.

SALLY BIBBINS,

WIDOW OF

STEPHEN MOREHOUSE

Died Nov. 23, 1865,
 Æ 80 Y'rs & 1 Mo.

CLVIII.

In

memory of
STEPHEN MOREHOUSE
 who was drowned

Oct. 28. 1817,
 Æ. 30 Y'rs, & 6 Mo.

Behold and see as you pass by
 As you are now so once was I,
 As I am now, so you must be
 Prepare for death & follow me.

(W. M.)

CLIX.

In Memory of
Deacon
MOSES JENNINGS
who died March 26th.
1813
in the 80th. year
of his age.
(F. S.)

CLX.

H. & W.
In Memory of
M^{rs}. ABIGAIL JENNINGS
Wife of
M^r. MOSES JENNINGS
who departed this Life
Apr 18th. 1794.
In the 58th. Year
of her Age.
(F. S.)

CLXI.

In
memory of
Mr. Stephen Osborn
who died
Oct. 28, 1822;
in his 84 year.

CLXII.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried
the Body of
Col^o ANDREW BURR
Who departed this Life
Nov^{br} y^e 9th A. D. 1763 in y^e
68th Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—He was a Lawyer, Assistant and Magistrate of the Colony, Speaker of the House often, and influential in the Councils. His military services were many and varied. He led a regiment successfully against the fortress of Louisburg on the island of Cape Breton, which was one of the most brilliant of the Colonial exploits.

CLXIII.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried y^e
Body of M^{rs}. SARAH
BURR. Wife to Coll^o.
ANDREW BURR, Who
Departed this Life
Decem^{br} 9th Anno Domⁿⁱ 1745
Aged 45 Years wanting 13 D's.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—She was the daughter of Jonathan Sturgis and the mother of 13 children.

CLXIV.

H. & W.

To the Memory of
M^{rs}. Sarah Burr
Second Confort of
Col. ANDREW BURR
who departed this
Life 29th Auguft
A. D. 1769 in the 61st
Year of her Age.

(F. S.)

CLXV.

H. & W.
In
Memory of
DAVID BURR Esq^r.
who departed this
Life Dec^r 3^d. A. D. 1773
in the 52^d Year of
his Age.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—He was a lawyer and held several offices under the government.
He graduated at Yale, 1742.

CLXVI.

E. B. (Monogram.)
This monument is erected
in memory of
M^{rs}. EUNICE BURR
Relict of
Col^o. DAVID BURR
who died Decem^r. 1st.
1789
aged 63 years.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—She was daughter of Samuel Osborn.

CLXVII.

U. & D.
In
Memory of
JULIA ANNA BURR
only Child of
Col. David &
Sarah Ann Burr :
born May 1. 1800,
& died Feb. 5. 1819 :
in the 19, year
of her age.

And though our Julia's body lies
In the cold prison of the tomb ;
Her Soul we trust above the skies,
Has found in Heaven a happier home.

(W. M.)

CLXVIII.



In Memory of
SARAH ANNA BURR
 Relict of
DAVID BURR Esqr.,
 who died
 May 4. 1842,
 Æ 80.
 (W. M.)

CLXIX.

U. & W.
 In
 memory of
DAVID BURR Esq.,
 who officiated as clerk
 of the County Court
 for 46 years & died
 suddenly at Danbury
 on the 18, day
 of Feb. 1825;
 aged 67.
 (W. M.)

NOTE.—He was spoken of as a man of fine presence and commanding dignity. He was found dead in his bed.

CLXX.



THANKFUL wife of
Samuel Beers.
 who died
 April 13- 1812
 aged 87 years.
 (W. M.)

CLXXI.

H. & W.

In Memory of

M^r. SAMUEL BEERS

who departed this Life

March 11th 1793

Aged 74 Years, 9 months

& 19 days.

(F. S.)

CLXXII.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried

the Body of Lieut^t.

JAMES BEARS

Who departed this life

April the 29th 1772 in y^e79th Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

NOTE — James Beers of Fairfield, first mentioned as a land holder April 27, 1639. He was probably brother of Richard Beers of Watertown, Mass., and of Anthony Beers of Stratford, Ct. He left two sons; James died in 1681; Joseph in 1696; and three daughters. This James was the son of Joseph Beers and grandson of the first Beers settler in Fairfield. The name of Beers is associated for generations with thrift, enterprise and public service which has always been well rendered and appreciated.

CLXXIII.

Urn.

In memory of

SARAH BULKLEY

the third wife of

Capt. Andrew Bulkley.

formerly the wife of

Capt. Samuel Beers.

who departed this

life Aug. 5, 1828;

aged 81 years.

(W. M.)

CLXXIV.



CAPT. SAMUEL BEERS,
 who died
 Sept. 1. 1813
 Æ 69.
 (W. M.)

CLXXV.

H. & W.

In Memory of
 DANIEL BEERS
 son of
 M^r SAMUEL & M^{rs}
 THANKFUL BEERS
 who died Oct^o 31st
 1777
 Aged 23 Years 3
 months & 9 days.
 (F. S.)

CLXXVI.

W. & U.

In
 memory of
 SAMUEL BEERS
 who died
 Aug. 1. 1832
 aged 52 years.
 (W. M.)

NOTE.—Samuel Beers was a victim of cholera when it was an epidemic in this country. He was a county official—and the ancestor of the author of "Re-building the Tombs" found in this book.

CLXXVII.

In
memory of
 ANN MOREHOUSE
wife of
William Morehouse,
who died
May 13, 1843,
aged 86 y'rs & 5 m.
 (W. M.)

CLXXVIII.

In
memory of
 WILLIAM MOREHOUSE
who died
Dec. 25, 1824;
aged 75 years.

Why do we mourn departing friends
Or shake at death's alarms;
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends
To call them to his arms.

(W. M.)

CLXXIX.

The Remains of
 Miss EULALIA BARTRAM
 Daughter of
 Mr. JOSEPH BARTRAM
 who died May 1st 1777.
 in her 20th Year.

As I am now for you must be
 Prepare for Death & follow me :

(F. S.)

CLXXX.

H. & W.

Here lies the Body of THOMAS, Son
 to Mr. EBENEZER & M^{rs} MARY BERTRAM,
 he was Born February 22^d A. D. 1764 & Died
 July 28th. A. D. 1764, Aged 5 Months & 6 Days.

Happy the Babe who privileged by Fate.
 To Shorter Labour and a Lighter weight.
 Receiv'd but yesterday the Gift of Breath
 Order'd to morrow to Return to Death.

—:o:—

Since all the downward Tracts of Time
 God's Watchful Eye Surveys
 O' who So wise to Choose our lot
 And Regulate our ways.

—:o:—

Since none Can doubt his Equal Love
 Unmeasurably kind.
 To his unerring gracious will
 Be Ev'ry wish Refigned.

—:o:—

Good when He gives Supremely Good
 Nor Less when He denies
 Even Crosses from his Sovereign hand
 Are Blessings in Disguise.

(B. S.)

Cap^t

EBENEZER BARTRAM

died Jan^y. 3^d. 1783.in the 52^d. year

of his age.

Cap^t. JOSEPH BARTRAM

his Son was lost at sea

on his return from the

West Indies Dec^r1787 in the 28th. year

of his age.

(F. S.)

CLXXXII.

M^{rs}. MARY BARTRAM

Widow of

Cap^t.

EBENEZER BARTRAM

died March 15th.

1806.

in the 75th. year

of her age.

(F. S.)

CLXXXIII.

H. & W.

Here Lyes the Body of M^r

SAMUEL BURR. Master of Arts.

Was Born in this Town of Fairfield

April 2nd in y^e Year 1679, was Educat^{ed}

at Harvard College in Cambridge

under y^e Famous M^r W^m Brattle andThare He Was Graduate^d, ye first timein y^e Year 1697, y^e Second time in y^e Year

1700 ut Moris eft. Who after he had

Sarved his generation by y^e will ofGod in y^e Useful Station of a Grammar^r

School Master; at Charlestown about

Twelve Years, upon a Visit to this

His Native Place. Departed this

Life Auguft 7th in y^e Year 1719

Aged 40 Years, 4 Months & 5 Days.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—Samuel Burr was a famous teacher in his time. This stone is a curiosity, both in the lettering and in the manner it is wrought.

CLXXXIV.

H. & W.
 HERE LYES BURIED y^e
 DY of LUCRETIA
 BURR DAU^r. TO ANDREW
 BURR ESQ^r. & SARAH
 HIS WIFE. AGED 13
 YEARS. 6 M & 7 D^s
 DIED NOV y^e 29. 1741.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—Part of the second line is entirely destroyed.

CLXXXV.

H. & W.
 In Memory of
 M^r JOHN WHITEHEAD.
 who died May 15th
 A. D. 1790:
 In the 74th Year
 of his age.

(F. S.)

CLXXXVI.

In memory of two
 daughter of Andrew
 & Mehetable Jennings
 HETTY CORNELIA
 Born Feb. 11, 1817 &
 died Dec. 29, 1821,
 aged 4 y'rs, 10 mo's, 18 da's.
 HETTY CORNELIA,
 Born Dec. 29, 1823 &
 died Aug. 14, 1824,
 aged 7 mo's & 16 da's.

Sleep on dear babes
 And take your rest;
 God called you home,
 He thought it best.

(W. M.)

CLXXXVII.

In
memory of
MRS ELIZABETH wife of
Mr. Jeremiah Jennings.
who died Aug. 27. 1819;
aged 80 years.
(W. M.)

CLXXXVIII.

In
memory of
JEREMIAH JENNINGS.
who died
Oct 3, 1828,
aged 89 years.

CLXXXIX.

Urn.
REBECCA HOYT
daughter of
Samuel &
Hanuah Beers
died Sept. 10. 1826;
aged 2 years,
& 2 months.

This lovely bud tho' young & fair
Called hence by early doom;
Just come to show how sweet a flow'r
In Paradise would bloom.

(W. M.)

CXC.

The
Reader is Inform'd that
M^{rs} REBECCA BARTRAM
Consort of
M^r JOSEPH BARTRAM
died June 15th 1776.
Aged 51.
(F. S.)

CXCI.

H. & W.
MEMEMTO MORI.
Here lyes y^e Body of
M^r JOSEPH BARTRAM
He was Born February
y^e 21st O. S. 1728-9 and Died
March y^e 28th. N. S. 1759,
Aged 30 Years & 24 Day^s.

Princes this Clay must be your bed
in spite of all your towers
the tall, the wife, the Reverend head
must lie as low as ours.

CXCI.

H. & W.
Here lyes y^e Body of
M^{rs}. ELIZABETH BARTRAM
wife of M^r.
EBENEZER BARTRAM
Who departed this Life
Decem^r. the 5th 1769 in y^e
69th Year of Her Age.
(B. S.)



CXCIII.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried
the Body of

Mr. EBENEZER BARTRAM

who departed this Life

Dec^r the 7th 1769

In y^e 71st Year of his Age.

(B. S.)

CXCIV.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—Joseph Perry,—a fac-simile of whose head stone is given on opposite page,—was the son of Nathaniel Perry who died in 1681, and grandson of Richard Perry who died in 1657 or 8; the bodies of both, probably were placed in this ground. Joseph Perry married three times: (1) Sarah, daughter of John Bulkley; (2) Deborah, widow of Joseph Whelpley, and daughter of Daniel Burr I of Fairfield; (3) Mary, daughter of Michael Clugstone and granddaughter of the Rev. Sam'l Wakeman. The last wife afterwards married (3) Thomas Edwards. The first two wives probably occupy the vacant unmarked places near their husband. Joseph Perry bought the present site of Perry's Mill and built the dam in its present place, in 1705. This property was purchased from the town and has continued in the family ever since. He had other grants from the town, and was an important personage. The house in which he dwelt early in the eighteenth Century is still preserved, and is doubtless the oldest structure in Fairfield.

CXCV.

H. & W.

This Monument Informs
the Reader that here lies
buried the Body of

SARAH BURR, Daughter
of Col^o **DAVID BURR**

who was born April 21st
1766 and departed this

Life June 2^d 1787.

(F. S.)

CXCVI.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried
the Body of M^r.EBENEZER JENNINGS
the Husband of M^{rs}.REBECKAH JENNINGS who
died April 9th. 1768 in y^e
76th Year of his Age.

(B. S.)

CXCVII.

H. & W.

M^{rs} REBECCA JENNINGS
Consort ofM^r. Ebenezer Jennings
who departed this LifeJan^{ry} 2^d 1790.In the 85th Year of
her Age.

(F. S.)

CXCVIII.

*In memory of
David Bulkley**who died Nov. 5. 1819:**aged 12 y. 2m. & 17 d.**Also Cornelius Bulkley**who died Dec 5. 1819:**aged 6 mo.**Sons of Isaac &
Mahetabel Bulkley.*

(W. M.)

CXCIX.

In
Memory of
WARD son of
Isaac &
Mahetabel Bulkley :
who died Oct 30. 1819 :
aged 16 y. 2 m. & 28 ds.
(W. M.)

CC.

H. & W.
JONATHAN STURGES,
y^e SON OF PETER
STURGES AGED 13
YEARS DEC^r APRIL
y^e 10. 1727.
(B. S.)

NOTE.—This is a very small stone, corresponding with those of that period.

CCI.

In Memory of M^r. CHARLES BURR
who died March 15th 1800 aged
58 years. Also M^{rs}. ELIZABETH his
Wife died July 10th. 1813 aged 69 years.
The age and death of their Children ;
MABEL BURR died 1778 aged 9 years.
STURGES BURR died July 4th 1796.
aged 29 years.
AARON BURR died August 1798.
aged 26 years.
DAVID BURR died October 10th. 1803.
aged 22 years.
WAKEMAN BURR died August 4th. 1812
aged 36 years.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—Sturges and Wakeman Burr were sea captains.

 CCII.

In
 memory of
MAHETABEL BURR
 who died
 Dec. 1. 1849
 Aged 71 y'rs.
 & 6 mo.
 (W. M.)

 CCIII.

H. & W.
 M^{rs}. ABBY BURR
 Wife of
 M^r. SAMUEL BURR
 & Daughter of
 M^r. MOSES JENNINGS.
 died June 13th. 1790
 aged 28 years
 & 11 months.
 (F. S.)

 CCIV.

In
Memory of
 MISS HANNAH BURR
who died
 Nov 24, 1819.
in the 52 year
of her age.

Death is a debt to nature due
 Which I have paid and so must you.
 (W. M.)

CCV.

*In**memory of**DANIEL BURR**who died**Aug. 8. 1843,**aged 71 y'rs.**(W. M.)*

CCVI.

*In**Memory of**Mrs Sarah Perry**wife of**Mr Peter Perry,**who died**April 6. 1821;**aged 73 years.**(W. M.)*

NOTE.—Mrs. Sarah Perry was the daughter of Ebeneser (born 1723) and Sarah Hull Bradley—and a lineal descendant of Francis Bradley, who, a soldier under Gen. Mason in the Pequot war, located in Southport, in the locality of the present tide mill. Probably his body was one of the first in this ground. His descendants are numerous in Greenfield.

CCVII.

SACRED

to

the Memory of

PETER PERRY

born Feb^{ry} 4th. 1739.& died Sept^r. 16th. 1804.

Æ 66 Years.

Also his four children

SETH, born Dec^r. 26th. 1773, &died Oct^r. 5th. 1777.

Æ 4 Years.

DAVID, born Dec^r. 26th. 1773, &

died in Williamston N. C.

Nov^r. 12th. 1800. Æ 27 Years.EUNICE, born Jan^{ry} 24th. 1782,

& died in Savannah

Oct^r. 9th. 1802 Æ 19 Years.BRADLEY born Dec^r. 24th. 1783& died Dec^r. 11th. 1785,

Æ 2 Years.

To Commemorate her Husband &

Children this Stone is Erected by

SARAH PERRY

May 1st 1805.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—By the Family record, Seth was born Jan. 12, 1772. Peter Perry was son of Joseph Perry, (See No. CCVIII). Peter was a Miller, Merchant and a large Real Estate owner; a Christian gentleman of ability and integrity.—Eleven of his fifteen children matured and were scattered through the United States, thrifty and prosperous.

CCVIII.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried
the Body of
M^r JOSEPH PERRY
Who Departed this Life
Aug. 20th Anno Dom. 1753
in y^e 40th Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

NOTE.—Joseph Perry Jr., was the Son of Joseph and Deborah Burr Perry, (See No. CCIV.) and through this line the Perry estate has been inherited for several generations. Joseph Jr. married Sarah, daughter of Peter and Hannah Ward Bulkley. Mrs. Sarah Perry afterwards married Thomas Wheeler, of Greenfield, where she was buried having died April 31, 1789.

CCIX.

H. & W.

HERE LYES BURIED
THE BODY OF M^{RS}. MARY
PERRY WIFE TO M^R DANIEL.
PERRY WHO DEPARTED
THIS LIFE, OCTOBER Y^E 31ST.
1742 in Y^E 22^D YEAR
OF HER AGE.
(B. S.)

CCX.

H. & W.

HERE LYES INTER'D
THE BODY OF M^{RS}.
SUBANNA BARLOW
THE WIFE OF M^R.
DAVID BARLOW
WHO DEPARTED THIS
LIFE OCTOBER THE 15TH.
1745 IN THE 19TH.
YEAR OF HER AGE.
(B. S.)

NOTE.—Barlow's Plains takes its name from this family.

CCXI.

H. & W.

Here lyes buried

y^e Body of Lieut.

SAMUEL BARLOW

Who Departed this

Life May 20th. 1745, in y^e63rd Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

CCXII.

U. & D.

E. S.

In memory of

ELIZABETH,

*daughter of Gershom**& Elizabeth Sturges;**who died Aug. 24th, 1825.**aged 14 years,**6 months & 16**days.**Now in the heat of youthful blood.**Remember your Creator, God;**Behold the days come hastening on,**When you shall say My joys are gone.*

(W. M.)

CCXIII.

MARY ANN

daughter of

Gershom &

Elizabeth Sturges

died July 26. 1871

aged 4 years.

(W. M.)

CCXIV.

JONATHAN L.

son of Gershom &

Elizabeth Sturges

died Feb. 12, 1817:

aged 2 years.

(W. M.)

CCXV.

S. S. (Monogram.)

In Memory of

Mr. SETH STURGES,

who died May 9th.

1804

aged 67 years &

9 months,

(F. S.)

CCXVI.

M. S. (Monogram.)

This Stone is erected
in memory ofM^{rs}. MARY STURGES

Relict of

M^r. Seth Sturges
who died Nov^r. 9th.

1810

in the 73^d. year
of her age.

(F. S.)

CCXVII.

M. S. (Monogram.)

MARIETTA

Daughter of

M^r. JOSEPH andM^{rs}. SARAH STURGESdied Oct^r. 10th. 1805aged 1 year 2 months
& 10 days.

(F. S.)

CCXVIII.

W. & U.

In memory of
*JOSIAH STURGES**son of Joseph**& Sarah Sturges**who died**Dec. 26, 1825,**in his 19 year.**My flesh shall slumber in the ground*
Till the last trumpets joyful sound
Then burst the chains in sweet surprise
And in my Saviour's image rise.

(W. M.)

CCXIX.

In
Memory of
SETH STURGES
who died
March 20. 1811.
aged 44 years.
(W. M.)

CCXX.

In
memory of
GRISSIL wife of
Seth Sturges
who died
Feb 28. 1832.
aged 60.
(W. M.)

CCXXI.

In
memory of
Mary Burr wife of
Edward Bennett,
& Daughter of Seth
& Grisil Sturges,
who died May 13. 1822.
Aged 23 years
1 month &
2 days.
(W. M.)

CCXXII.

In
memory of
EDWARD BENNETT
who died
Aug 4, 1824.
In his 28 Year
(W. M.)

CCXXIII.

EMILA
daughter of James &
Charlott Perry.
died July 11. 1819 :
aged 5 months.

NOTE.—Mrs. Charlott Perry, a daughter of William Pike (See No. CXVIII)
was buried in Oak Lawn, in 1881, aged 87.

CCXXIV.

H. & W.
Here lyes buried
the Body of Mrs
JERUSHA BARTRAM
Confort of M^r.
JOB BARTRAM
who was born the 25th.
Day of December 1729
and departed this Life
the 24th Day of Novem^r.
1773 aged 44 Years
wanting 43 Days.
(F. S.)

 CCXXV.

H. & W.

Here lies

Buried the Body

of Mrs.

ABIGAIL BARTRAM

Consort of

MR JOB BARTRAMwho was born the 5th.of Sep^r. 1748 and

departed this Life

the 14th day of Jan^r. 1776

aged 27 Years & 4 mon

ths wanting 2 days.

(F. S.)

 CCXXVI.

W. & U.

In

Memory of

MR. JOB BARTRAM

who was drowned

Oct 28. 1817

aged 50 years & 6 months

Also of JANE daughter of

Mr Job & Mrs Ruth Bartram

died Oct 29. 1815,

aged 16 months.

Death like an overflowing stream,

Sweeps us away: our life's a dream:

An emty tale, a morning flower.

Cut down and wither'd in an hour.

NOTE.—Stephen Morehouse (See CLVIII) and Job Bartram were drowned together off Black Rock Harbor.

CCXXVII.

This
Monument is
erected by order of
WILLIAM BURR
in Commemoration of his
honored Father Ebenezer
Burr, Son of Samuel &
Elizabeth Burr late of
Fairfield Deceast. he was
born in the Year 173³
& died in the Year 1767
Aged 35 Years.

(F. S.)

(See CCCXLVII.)

CCXXVIII.

Underneath
this tomb lays the body
of Ebenezer Burr Son
of William & Eunice
Burr, who was born
Nov^r. 8th. 1783 and Died
April 8th. 1784 aged 6
months.

The parents Joy in life was lost
in death

To be found in Christ.

(F. S.)

CCXXIX.

H. & W.
Here lyes Buried
the Body of
M^r. SETH BURR
who departed this life
Decem^r. y^o 22^d 1764.
Aged 39 Years.

(B. S.)

CCXXX.

 H. & W.

Here lies Buried
the Body of Cap^t.
SETH SAMUEL BURR,
who departed this life
March y^e 21st 1773 in y^e
79th Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

CCXXXI.

 H. & W.

Here lyes buried the Body of
Mrs ELIZABETH BURR
wife to Cap^t. SAMUEL BURR,
who departed this Life
JUNE y^e 16th. A. D. 1753.
in the 51st. Year of Her Age.

CCXXXII.

 H. & W.

Here lies buried the body
of M^{rs}. MARY HILL wife
of THOMAS HILL Esq^r.
who departed this Life
December 19th. 1763.
Aged 69 Years
one month & 26 days.
(B. S.)

CCXXXIII.

In
Memory of
STURGES PERRY
son of
Peter & Sarah Perry
who died
June 28th. 1808:
in the 16th. year
of his age.
(W. M.)

CCXXXIV.

E. P. (Monogram.)
In Memory of
Mr. EBENEZER PERRY
who died April 26th. 1804.
in the 67th. year of his age.
Also of
M^{rs}. MARTHA his Wife
who died Jan^y. 10th. 1814
in the 75th. year of her age.
And of
EBENEZER PERRY their Son
who died July 19th. 1776.
aged 13 years.

NOTE.—Ebenezer Perry was a son of Joseph and Mary Clugstone Perry,
(See No. CXICIV).

CCXXXV.

M. P. (Monogram.)
In Memory of
M^{rs}. MABEL PERRY
Wife of M^r. LEVI PERRY
who died May 30th. 1813
in the 40th year of
her age. Also
ESTHER PERRY their
Daughter died Oct^r. 3^r.
1814 in the 13th. year
of her age.

NOTE.—Levi was the son of Ebenezer Perry, (See No. CCXXXIV.) His
wife was Mabel Gould, of Greenfield.

CCXXXVI.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried y^e
 Body of M^{rs}. ELIZABETH
 BARLOW. Widow of Lieut
 SAMUEL BARLOW
 Who Departed this Life
 Feb^r y^e 10th Anno Domⁱ
 1752 in y^e 66 Year
 of Her Age.
 (B. S.)

CCXXXVII.

Urn & Leaves.

In

memory of
 ELIZABETH wife of
 Gershom Sturges
 who died
 May 2 1817.
 in the 33 year
 of her age.
 (W. M.)

CCXXXVIII.

In Memory of

M^{rs}. SARAH LEWIS
 Wife of

Mr. LOTHROP LEWIS
 who died July 9th.
 1807
 in the 39th. year of
 her age.

SARAH ANN LEWIS
 their Daughter
 died Oct^o 21st 1805
 aged 11 weeks.
 (F. S.)

CCXXXIX.

Urn.
In
Memory of
LOTHROP LEWIS
who died
Nov 9, 1817;
aged 58 years
& 10 months.
(W. M.)

CCXL.

In Memory of
ABIGAIL JANE LEWIS
Daughter of
Mr LOTHROP & Mrs
SARAH LEWIS
who died Augt. 13th
1807
in the 12th year of
her age.
(F. S.)

CCXLI.

U. & W.
In
memory of
Mr Jonathan Lewis
who died
Dec 22 1819
aged 33 years
& 16 days.

NOTE.—Jonathan Lewis was a large real estate owner. The name was of excellent repute, but is nearly extinct in Fairfield.

CCXLII.

In
memory of
ELLEN BURR.
daughter of.
Jonathan &
Ellen Lewis,
who died
Nov 1. 1831,
aged 12 years
& 4 mo.
(W. M.)

CCXLIII.

H. & W.
In Memory of
SAMUEL WARD BENEDICT
who died at Sea Jan^y. 12th.
1796 Aged 17 Years 7
months & 4 days. Also of
JESSE BENEDICT Jun^r.
who died Sept^r. 27th 1795.
Aged 11 days: only Sons of
JESSE & POLLY BENEDICT.
Death is a debt to Nature due
which we have paid & so must you.
(F. S.)

CCXLIV.

In
MEMORY
of
POLLY
Daughter of
Jesse & Polly Benedict
who departed this Life
Jan^y. 22nd. 1802 in
the 20th. Year of her age.
Sweet is the sleep that here we take,
Till in Christ Jesus we awake;
Then shall our happy souls rejoice,
To hear our blessed Saviour's voice.
(W. M.)

CCXLV.

P. B. (Monogram.)

ERECTED

To the Memory of

M^{rs}. POLLY BENEDICT

late Wife of

M^r. JESSE BENEDICT

who died May 3^d. 1808

in the 54th.year

of her age.

Death like an overflowing stream

Sweeps us away, our life's a dream.

(F. S.)

CCXLVI.

WAKEMAN BURR

died May 9, 1799

aged 56 years.

MARY, his wife

died Oct. 26, 1829.

aged 83 years.

Two sons of theirs

JUSTUS,

died Oct. 10, 1769.

aged 2 years & 8 months.

WAKEMAN

died Oct 26. 1785

aged 2 years.

(W. M.)

NOTE —Wakeman Burr was an Officer in the Revolutionary Army. His wife, Mary Davis was the first to discover the advance of the British in 1779 in Fairfield.

CCXLVII.

REBECCA

Daughter of
JUSTIN & DESIRE
HOBART

Died Oct 27. 1827

Æ 21 Y'rs.

(W. M.)

CCXLVIII.

In

memory of

JANE ANN

daughter of Justin &
Desire Hobart

who died Nov 6, 1815

in her 6, year.

(W. M.)

CCXLIX.

J. H. H. H.

M^r. JUSTIN HOBARTdied April 7th 1809

aged 78 years & 2 months

M^{rs}. HANNAH HOBART

his Wife

died Jan^y. 7th. 1809.

aged 71 years & 2 months.

JOHN SLOSS HOBART

their Son died in NEW YORK

Aug^t. 10th. 1803.

aged 22 years & 6 months.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—Justin Hobart built a "Colonial Home" in 1765. He was a native of Hingham, Mass., and married Hannah Penfield, of Fairfield. Divine service was held here after the Church was burnt in 1779. This house is now owned by Miss Hannah Hobart.

CCL.

IN MEMORY
OF JEROME AN
INFANT OF M^r.
JUSTIN & M^r.
HANNAH HOBART
DIED MARCH
the 2 1768.
(B. S.)

CCLI.

Long Death Face & Wings.
Here lies Buried
the Body of
M^r. NATHANIEL WILSON
who departed this Life
on the 8th Day of May
A. D 1 7 6 9
In the 80th Year
of his age.
(B. S.)

CCLII.

H. & W.
In
Memory of
M^{rs}. RUTH WILLSON
Wife of M^r.
NATHANIEL WILLSON
who Departed this
Life June y^e 13th 1775
in the 70th Year of her
Age.
(F. S.)

CCLIII.

F. & W.

In Memory of
Mr. ROBERT WILLSON
 who Departed this Life
 March 4th A. D. 1779.
 In the 64th year
 of his Age.
 (B. S.)

CCLIV.

In
memory of
Catharine, wife of
Robert Wilson,
who died
Oct. 1, 1810;
in her 87th year.

CCLV.

H. & W.

Here lyes y^e Body of
ANNA LAMSON Dau^{tr} of
 y^e Rev^d Mr. JOSEPH & M^{rs}.
ALTHEA LAMSON, who
 Died July 10th 1753. Aged
 5 Years. 1 Month & 22 D^s.
 (B. S.)

CCLVI.

H. & W.

To the Memory of

M^{rs}. ALTHEA LAMSON wife of
the Rev^d. M^r. JOSEPH LAMSON
and Dau^{tr}. of the Rev^d M^r. JAMES
WETMORE, Rector of Rye, in
NEW YORK PROVINCE.

Who departed this Life y^e 8th of
Feb^y. 1766 Aged 44 Years.

NOTE.—Rev. Joseph Lamson, an Episcopal clergyman, was successor to Rev. Henry Caner in 1747, which position he occupied till his death, Aug. 12, 1773. His body was interred in this ground, although nothing tangible marks his resting place.

CCLVII.

H. & W.

HERE LYES INTERRED

THE BODY OF THE

REV^d. M^r JOSEPH WEBB

(THE FAITHFUL PASTOR)

OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

IN THIS PLACE

WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE

September 12th A. D. 1732.

Aetatis Suae 66.

NOTE.—Rev. Joseph Webb's pastorate in the Cong. Church extended from 1692 to 1732, in which time he baptised 1492 persons. He was one of the first fellows of Yale College to whom the Charter was given. The oldest church record extant in Fairfield is in his own hand writing—Doubtless there were other records which were probably destroyed in the Conflagration in 1772. There are two manuscript sermons in this parish of his, "occasioned by the death of Maj^r Nathan Gold, one of the pious and worthy magistrates of Connecticut Colony, who deceased at his own house in Fairfield, fourth of March, 1693-4." Mr. Webb also left a valuable memoranda of the terrible storms in 1700, and the family record of his six daughters and three sons. The Webbs are lost sight of to Fairfield, though there are probably some of the descendants scattered throughout the country, as Rev. Joseph Webb records 3 sons among his 9 children, thus:

"2. Or^t Son Joseph was born Sept. 21st, 1693 on a Thursday morning, sun about an hour high, bapt. at Stratford.

8. Or^t Son Nehemiah was born Feb^y 26, 1694-5 on Tuesday morning at break of day, bapt. March 3d, '94-5.

9. Or^t Son Josiah, born March 16th, 1706-7, being Saturday night after midnight, bapt. Mar. 16th, 1706-7, 1c * ye same day reckoning it to begin in morning."

The Rev. Mr. Webb evidently had no time-piece, none being made in this Country, nor easily imported at that time.

† Contraction for Our. * 1 o'clock.

CCLVIII.

H. & W.

HERE LYES BURIED
 Y^K BODY OF GRACE
 WEBB, DAU^R. TO M^R. JOSEPH
 & ELIZABETH WEBB
 AGED 21 YEARS & 6 M^O
 & 4 D'S, DEC^R MAY Y^E
 17TH 1 7 2 2 .
 (B. S.)

CCLIX.

HERE LYES BURIED
 Y^R BODY OF M^{RS}.
 ELIZABETH WEBB WIFE TO
 M^R. JOSEPH WEBB
 AGED 50 YEARS 10 M^O
 & 15 D^S DEC^R. FEB^R.
 Y^E 15TH 1 7 1 8 .
 (B. S.)

CCLX.

HARRIET MILLS ELY

Second child of
 David & Priscilla Ely
 was born Sep^t. 9th. 1813.
 & died Sep^t. 13th. 1816.
 Aged 3 Years & 4 Days.
 Suffer little children to come
 unto me, & forbid them not, for of such
 is the kingdom of Heaven.
 (W. M.)

CCLXI.

The Grave of
PRISCILLA STURGES ELY,
 wife of David Ely,
 & daughter of the
 Hon. Jon. Sturges,
 who departed this life
 Suddenly
 Jan 26. 1826,
 aged 42 years
 & 6 months.

Universally beloved in life & lamented
 in death, her serene & uniform piety
 consoles survivors with the good
 assurance of hope, that she has
 entered into rest.

(W. M.)

CCLXII.

H. & W.
 HERE LYES BURIED
 Y^E BODY OF M^{RS}.
 MARY STURGES WIFE TO
 M^R DAVID STURGES
 AGED ABOUT 23 YEARS
 DEC^D. MARCH Y^E
 5TH 1721.
 (B. S.)

CCLXIII.

H. & W.
 HERE LYES BURIED
 Y^E BODY OF M^R
 DAVID STURGES
 AGED ABOUT 27
 YEARS. DEC^D JAN Y^E
 17TH 1721.

CCLXIV.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried y^e Body
 of M^{rs}. Elizth. Sturges wife
 to M^r. Samuel Sturges
 aged 17 years, 11 mo. & 9d's
 Who Died Feb^{ry}. y^e 9th.
 Anno Dom 1739.

(B. S.)

CCLXV.

Here lyes buried y^e Body
 of M^{rs} HANNAH JENNINGS Wife
 to M^r. STEPHEN JENNINGS.
 Who departed this Life
 March y^e 9th. 1765 in y^e
 49th Year of Her Age.

(B. S.)

CCLXVI.

H. & W.

Here lyes buried
 the Body of
 M^r. SAMUEL WAKEMAN
 who departed this Life
 Aug^t. 15th. A. D. 1752
 in the 39th Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

CCLXVII.

Death's Head.

Here lyes Buried y^e

Body of Joseph

Wakeman Esq^r, Aged 56

Years. Dec^d. December

y^e 5th 1 7 2 6.

(B. S.)

CCLXVIII.

H. & W.

Here lies the Body of

M^{rs}. ELIZABETH BURR Widow

of COLL^o. JOHN BURR

Formerly the wife of

JOSEPH WAKEMAN Esq

who departed this Life

Aug^t. 18th A. D. 1753.

in the 74 Year of her Age.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—As Col. John Burr resided within the present limits of Bridgeport and not far from the "Council Oak," he was probably buried in the Old Stratfield, (called also the Pequonnock) ground. He died about 1750. He was closely identified with the interests of Fairfield, and held many responsible trusts, being County Commissary, Deputy, Speaker of the House, Auditor, Judge of County Court and of Probate. He was engaged in the expedition to Nova Scotia as Major. Later he was appointed Colonel. He owned a large farm surrounding his residence, also a "long lot" and several other large grants from the town of Fairfield, besides a large inheritance from his father. He was one of the founders of the now First Congregational church of Bridgeport; many of Col. John Burr's descendants lie in this ground by names of Dimons, Sturges, Perrys, etc.

CCLXIX.

H. & W.

HERE LYES Y^E BODY OF
 EBENEZER WAKEMAN ESQ^R. SON
 TO JOSEPH WAKEMAN ESQ^R.
 BROUGHT UP AT YALE COLLEDG
 IN NEW HAVEN & THEIR COMENST
 MASTER OF ARTS. AGED 27 YEARS
 & 7 MONTHS & 15 DS. DEC^R.
 SEP^R. Y^E 25TH 1726.
 (B. S.)

CCLXX.

Mr. Ebenezer
 Wakeman
 1762

NOTE.—This is apparently a foot stone, no head stone is to be found.

CCLXXI.

Bright Angel Face & Wings.
 Here lyes Buried y^e
 Body of M^{rs}. ANNE
 WAKEMAN, Wife to M^r.
 EBENEZER WAKEMAN
 Who Departed this Life
 July 31st. A. D. 1749 Aged
 20 Years. 2 M^o & 25 D's.
 (B. S.)

CCLXXII.

F. & W.
 To the
 Memory of Mrs.
SARAH WARNER
 late consort of Dr.
SETH WARNER
 who departed this
 Life Nov^r. 27 A. D 1769.
 In her 41st Year.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—For her Husband, see No. CCCLXIII.

CCLXXIII

(F. S.)

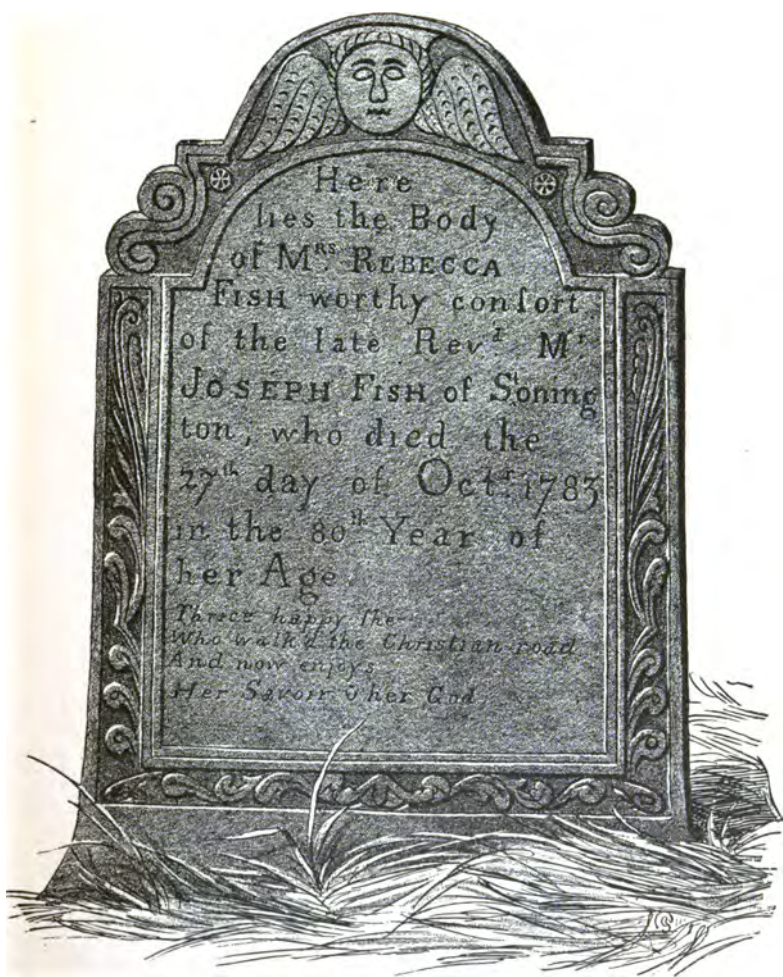
NOTE. Mrs. Fish (a fac-simile of whose head-stone is given on opposite page.) was Rebecca Pabodie, of Duxbury, Mass., and was great grand daughter of John Alden, of the May Flower. After the death of her husband, Rev. Joseph Fish, who died in Stonington, in 1781, for fifty years a pastor of the second church in that place, she removed to Fairfield, where she resided with her daughter Mrs. Gen. Gold S. Silliman, till her death. A monument in Stonington commemorates the Rev. Joseph Fish, his wife and three daughters.

CCLXXIV.

H. & W.
 In
 Memory of Mrs
ABIGAIL SILLIMAN
 Late Amiable Consort
 of the Honorable
EBENEZER SILLIMAN Esq^r.
 She died March 16 A. D. 1772
 Aged 65 Years one a Month
 wanting one day.

How lov'd, how vallu'd once avails the 'not
 To whome related or by whom begot,
 A heap of duft alone remains of thee;
 'Tis all thou art and all the proud shall be.

NOTE.—Mrs. Silliman was the daughter of Jonathan Selleck, Esq.



Here
lies the Body
of M^{RS} REBECCA
Fish worthy consort
of the late Rev^d M^r
JOSEPH FISH of Sonning
ton, who died the
27th day of Oct^r 1783
in the 80th Year of
her Age

*Three happy the
Who walk'd the Christian road
And now enjoys
Her Saviour & her God*

CCLXXV.

H. & W.

In Memory of the Hon^{ble}.**EBENEZER SILLIMAN**

Efq^r. For many years fucefffully
 a member of the Council & one of
 the Judges of the Superior Court,
 in the Colony of Connecticut,
 Diftinguifh^d with a clear underftanding,
 a fedat^e mind, & dignity of deportment,
 Well verf'd in Jurifprudence, learned in
 the Law, and religiously upright
 He fustain'd thofe high TRUSTS
 (and acted in other important Relations)
 with Honour to himfelf, to his Family,
 and to his Country.
 And having ferv'd his generation, by the
 will of God, fell afleep in the 68th
 Year of his age on the 11th Oct^r. 1775.
 I have said ye are gods
 but ye fhall die like men.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—Hon. Ebenezer Silliman graduated from Yale in 1737. He was the owner of a large land estate, and influential in all public affairs, being elected to offices in both Church and State. He owned a "Colonial" home on Holland Hill, which he inherited from his father, Robert Silliman; it is owned at present by William S. Wilson, and is in good repair.

CCLXXVI.

Lucinda,

wife of Ruben Swift, Esq.

Waterloo, New York. departed

this life May 16. 1822.

in the 45 year of her age.

*She died at Fairfield, whither she
had travelled in quest of health,
cheerfully resigning herself into the
hands of her Redeemer in whom she
confidently hoped to receive a blessed
immortality. She was the delight of
her friends, and an ornament to her
Christian profession.*

(W. M.)

CCLXXVII.

In

memory of

JUSTIN HOBART,

who died

June 3, 1830,

Æ 58 yrs.

(W. M.)

CCLXXVIII.

W. & U.

HANNAH HOBART,

daughter of

Justin Hobart

died May 6. 1827,

aged 49 y & 7 mo.

(W. M.)

CCLXXIX.

In

Memory of

Miss MARY HOBART

who died

June 15. 1845

Æ 79¹ years.

(W. M.)

CCLXXX.

H. & W.

Here

lies interr'd the body

of Doct^r. THOMAS HILL.who died March 8thA. D. 1781. in the 36th.

Year of his Age.

Some hearty friend shall drop his
 On our dry Bones, and say,
 Thofe once were strong as mine ap
 And mine muft be as they.

tear

pear,

CCLXXXI.

H. & W.

In Memory of

M^r JOHN WILLSONwho died Aug^t. 3^d.

1800

aged 85 years

1 month & 19 days.

(F. S.)

CCLXXXII.

H. & W.

In Memory of

M^{rs}. EUNICE WILLSON

Wife of

M^r. JOHN WILLSONwho died Dec^r. 25th.

1793

in the 75th. year of

her age.

(F. S.)

CCLXXXIII.

ELIZABETH STURGES,

WIFE OF

STEPHEN MILLER,

DAUGHTER OF

JUDGE STURGES,

DIED APRIL 10, 1864,

AGED 84 YEARS.

(W. M.)

CCLXXXIV.

STEPHEN MILLER

DIED

June 9, 1843,

Æ 74.

(W. M.)

CCLXXXV.

In this Spot

are deposited

the remains of

Mrs MARY STURGES

widow of the late

B. L. Sturges,

who died in Fairfield.

on the 15. of June 1840.

in the 69 year

of her age.

(W. M.)

CCLXXXVI.

In

memory of

BARNABAS L. STURGES

Son of the late

Judge Sturges,

who died

Sept. 28, 1831

aged 62 years.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Mr. Sturges built the house in Southport, now owned by Mr. David Banks, in 1800. He built a vessel which was captured by the French on its first voyage. He was the father of the late Jonathan Sturges, the millionaire merchant, who with members of his family lie in the East Burying Ground.

CCLXXXVII.

In
memory of
Elizabeth
Robinson
an infant
Obt Nov 9. 1824.
(W. M.)

CCLXXXIII.

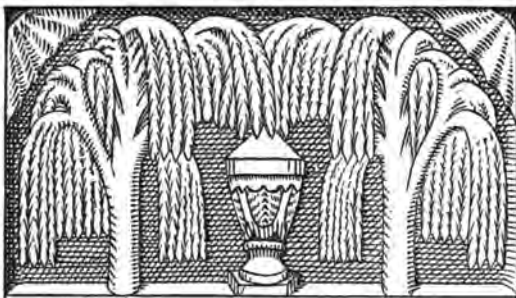
In this Spot rest
the remains of
Mrs. DEBORAH STURGES,
widow of the late
Hon. Jonathan Sturges
who died April 1, 1832.
in the 90 year
of her age.
The faithful wife
The affectionate mother:
The humble Christian.

NOTE.—Mrs. Sturges was a daughter of Lothrop Lewis, from Barnstable, Mass., who was the second husband of Sarah, daughter of Jonathan Sturges Jr., whose father died in 1711.

CCLXXXIX.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—History speaks of Judge Jonathan Sturges,—a fac-simile of whose head stone is given on opposite page,—as a noble gentleman, an ornament to the town, a scholar, a graduate from Yale in 1759; later a member of the House of Representatives, after which he was Judge of the Supreme Court of Conn. He was a sufferer in the British invasion of 1779. His home was that which J. Toomey occupies. His grandson, the late Jonathan Sturges, the christian citizen and millionaire lies in the East Burying Ground.



In memory of the
HON. JONATHAN STURGESS, LL.D.
who was born Aug. 23, 1740.
and died Oct. 4, 1812.
aged 72 years

He sustained with high reputation from an early period a number of the most important offices in the gift of his native State and was an efficient member of Congress under the Confederation which vindicated the rights and obtained the Independence of the United States. Wise and prudent as a Statesman inflexibly upright as a Judge, a faithful friend, an affectionate parent and above all an exemplary Christian. His friends have an assured hope that in his sudden death he passed into glory and received the welcome of his Divine Master.



 CCXC.

JOHN WASSON
 STURGES Son of
 LEWIS B. and
 CHARLOTTE STURGES
 born Sep^t. 6th. 1804.
 & died April 17th. 1810,
 aged 5 years, 7 months
 & 11 days.
 (F. S.)

NOTE.—Lewis Burr Sturges was a son of Hon. Jonathan Sturges, and a member of Congress. He resided on the premises which Mrs. Catharine Beers owns.

 CCXCI.

Legrand C Sturges Born 2^d. of
 March 1795 & died the 30th. of the
 same month and Lockwood B.
 Sturges born 17th of Feb^r 1796.
 & died the 22^d. of March following.
 Children of Lewis B. and
 Charlotte Sturges.
 (F. S.)

 CCXCII.

Death's Head & Wings.
 Here lyes Buried
 the Body of Capt.
 SAMUEL STURGIS
 Who departed this Life
 Aug^{ft} y^e 30th. 1763 Aged
 51 Years & 5 Months.
 (B. S.)

CCXCIII.

H. & W.

In

memory of Mrs

ANN STURGES

Relict of Capt

SAMUEL STURGES

who departed this

Life April 17, 1775

In her 56th. Year.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—This stone is broken in several pieces.

CCXCIV.

In memory of

M^r Jonathan Sturges Jn^r.who died June 25th

1801

in the 34th year

of his age.

(F. S.)

CCXCV.

In

Memory of

Mrs. ABIGAIL STURGES

wife of Mr. SAMUEL STURGES:

who died Nov. 29. 1818,

aged 76 years.

(W. M.)

 CCXCVI.

ROWLAND ROBENSON,

son of William &
Nabby Robenson
died Oct 18. 1813,
aged 17 years.

 : 0 :

David Robenson

son of William &
Nabby Robenson ;
was drowned
Dec 18, 1813
aged 19 years
& 6 months.
(W. M.)

 CCXCVII.

N. R. (Monogram.)

In Memory of

Mrs NABBY ROBINSON

Wife of

Cap^t. WILLIAM ROBINSON

who died Feb^y. 28th 1813

aged 46 years, 6 months and
18 days.

She left a Husband & 10 Children
to lament the loss of an agreeable
Partner & an affectionate Mother.

How lov'd how valu'd once, avails thee not ;
To whom related, or by whom begot ;
A heap of dust alone remains of thee,
'Tis all thou art, and all the Proud
shall be.

(F. S.)

CCXCVIII.

Grinning Death's Head & Wings.

Here lyes Buried

the Body of M^r

JOHN HILL

Who Departed this life

Decem^r y^e 17th 1759 in y^e

53^d. Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

CCXCIX.

Grinning Death Head & Wings.

Here lyes Buried

the Body of Capt.

SAMUEL ROWLAND;

Who Departed this Life

November y^e 4th Anno Domⁿⁱ.

1748 Aged 62 years.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—Henry Rowland settled in Fairfield in 1669. This son (Samuel.) forms the second link in the direct ancestral line of the present Henry Rowland, Esq. Probably Henry Rowland 1st is buried in this ground.

CCC.

Grinning Death's Head & Wings.

Here lyes y^e Body

of GRACE ROWLAND

Daug^{tr} of M^r Samuel &

M^{rs} EFTHER ROWLAND

Who Dec^d Feb^y

22nd 1729-30 in y^e 22nd

Year of Her Age.

(B. S.)

CCCI.

Here lyes y^e Body of M^{rs}.
 ESTHER ROWLAND Wife
 to Cap^t. SAMUEL ROWLAND
 Who departed this Life
 Septem^{br}. y^e 11th A D. 1744 in
 y^e 63^d Year of Her Age
 Hark from the Tombs a doleful sound
 My Eares Attend the Cry
 y^e Living Men come view the ground
 where you must shortly lie.
 (B. S.)

CCCII.

H. & W.
 Here lyes y^e Body of
 ESTHER ROWLAND Daug^{tr}
 of M^r. DAVID & M^{rs}.
 Deborah Rowland who
 Died Sept 25th 1748
 Aged 2 Years & 8 Days.
 (B. S.)

CCCIII.

H. & W.
 Here lyes Buried y^e
 Body of M^{rs}. DEBORAH
 ROWLAND, Wife to M^r.
 DAVID ROWLAND
 Who Departed this life
 Sept; 29th. A. D. 1748 in y
 36th Year of Her Age.
 (B. S.)

CCCIV.

 H. & W.

To the Memory of
 M^{rs}. ELIZABETH ROWLAND Wife
 of DAVID ROWLAND Esq^r.

She was the Daughter of THOMAS
 HILL Esq^r. and M^{rs}. MARY HILL

She was born Dec^r 27 1726:
 and died July 18th A. D. 1753,
 in the 27th Year of her Age.

(B. S.)

CCCV.

 ESTHER SMEDLEY,

Wife of

SAMUEL SMEDLEY,

and Daughter of

DAVID ROWLAND, Esq^r.

died Sept^r. 14th. 1792;

In the 41st Year of

her Age.

(F. S.)

CCCVI.

 DAVID ROWLAND Esq^r.

Died August 30th 1768

In the 54th. Year



of his Age.

(F. S.)

CCCVII.

In
Memory of
Mrs. ABIGAIL, Relict of
Mr. SAMUEL ROWLAND
who died
May 3, 1801,
Æ 85.
(W. M.)

CCCVIII.



Mr. Samuel Rowland,
who died
May 3, 1782
Æ 70.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—This Samuel Rowland 2nd, was of the third generation of the name in Fairfield, and father of Andrew Rowland, Esq. of Revolutionary times.

CCCIX.

ANNE, wife of
Joseph Squire
died Feb 9, 1832
Aged 73.

 CCCX.

In
Memory of
ISAAC JENNINGS
who died Jan. 6, 1819;
aged 75 years &
7 months.

NOTE.—Isaac Jennings is a family name handed down for several generations. Capt. Isaac Jennings (1881) is an ex-member of legislature and a partner in the Japan Paper Ware Co. with his brothers, Deacon O. W. Jennings and Mr. Augustus Jennings, of Southport.

 CCCXI.

H. & W.
In Memory of
M^{rs}. ABIGAIL JENNINGS
Wife of
M^r. ISAAC JENNINGS
and daughter of
COL^O ABRAHAM GOULD
who died Nov^r 2^d.
1795
aged 41 years
wanting 13 days.
(F. S.)

 CCCXII.

In
memory of
ELIZABETH MASON,
daug^r. of Isaac and
Abigail Jennings,
who died May '8, 1843
aged 70 yrs & 8 mo.
(W. M.)

CCCXIII.

H. & W.

Polly

Daughter of

M^r Isaac & M^{rs}

Abigail Jennings

died Sept 24th

1795 aged 1 year

& 10 months.

(F. S.)

CCCXIV.

Col^o DAVID DIMONdied in the Army of
the UNITED STATES,Sept^r. 18th. 1777,

Æt 36

And his remains are
here interred.

(F. S.)

CCCXV.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried

ye Body of M^r

EBENEZER DIMON

Who departed this Life

May 28th Anno Dom 1746.in y^e 42^d Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

CCCXVI.

ANN DIMON

Daughter of

Col. David Dimon

died Feb 14, 1816

in the 49th year

of her age.

(W. M.)

CCCXVII.

NOTE.—Col. Abraham Gould—a fac-simile of whose head stone is given on opposite page,—was killed on his horse, and his body was brought home on horse back for burial. His sword which was a straight silver mounted and three cornered one, was found stained with the enemy's blood. It is now in possession of a great grandson, Abraham Gould Jennings, of Brooklyn, N. Y. His sash and coat were deposited in the Trumbull Gallery, at New Haven. Hezekiah Gould was walking on a plank from the wharf to the vessel in N. Y., when the end resting on the vessel fell, and he struck on his breast and was drowned

CCCXVIII.

In Memory of
M^{rs}. ELIZABETH GOULD
 Relict of
Col^o. ABRAHAM GOULD
 who died Sept. 5th.
 1815
 in the 84th. year
 of her age.

NOTE.—Col. Gould's home is the one owned by the family of the late Capt. John Gould, whose burial plot is in the East Burial Ground.

CCCXIX.

Here lyes Buried
 the Body of
Thomas Staples
 aged 86 years,
 10 Months, Dec^d. Jan^{ry}. 6th.

I 7 3 7.

(F. S.)

AG

This Stone is Erected by
JASON GOULD
in memory of his honored Father
COL ABRAHAM GOULD
who fell in defence of his Country
at RIDGEFIELD

April 27th 1777 aged 44 years

And of his deceased Brothers

JOHN BURR GOULD

died at Sea June 22^d 1781

aged 20 years

HEZEKIAH GOULD

was drowned at New York

Oct^r 30th 1789 aged 30 years

and DANIEL GOULD

was drowned on the coast of

FRANCE Dec^r 28th 1796

aged 20 years

 CCCXX.

In
memory of
EUNICE ROBENSON,
wife of
W^m. Robenson Jr.,
who died
May 17, 1829
aged 40 years
(W. M.)

 CCCXXI.

W^m. Robenson
son of
Capt. Joseph W :
& Nabby Davis,
died Nov. 5, 1825
aged 2 years
& 4 months.
(W. M.)

 CCCXXII.

*In
memory of
W^m. Robenson Jr.
who died
July 7, 1823;
aged 31 years.*

*And his son
Orlando I.
died June 21, 1823,
aged 9 months.
(W. M.)*

 CCCXXIII.

In
memory of
AMELIA A.
daughter of
William &
Eunice Robinson,
who died
Nov. 10, 1837
Aged 17 years.
(W. M.)

 CCCXXIV.

In
Memory of
BENJAMIN
son of William &
Nabby Robinson:
who died Jan. 21, 1822,
aged 23 y: 2 m. 12 d.
Our life is ever on the wing,
And death is ever nigh;
The moment when our lives begin,
We all begin to die.
(W. M.)

 CCCXXV.

In memory of
SILVESTER;
son of William &
Jerusha Robinson;
who died June 20, 1820
aged 9 months.
(W. M.)

CCCXXVI.

In
memory of
 JERUSHA T.
second wife of
Capt W^m. Babenson
who died
July 20. 1826,
aged 42 years.
 (W. M.)

CCCXXVII.

M^{rs}. SARAH SQUIRE,
 Wife of
 Capt JOSEPH SQUIRE
 and Daughter of
 the late Rev^d.
 ANDREW ELIOT D. D.
 of BOSTON
 died 8th. May 1799
 in her 44th Year.
 (F. S.)

CCCXXVIII.

JOSEPH SQUIRE
 died Nov 26. 1825,
 aged 73.
 (W. M.)

CCCXXIX.

In
memory of
ANNA,
wife of NOAH BURR
who died Mar 17,
1830
aged 45,
Isaac J. Burr
their son
died Sept 2 1840
aged 19.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—Mrs. Burr was born Anna Jennings, her husband lived till 1839;
probably he was placed in some other burying ground.

CCCXXX.

Grinning Death Head.
In Memory of
Miss ELIZABETH SQUIRE
who departed this Life
March the 15th 1784.
Aged 27 Years.

CCCXXXI.

1712. +
APRELL 27
A. H.

NOTE.—This is a rough stone in its normal condition for contour and
surface; it probably was to a Hill—judging from the initials and the contiguity
of the next stone.

 CCCXXXII.

H. & W.

Here Lyes Buried

 y^e Body of Deacⁿ

WILLIAM HILL Who

Departed this Life April

 19th Anno Domⁱ 1736 y^e

 78th Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—William Hill was Town Clerk for several years, and took an active part in the Church.

 CCCXXXIII.

S. †.

NOTE.—This is wholly unintelligible—Probably it was also to a Hill. H being partly obliterated.

 CCCXXXIV.

TO THE MEMORY

of

FRANCIS FORGUE

Late useful Physician & respec-

ted Citizen of this Town

Who fell asleep in CHRIST.

 Feb^y 26th. A. D. 1783 in the

 54th year of his Age.

 To *him* to die *was* Gain to

others Lofs. This Life is

Nought, ETERNITY is ALL.

(W. M.)

 CCCXXXV.

H. & W.
 The Corruptible of
 SARAH,
 first, Widow of
 JAMES DENNIE,
 & after of
 Dr FRANCIS FORGUE
 who departed Jan^r 24th
 1796.
 Aged 72 Years.
 (F. S.)

 CCCXXXVI.

M^{rs}. SARAH SAYRE,
 Consort of
 Rev^d. JAMES SAYRE,
 Daughter of
 M^r. JAMES DENNIE,
 departed this Life
 Dec^r, 15th. 1797,
 Æt 41
 (F. S.)
 (See No. LXXVI.)

 CCCXXXVII.

H. & W.
 In Memory of
 M^{rs}. MARY NICHOLS, Dau^{tr}
 of M^r. DAVID and M^{rs}.
 ABIGAIL THOMPSON
 who was born y^e 3^d Day of
 April 1733 & departed this
 Life y^e 18th Day of Nov 1768
 Aged 35 years & 7 months.
 (B. S.)

 CCCXXXVIII.

MRS ANN DIMON

wife of

Col^o. David Dimon,

died March 9. 1812

age 70.

(W. M.)

 CCCXXXIX.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried

the Body of

M^r JOHN THOMPSON

Who was born

the 21st Day of Feb^r 1687

and departed this Life y^e

10th Day of April 1759 in y^e

73^d Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

 CCCXL.

Here lyes Buried

the Body of M^{rs}

ABIGAIL THOMPSON

Who Departed this Life

July 15th A. D. 1753 Aged

25 Years & 2 Months.

(B. S.)

CCCXLI.

 H. & W.

 Here lyes Buried
the Body of
DEACON JOHN THOMPSON

aged 83 years

DEC^r March y^e 1st

1 7 3 4 .

(B. S.)

NOTE.—This stone lies broken in pieces on the ground.

 CCCXLII.
Here lyes Buried y^eBody of M^{rs}. SARAH

THOMPSON. Relict of

Dea^{son} John ThompsonWho Died JUNE y^e4th Anno Domⁿⁱ 1747 in y^e87th Year of Her Age.

(B. S.)

 CCCXLIII.

Here lyes ye Body

of David Leavitt

Who Died Sep^r13th 1746, Aged 3

Years 1 mo. & 20 D's

Children of M^r Jacob & M^{rs} Cate Leavitt.

(B. S.)

Here lyes ye Body

of Nathan Leavitt

Who Died Sept

17th 1746 Aged 1

Year 9 mo & 11 D's



CCCXLIV.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried
the Body of
M^r. SAMUEL GOULD
who departed this Life
Oct^r. y^e 11th 1769 in y^e
77th Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—Samuel Gould was grand-son of the first settler of the name of Gould, and father of Col. Abraham Gould. He married Esther Bradley and possessed the Gould homestead.

CCCXLV.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—This Nathan Gold,—a fac-simile of whose head-stone is given on opposite page,—was son of Major Nathan Gold, a wealthy and educated gentleman, a landholder in Fairfield 1649, and in 1658 a purchaser of property, some of which is possessed at present by some of his descendants. He was one of the nineteen petitioners named in the Charter of Connecticut, and member of the Council from 1657 to 1694. Rev. Joseph Webb preached his funeral sermon. (See No. CCLVII.) In all probability his remains lie near his son Nathan Gold, Jr., who married (1) Hannah Talcott of Hartford, (2) Sarah——. He served as town clerk from 1694 to 1708. He was town clerk and deputy governor, with Peter Burr for assistant from 1706 to 1724. In 1713 he was chief justice of the Supreme Court. He is spoken of in the church records as "the worshipfull Capt. Gold"; again as Hon. Nathan Gold Esq., D. G.—His children were: Abigail, wife of Rev. Thomas Hawley of Ridgefield; John, Nathan, Samuel, Joseph, Rev. Hezekiah, Onesimus, David and Martha, some of whom lie in this ground.

CCCXLVI.

H. & W.

Here Lyes Buried
the Body of
JOHN GOULD Esq^r.
Who departed this Life
Sept. the 23^d. 1766 in the
79th Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

CCCXLVII.

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This Monument
is erected By order of
WILLIAM BURR
in Commemoration of his
honoured mother Amelia
who lived the partner and
the widow of Ebenezer Burr
son of Samuel & Elizabeth
Burr late of Fairfield.
Deceast also lived the partner
and died the widow of Abel
Gold Son of Samuel Gold
late of Fairfield Deceast
was the Daughter of
Ebenezer Silliman Esq^r.
late of Fairfield Deceast
was born in the Year 1736
and died in the Year 1794
Aged 58 Years.

(F. S.)

(See CCXXVII.)

CCCXLVIII.

H. & W.

HANNAH Gold the Daughter of

JOHN GOLD Esq^r. of FAIRFIELD.

She was born Sep^r. 20th. 1716 & died

Nov^r. 25th N. S. 1752 Æ 36.

Who knew her worth while Life supports

their frame,

From dark Oblivion shall secure her Name

When these shall fail, the solid Rock shall show

How lov'd, how priz'd she past her Life below,

How Virtues sacred Laws, Actions sway't;

By Kindness, Charity & Love displayed,

Kindred & Friends her kindly Aid confest;

And needy Souls her timely bounty blest

A *Freind* unhaken in adversity.

Ready to aid, or needed help supply

A Flood of tears bedew'd her funeral herse;

And marked their grief in monumental verse.

(See No. CCCXLVI.)

CCCXLIX.

In

memory of

Mrs. SARAH

Relict of

NATH'L L. STURGES

who died

Nov. 2. 1841.

Æ 71 Years.

(W. M.)

CCCL.

In
memory of
John Hives,
son of George
& Ann Hives,
of Gotham, County of
Nottingham, England
who died
Dec 7, 1822
aged 49 years
6 months.
(W. M.)

CCCLI.

ROBERT
Son of Peter &
Isabella Johnston
died
Sept. 14. 1824
aged 7 months
& 2 days.
(W. M.)

CCCLII.

In Memory of
Mrs SARAH CARSON
Wife of
Mr. WALTER CARSON
who died Nov^r 20
1814
in the 59th year
of her age.
(F. S.)

CCCLIII.

In Memory of
Mr WALTER CARSON
 who died April 29th.

1799
 aged 47 years.

NOTE.—Walter Carson taught school in Fairfield more or less for 26 years, and was known as "Master Carson." He evidently was a popular teacher, and probably did much toward educating the youths of Fairfield. His salary was £40 per year.

CCCLIV.

J. G. (Monogram.)

This monument is erected
 in memory of
Mr JASON GOULD
 who departed this life
 June 17th 1810
 aged 39 years 5 months
 and 2 days.

NOTE.—(See No. CCCXVII.)

CCCLV.

This monument is
 erected in memory of
CATHARINE GOULD
 Daughter of
Mr JASON & Mrs.
CATHARINE GOULD
 who died Oct^r. 22^d.
 1806 aged 10 months
 & 1 day.

CCCLVI.

In
memory of
CATHARINE
daughter of
Jasen and Catharine Gould
who departed this Life
June 21st 1809
in the first year of her age.

CCCLVII.

H. & W.
In memory of
STANFAST WYATT
son of **JOSEPH &**
Huldah Wyatt who
departed this Life y^e
2 of Decemb^r 1783
Aged 5 Months.
Fresh in the morn the Summer rose
Hangs withered ere 'tis noon
We scarce enjoy the balmy gift
But mourn the Pleasure gone.
(F. S.)

CCCLVIII.

H. & W.
In memory of
M^{rs} HULDAH WYATT
wife of **M^r JOSEPH WYATT**
who departed this Life
y^e 6 of Novembe^r A. D.
1783 Aged 23 years 4
months & 16 days.
In thy fair book of Life divine
My God Inscribe her name.
There let it fill some Humble place
Beneath the slaughter'd Lamb.
(F. S.)

CCCLIX.

H. & W.

In Memory

of ALICE WYATT Daug
 hter of Joseph & Huldah
 Wyatt who departed
 this Life March y^e 18th A. D.
 17— Aged 8 Months
 & 16 days.

When Spring appears, when violets blow
 And shed a rich Perfume, its last !
 How soon the Fragrance breathes
 How Short Liv^d is the Bloom
 (F. S.)

CCCLX.

In

memory of
 DIMON STURGES
 who died
 Jan 16. 1829.
 aged 74 years.

NOTE.—Among his descendants are Solomon & Eben Sturges, Bankers, in
 Ohio, large real estate owners and men of unlimited influence.

CCCLXI.

H. & W.

Here Lyes Buried
 the Body of

Mr ABEL WHEELER
 who departed this life
 March the 27th 1772 in y^e
 36th year of his age.

Hark from the tombs a doleful found
 my ears attend the cry
 Ye living men come view the ground
 where you must shortly lie.

CCCLXII.

Here Lyes Buried
the Body of
M^r Jonathan Wheeler
who departed this Life
February y^e 20. 1772 in y^e
86 Year of His Age.

CCCLXIII.

H. & W.
To The
memory of Doct'r
SETH WARNER
who departed this
Life April 14th 1769
In the 36th. Year of
his Age.
(F. S.)
(See No. CCLXXII.)

CCCLXIV.

HERE LYES BURIED
THE BODY OF
M^R THOMAS HANFORD
DEC^D MAY THE 14TH
1731 IN THE 32^D
YEAR OF HIS AGE.

CCCLXV.

H. & W.

In memory of

SARAH DIMON

Daughter of

Mr WILLIAM &

Mrs ESTHER DIMON

who died Octo^o

1778

In the 13th year

of her Age.

CCCLXVI.

H. & W.

In memory of

M^{rs} ESTHER DIMON

wife of

M^r WILLIAM DIMON

who departed this Life

Dec^r 2^d 1786.In the 43^d year

of her Age.

(F. S.)

CCCLXVII.

In

memory of

WILLIAM DIMON

who departed this life

Sept 22^d 1810in the 72^d year

of his age.

(W. M.)

CCCLXVIII.

PRISCILLA DIMON,

DIED

Feb 15, 1854.

In the 77 year

of her age.

(W. M.)

CCCLXIX.

H. & W.

M^{rs} MARY BETTS, the Daughter ofJOHN GOLD ESQ^R. of FAIRFIELD and Wife of

THADDEUS BETTS A. M. of RIDGEFIELD was born

June y^e 4th O. S. 1731; enter'd into matrimony Novr.8. N. S. 1752; & died on y^e 20th of y^e same Month Æt. Anno' 22nd.

Beneath this Tomb in humble silence lies
 The modest, virtuous, tender, prudent, wise;
 Fair Virtue's Path, in early Youth she trod;
 Spurn'd luring Vices, & rever'd her God.
 Her tender soul. Benevolence possest;
 And soft Compassion, moved for the Distrest:
 The Great & worthy did her Honours share;
 The Poor & destitute, partook her care,
 Beloved of by All, she past her mortal Life;
 Stranger to Noise, contention. Rage & strife:
 Her Kindred's joy, her Confort's better part
 Her Friends delight; & joy of ev'ry heart,
 But Ah: too soon from budding blifs she flies:
 To Day a Bride, anon a Corpse she lies
 Like Flowers expende to the vernal Sky,
 They bud, they bloom, they wither, fade & die.

(See CCCXLVI.)

CCCLXX.

J. B. (Monogram.) E. B. (Monogram.)

This Stone was Erected by
 Cap^t. ELEAZER BULKLEY
 to the Memory of his Father

M^r JAMES BULKLEY
 who died Feb^y 13th. 1803 aged 73 years
 and M^{rs} ELIZABETH his Mother
 who died June 27th 1809 aged 71 years

Likewise to his Sister MARY
 who died 1779 aged 22 years
 and his Brother ANDREW
 who died 1788 aged 14 years
 also to his Brother MOSES
 who died 1796 aged 20 years
 and his Brother JAMES
 who died at NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
 Sept^r. 15th. 1805 aged 37 years.

NOTE.—James Bulkley was the son of Peter and Hannah Ward Bulkley. He married Elizabeth Whitehead. They had issue of ten children, one of whom, Capt. Eleazer Bulkley married Mary, daughter of Jonathan Ogden of Mill Plain. (See No. XLII.) James Bulkley was a weaver and intended Eleazer should learn the same trade, but he preferring a sea-faring life followed the water. He was a privateersman for two years; subsequently he followed the coasting business, purchasing vessels as his circumstances demanded, and as his sons grew up, placed them in partnership with himself, forming the shipping firm of E. Bulkley & Sons, in New York. He was a patriot and republican of the "old school," and took a lively interest in the welfare of his Country, whose independence he had assisted in establishing. He died Feb. 5, 1848.

CCCLXXI.

H. & W.

GOLD SELLECK SILLIMAN Esq^r.

Attorney at Law.

Justice of the Peace

and during the late War

Colonel of Horse

and Brigadier General of Militia

died July 21st 1790.

Aged 58 Years:

Having discharged these

and other public Offices,

with Reputation and dignity:

and in private life shone

The affectionate Husband

tender Parent:

exemplary Christian

and Man of fervent Piety.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—Gen. Silliman had charge of an important post; the southwestern frontier of Connecticut, which, on account of the long occupation of the City of New York, Westchester County, and Long Island, by the British, required great vigilance and efficiency. He took part in the battle of Long Island, and bore a perilous and honorable part in the battle of White Plains, N. Y., and on this, as on several other occasions narrowly escaped the enemy's balls. Gen. Silliman enjoyed Washington's confidence. He was so obnoxious to the British that they sought to take him prisoner, which they succeeded in doing. His son William, although sick with fever and ague, was also captured, and the two were borne to Long Island, where they were retained as prisoners some months before they were discharged. His house is yet standing on Holland Hill, near his father, Ebenezer Silliman's, and is also a "colonial." The window is shown where the ruffians entered. Gen. Silliman was a pillar in the Congregational Church and a conscientious lawyer. He was a scholar, patriot and christian. He graduated from Yale in 1752.

CCCLXXII.

H. & W.

Here lies buried the Body
 of M^{rs} MARTHA SILLIMAN,
 wife of G. SELLECK SILLIMAN,
 Esq^r. who died August first,
 1774 aged 41 Years. 1 Mon & 23 D.

Sweet Soul, we leave thee to thy Rest :

Enjoy thy Jesus and thy God.

Till we from Bands of Clay releast.

Spring out & Climb the Shining Road

While the dear Dust she leaves behind

Sleeps in thy Bosom, Sacred Grave

Or does she seek, or has she found her Babe

Amongst the Infant Nation of the blest

And claspt it to her *Soo*l to Satisfy there.

The Young maternal Love. thrice happy Child

That saw the Light & turned its Eyes aside

From our dim Regions to the Eternal Sun

And led the Parents Way to Glory.

Watts.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—Gen. G. S. Silliman married (1) Martha Davenport of East Haven. She was mother of William, referred to in note of CCCLXXI. He married (2) Mary, daughter of Rev. Joseph & Mrs. Rebecca Fish, (see CCLXX III) and widow of the Rev. John Noyes. Gen. G. S. Silliman died leaving her a widow the second time. She subsequently married Dr. J. Dickinson in 1804 and died at Wallingford, July 2, 1818, aged 83. A panel in the shaft of the new monument to Rev. Joseph Fish of North Stonington is dedicated thus to her memory. "Mary, daughter of Joseph & Rebecca Fish, wife of Rev. John Noyes 1758. Gen. Gold S. Silliman 1775. Dr. J. Dickinson 1804, died in Wallingford, July 2, 1818, Æt 83. Cheerful piety graced her life and sustained her in death."

CCCLXXIII.

H. & W.

Here lies buried the Body of
MI^s PRISCILLA SILLIMAN
 only Daughter of **GOLD SELL-**
ECK SILLIMAN ESQ^r and
MRS MARTHA SILLIMAN
 his Wife, who was born June 22
 1772 and died Nov^r 23^d. 1773.
 aged one Year, five Months & 1 day.

Happy the Babe,
 who, privileg'd by Fate,
 To shorter Labour,
 and a lighter Weight,
 Receiv'd but Yesterday
 the Gift of Breath,
 Order'd To-morrow
 to return to Death

(F. S.)

CCCLXXIV.

H. & W.

Here lies Inter'd
 the Remains of the
 Amiable M^{rs} **ANNA SILLIMAN**,
 confort of Mr. **WILLIAM SILLIMAN**
 & Daughter of **JOHN ALLEN ESQ^r**,
 who was born Jan^r. 18th. 1757 & dep-
 arted this Life on the 14th day of
 Jan^r 1776 aged 19 Years wanting
 four Days. A sincere Christian.
 Early. not fudden was fair Anna's fate.
 Soon not surprizing Death his visit paid;
 Her Thought went forth to meet him on his way.
 Nor Gaiety forgot it was to Die—
 Sweet Harmonist! and beautiful as sweet!
 And Young as beautiful! and soft as young!
 And Gay as soft! and Innocent as Gay!
 Early, bright, tranfient, chafte, as morning dew
 She fparkled, was exhal'd & went to Heaven.
 William, thy lonely Mate now gives thee joy;
 Nor will he take his leave fo foon to follow.

(F. S.)

CCCLXXV.

IN MEMORY OF
GOLD SELLECK SILLIMAN ESQ.
who died in Brooklyn. New York.

June 3, 1868.
in the 91st. year of his age.

And of
BENJAMIN SILLIMAN L. L. D.

More than fifty years Professor of
Natural Science in Yale College,
who died in New Haven, Connecticut.

Nov 24, 1861.
in the 86th year of his age,
Their remains are interred in the places
of their decease.

Eminent for Honor, Generosity, Affection,
Patriotism, Intellectual Culture, and Christian
Principle. They were bound together through
life by the strongest fraternal ties,

They were sons of
GENERAL GOLD S. SILLIMAN,
who died A. D. 1790. and grandsons of
HONORABLE EBENEZER SILLIMAN,
deceased A. D. 1775; who was the son of
ROBERT SILLIMAN

deceased A. D. 1718, and grandson of
Daniel Silliman deceased A. D. 1690,
All of Fairfield.

Their children add this to the
record of their ancestors A. D. 1877.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—Without doubt, Daniel and Robert Silliman lie in this ground, and the five generations cover a space of over 300 years, showing great longevity in the family. These two brothers Gold S. and Benjamin, were reared in the "Colonial" now owned Mr. Bradley Nichols, on Holland Hill. The school house stands on the same site where they attended school, which was situated upon a "basis of granite rock, with loose masses and cliff of it on the descending hill." For a more extended history of Prof. Benjamin Silliman, see "*Life of Benjamin Silliman*," by Prof. G. P. Fisher, of Yale College, in two vols. 12 mo.

CCCLXXVI.

In

Memory of

Mr. JUDSON STURGES,
 who departed this life
 Dec^r. 12 A. D. 1782 aged
 34 years.

and of his son

HENRY J. STURGES,
 who died at Kingston
 Jamaica Dec^r 25th A. D. 1793
 aged 13 years.
 (F. S.)

CCCLXXVII.

In memory of

ABIGAIL NICHOLS

widow of

Allen Nichols

who died

Dec 30, 1831,
 aged 62 years.

Also of

Allen Nichols,

who died

in Boston,

Nov. 1803.

aged 40 years.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Allen Nichols invested his means in a large vessel for coasting, which was a resource of great revenue at that era; but unfortunately it was captured by the French privateers and proved irreparably lost to him. The following year he died of yellow fever, in Boston, leaving a widow and three small children.

CCCLXXVIII.

In Memory of
 Cap^t. HEZEKIAH STURGES
 who died April 27th
 1792
 In the 67th Year
 of his Age.

NOTE.—Capt. Hezekiah Sturges was the son of Solomon Sturges, who was killed in cold blood by the British, July 9, 1779, and whose body probably lies in these grounds. When he heard the British had landed, he called for his horse, which, being brought, he mounted and started for his cattle, which were near the beach, with the hope of rescuing them from plunder. The British seeing him, a soldier fired and wounded him so that he was unable to retain his hold on the horse, so crawling under a tree, another British soldier ran him through with a bayonet, thus terminating his existence. Solomon left three sons: Hezekiah, Joseph and Judson; they were grandsons of John Sturges, born about 1694 or 1695 and died in 1700; in all probability he also lies in this ground. Joseph died on board a prison ship in New York. He was born June 26, 1738, and married Sarah, daughter of Ebenezer Dimon, and had six children. Hezekiah was a farmer of goodly estate, his residence was in the rear of the spreading elm on Miss Mary Nichols' premises. The enemy met here and had a bountiful repast after the inmates fled for safety, after gratifying their appetites they burnt to the ground all that was left. During the following winter Hezekiah Sturges drew timber from the distant woods and built anew. In this house was space devised and employed for religious purposes, the Episcopallians being permitted to hold their services here till they could erect a church edifice, which was located a few rods distant. He was a man loyal to his country and to his church.

CCCLXXIX.

In memory of
 M^{rs} ABIGAIL STURGES
 Relict of
 Cap^t. HEZEKIAH STURGES.
 who died Nov^r 21st.
 1803.
 in the 71st year
 of her age.
 (F. S.)

CCCLXXX.

H. & W.

HERE LYES Y^E BODY
OF M^R. JOHN WHEELER
JUN^R DEC^D FEBRUARY

Y^E 19TH 1725-6

IN Y^E 32^D YEAR

OF HIS AGE.

(B. S.)

CCCLXXXI.

H. & W.

In Memory of
M^{RS} LIDY WHEELER

Confort to Lef^t.

JOHN WHEELER

who departed this

Life November y^e 12th

A. D. 1747 in the 57th

Year of her Age.

(F. S.)

CCCLXXXII.

H. & W.

In Memory of Lef^t

JOHN WHEELER

who departed this

Life March the 19th

A. D. 1754 in the 92

Year of his Age.

(F. S.)

 CCCLXXXIII.

In Memory of
M^{rs}. DEBORAH WHEELER
 Wife of
Cap^t IOHABOD WHEELER
 who departed this Life
 May 5th 1799
 in the 69th year of
 her age.
 A Sincere Christian.
 (W. M.)

 CCCLXXXIV.

In memory of
Cap^t. IOHABOD WHEELER
 who died Sept. 14th
 1806
 in the 81st year of
 his age.
 But Oh! the Soul never dies.

 CCCLXXXV.

In
 Memory of
M^{rs} LYDIA WHEELER
 Wife of
M^r JOHN WHEELER
 who departed this
 Life May 24th 1799,
 in the 29th year
 of her age.
 (W. M.)

CCCLXXXVI.

HERE LYES Y^E BODY OF
 GRACE STARLIN DAUGTH.
 OF M^R WILLIAM & M^{RS}
 ABIGALL STARLIN; WHO
 DIED JAN^{RY} 17TH 1743
 IN Y^E 8TH YEAR OF HER AGE.

CCCLXXXVII.

H. & W.

Here lies Buried y^e Body of
 M^{RS}. MARTHA BUDINGTON
 wife of M^R EDWARD
 BUDINGTON, who departed
 this Life April y^e 7th
 1759 in the 55th
 Year of her Age.
 (B. S.)

CCCLXXXVIII.

In	In
memory of	memory of
ELIZABETH B.	WILLIAM
daughter of	son of
Jasen and Catharine Gould	Jasen and Catharine Gould
who departed this life	who departed this life
June 19 th 1812	August 7 th 1812,
in the 18 th year of her	in the 13 th year of his
age.	age.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—(See No. CCCLIV.)

CCCLXXXIX.

H. & W.,
 HERE LYES BURIED
 THE BODY OF
 MR. ISAAC FREEMAN
 DEC^D MAY Y^E 21^T. 1732
 IN THE 46TH YEAR
 OF HIS AGE.
 (F. S.)

CCCXC.

In
 memory of
 LOTHROP
 LEWIS Esq.
 who departed this
 Life Nov'r 23^d 1773
 in his 72^d year.

CCCXCI.

H. & W.
 HERE LYES BURIED
 THE BODY OF
 M^{RS} SARAH LEWIS WIFE
 to M^R LATHROP LEWIS
 WHO DIED MAY 15th 1756,
 IN THE 52^D YEAR OF HER AGE.
 (F. S.)

 CCCXCII.

 H. & W.

In memory of

SARAH OSBORN, the Daughter of
 LOTHROP LEWIS, A. M. and Wife of
 SETH OSBORN, She was born June
 28th A. D. 1735 O. S. & departed this
 Life July y^e 2^d A. D. 1751 N. S.
 Æt 18.

Thrice happy she tho' cover'd with Dust.
 Her better Part triumphs among the just.

(F. S.)

 CCCXCIII.

Here Lyes Buried
 the Body of
 M^r SETH OSBORN,
 Who departed this Life
 February the 16th 1774 in
 y^e 47th Year of His Age.

 CCCXCIV.

M^r Sturgis
 Lewis,
 (F. S.)

NOTE.—This is probably a foot-stone, the head-stone is missing.

 CCCXCV.

 H. & W.

Here lies buried
 the Body of

M^r PETER STURGIS,
 who departed this Life
 May 6th. 1757,
 in the 72^d. Year of His Age.
 (F. S.)

CCCXCVI.

H. & W.

In Memory of

M^{rs}. HANNAH STURGES, Widow
 of M^r. PETER STURGES;
 Who departed this Life
 August the 6th 1771 in y^e
 80th Year of Her Age.

(F. S.)

CCCXCVII.

In Memory

of

The Rev^d NOAH HOBART

A. M.

Ordained Pastor of the first
 Church of Christ in Fairfield

February 7th 1732

In which Station

He served God and his Generation

With Fidelity and UFEFULLNEFS

Until December 6th 1773,

When he was taken

From the approaching troubles

To receive

The mercy of God thro' Christ

Remember them who have spoken unto you
 the Word of God whose Faith follow.

NOTE.—Rev. Noah Hobart, suggested as a colleague to Rev. Joseph Webb in his old age, was called to be his successor by vote of the society. Mr. Hobart was well versed in the learned languages, deeply read in history, philosophy and theology. His preaching was sound, experimental and instructive. He published treatises in regard to several controversies which agitated the Churches. His works now extant prove him to have been among the most eminent divines and controversialists of his time. He was also a Fellow of Yale College. During his ministry, the meeting house was built which was consumed at the burning of the town. This was his only pastoral charge. In the church record is the following: "The Rev^d Noah Hobart was born at Hingham, in the Massachusetts Jan'y. 2^d, 1705-6, old stile, and was ordained to the pastoral charge of this church, Feby. 17th, 1732-3. There were baptised during his ministry, 908 persons."

 CCCXCVIII.

H. & W.

HERE LYES BURIED

THE BODY OF

M^{RS}. ELLEN HOBART WIFE TOTHE REV^D M^R. NOAH HOBARTDIED AUGUST 4TH A. D. 1753IN THE 43^D YEAR OF HER AGE.

(F. S.)

 CCCXCIX.

H. & W.

To

THE MEMORY OF

NOAH HOBART

Son of Noah &

Ellen Hobart

Born June 18, 1743,

Died Sep^t 12 1747.

Of such is the

Kingdom of God.

(F. S.)

 CCCC.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried

the Body of

M^{RS} SARAH SLOSSwho died Oct^r. the 4th

1 7 5 6

in the 49th Year of Her Age.

(B. S.)

CCCCI.

In
memory of
Sarah, wife of
Samuel Sturges,
who died
Feb 12, 1823,
in her 42 year.

(W. M.)

CCCCII.

H. & W.
 HERE LYES BURIED
 THE BODY OF
 MR ANTHONY NOUGUIER
 WHO DEPARTED THIS
 LIFE OCTOBER THE 23^D
 1740 IN THE 86TH
 YEAR OF HIS AGE.

(B. S.)

CCCCIII.

H. & W.
 HERE LYES BURIED
 THE BODY OF
 MRS JANE NOUGUIER WIFE
 TO MR. ANTHONY NOUGUIER
 WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
 OCT^R THE 24TH 1739 IN THE
 87TH YEAR OF HER AGE.

(B. S.)

CCCCIV.

H. & W.

Here lies buried the Body of
M^{rs} ANN SILLIMAN who was first
 the Wife of **M^r. DANIEL WILSON**
 and after his decease was married to
Cap^t. JOHN SILLIMAN now dec^d. She
 departed this Life. Aug^t. 14th 1756
 in the 70th Year of her Age.

(B. S.)

(See No. XXVIII.)

CCCCV.

H. & W.

HERE LIES BURIED
 Y^E BODY OF M^R
DANIEL WILSON
 WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
 AUG^T. 16TH ANNO DOM^{NI} 1739
 IN Y^E 55TH YEAR OF HIS AGE.

(B. S.)

CCCCVI.

HERE LYES Y^E

Body of

JOHN noICEWHO De^cce^d

APRIL 7 1741

AGED 16 &

NOTE.—The latter part of the date is obliterated.

CCCCVII.

In
Memory of
Abigail Sturges
wife of
J^d. Sturges.
who died Aug. 25
1816. A. G. 63.

(W. M.)

CCCCVIII.

Capt
JONATHAN MALTBIE,
died Febr. 11th
1798
Aged 55 Years.
(F. S.)

NOTE.—Capt. Jonathan Maltbie owned the "colonial house" now occupied by Judge Edmond Hobart. During his residence there the burning of Fairfield occurred, when the family fled back into the cedars and subsisted on sweet apples until the British evacuated the town. This house was reserved for a cook house, and when the family returned they found all their valuable china scooped from the shelves on to the floor and broken into pieces. In the kitchen, in the fire-place hung a large brass kettle filled with hams, which the Maltbies did not venture to eat, fearing poison, so they started anew with provisions and crockery. Capt. Maltbie was a sea captain in the East India trade. He was grandfather of the present Mr. Henry Rowland, of Fairfield.

CCCCIX.

 M^{rs}.

ELIZABETH MALTBIE

Widow of

Cap^t.

JONATHAN MALTBIE

died March 14th

1799

Aged 50 Years.

(W. M.)

 CCCCX.

 In

Memory of

Mrs LUCRETIA BIBBINS,

wife of Mr ELIJAH BIBBINS,

who died July 1. 1819;

aged 49 ye. 9mo. & 26 da.

(W. M.)

 CCCCXI.

 In
*Memory of**ISRAEL BIBBINS Esq.**who died**June 15, 1822,**in the 75 year**of his age.*

(W. M.)

CCCCXII.

In
Memory of
Mrs HANNAH BIBBINS
wife of
ISRAEL BIBBINS Esq.
Who died Aug 7, 1819,
in the 75 year of
her age.

CCCCXIII.

In
memory of
SARAH OSBOURN
who died
April 21, 1835.
aged 73 years.
(W. M.)

CCCCXIV.

MABLE.
wife of
Seth Osborn
died June 13, 1807
Æ 77.
(W. M.)

CCCCXV.

 H. & W.

Here lyes Buried the
 Body of M^{rs} JERUSHA
 STURGIS, Widow of M^r
 JONATHAN STURGIS,
 Who Departed this life
 Feb^{ry}. 16th Anno Domⁱ. 1745
 in y^e 62^d Year of her Age.
 (F. S.)

CCCCXVI.

HERE LYES BURIED
 THE BODY OF
 M^{rs} JONATHAN STURGIS
 DIED MAY Y^E 8TH 1744
 IN THE 65TH YEAR
 OF HIS AGE.
 (B. S.)

CCCCXVII.

In
memory of
Elijah
Middlebrook
who died
Sept 22, 1824,
aged 17 years
& 7 mo.
 (W. M.)

CCCCXVIII.

*In**Memory of*

JOSEPH PERRY 3,

who died

April 11, 1829.

aged 42 years

& 7 months.

(W. M.)

CCCCXIX.

*Mary,**Second daughter of**Seth &**Catherine Perry.**died on wednesday**12 O'clock at noon**Oct. 6, 1819,**aged 4 years**11 months**& 16 days.*

(W. M.)

CCCCXX.



Memory of
JOSEPH PERRY

who died
Dec. 21, 1829,
In the 76 year
of his age.

(W. M.)

CCCCXXI.

H. & W.

Here Lyes Buried
the body of M^r.

NATHAN JENNINGS

Who Departed this
Life May 12th. 1757 in
y^e 47th. Year of his Age.

(B. S.)

CCCCXXII.

D. J. (Monogram.)

In Memory of
M^r. DAVID JENNINGS

who died Aug^t. 11th
1806

In the 70th year
of his age.

(F. S.)

CCCCXXIII.

ELNATHAN
SANFORD,
AGED 9 YEARS
WHO DYED
APRIL 26,
1727.
(C. S.)

CCCCXXIV.

H. & W.
HERE LYES Y^E BODY OF
M^R EZEKIEL SANFORD
AGED 62 YEARS
DEC^D. MARCH Y^E 2^D
1728-9.
(B. S.)

CCCCXXV.

In
memory of
Miss
Hannah Bibbins
who died
March 23, 1824.
in her 42 year.
(W. M.)

CCCCXXVI.

E. S. (Monogram.)

In Memory of
 M^r. EBENEZER SQUIRE,
 who died Dec^r. 2^d.

1803
 in the 50th. year
 of his age.
 (F. S.)

CCCCXXVII.

HANNAH JENNINGS

Wife of
Levi Jennings:
died May 24, 1814:
in the 35 year
of her age
To haam this Monument is erected.
 (W. M.)

CCCCXXVIII.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried
 y^e Body of M^r.
 JOHN STAPLES JUN^r.
 Who Died June 27th
 Anno Domⁿⁱ. 1737 in y^e
 36th Year of His Age.
 (B. S.)

CCCCXXIX.

H. & W. '
 Here lyes Buried
 ye Body of
 M^r. JOHN STAPLES;
 Who Departed this Life
 Feb^{ry}. 19th A. D. 1747-8 in y^e
 88th Year of His Age.
 (B. S.)

CCCCXXX.

THEODORE LYMAN,
 Son of Justin & Martha
 Lyman, was born at
 (Northampton Mass.)
 June 22, 1790. & died at
 Fairfield, Conn., Oct 8, 1812,

—:0:—

A father's fond affection has
 erected this Monument to the
 Memory of the last survivor
 of his Family—a wife and
 four Children.

—:0:—

Just entering in to life
 with the fairest prospects,
 he falls, and thus speaks
 to his friends, be ye also ready.

T Hill. Norwalk.

CCCCXXXI.

U. & W.

In

memory of
M^{rs} E. wife of
Wilson Wheeler,
who died
May 28, 1824;
aged 62 years.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Capt. Wilson Wheeler probably was lost at sea.

CCCCXXXII.

SAMUEL SMEDLEY ESQ.

late Collector of Customs
 for the District of Fairfield
 died June 13, 1812.

Aged 59.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Fairfield was once a port of entry: the custom house was kept one time on Greenfield Hill, in the house occupied by Mr. Barzilla Banks. Afterwards it was in a building in Bridgeport, west of Park Ave., formerly Division St.; when that street separated Fairfield and Bridgeport. Samuel Smedley owned the residence now occupied by Mr. Henry J. Beers.

CCCCXXXIII.

COL. JAMES SMEDLEY,

Died Novem^r 4th 1771,
 in the 67th Year
 of his Age.

(F. S.)

CCCCXXXIV.

H. & W.

HERE LIES BURIED THE
 BODY OF JAMES SMEDLEY
 SON TO M^r. JAMES AND
 M^{rs} JANE SMEDLEY,
 WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
 JULY 5th. A. D. 1755 IN THE
 16th YEAR OF HIS AGE.
 (B. S.)

CCCCXXXV.

H. & W.

HERE LYES BURIED y^e
 BODY OF M^{rs} JANE
 SMEDLEY, WIFE TO M^r.
 JAMES SMEDLEY
 WHO DEPARTED THIS
 LIFE Sep^t 21st ANNO
 DOMⁱ 1747 IN y^e 44th
 Year of Her Age.
 (B. S.)

CCCCXXXVI.

Here

M^{rs}. MARY SMED
 to Col^o. JAMES SMEDLEY
 Who departed this Life
 Sept y^e 12th 1766 in y^e
 58th Year of Her Age.
 (B. S.)

NOTE.—This stone is blue slate, but part of the inscription has scaled off.

CCCCXXXVII.

H. & W.

HERE LYES Y^e BODY
OF M^r JOSEPH STURGIS
DEC^d MAY Y^e 12th
I 7 2 8
IN Y^e 75th YEAR
OF HIS AGE.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—This stone is broken in two. Joseph Sturgis was son of Jehn Sturgis, the first freeman of the Sturgis name in this line. He married Deborah Barlow, and they were the parents of at least seven children. This Joseph was one of them. He married (1.) Sarah Judeon; (2.) Mary Sherwood, and was the father of at least 13 children, of whom Solomon (See CCCCXXXVIII) was one of the elder ones.

CCCCXXXVIII.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried the
Body of M^{rs}. MARY
STURGIS, WIDOW of M^r.
JOSEPH STURGIS

Who departed this Life
July y^e 9th Anno Domⁿⁱ 1746
in y^e 77th Year of her Age.
(B. S.)

CCCCXXXIX.

H. & W.

Here lies Buried
the Body of M^r.
ISAAC JENNINGS
Who departed this Life
July 10th Anno Domⁱ 1746 in ye
73^d Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

NOTE.—See Note to No. CCCCXCVI.

SACRED
to the Memory of
HENRY MARQUAND

Born July 8th 1737 on the
Island of Guernsey
and Died July the 12th 1772
after a residence of Eleven Years
in America.

— This Stone —

Erected to commemorate his Memory
by his only Son

ISAAC MARQUAND

July 4th 1808

ALSO

in Memory of

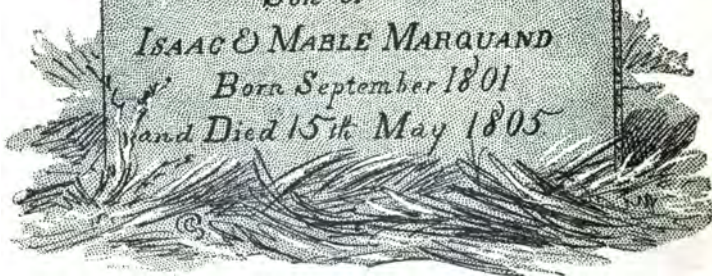
GURDON SEYMOUR MARQUAND

Son of

ISAAC & MABLE MARQUAND

Born September 1801

and Died 15th May 1805



CCCCXL.

H. & W.

Here Lies Buried y^e Body
 of M^r ISAAC JENNINGS
 who departed this Life
 March 16th 1 7 6 0.
 Aged 58 Years.
 (B. S.)

CCCCXLI.

H. & W.

David Son of
 Will^m & Mary
 Lievsay died,
 August y^e 3rd
 1 7 5 3 in y^e 2nd
 year of his age.
 (B. S.)

CCCCXLII.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Henry Marquand, —a fac-simile of whose head-stone is given on opposite page,—married the widow of Capt. John Redfield; the latter built the "Colonial house" at present occupied by Mr. D. M. Redfield. Henry Marquand probably died in this house. His son Isaac married Mabel, daughter of Peter Perry—They were the parents of Frederic, founder of Marquand Chapel at Yale College, New Haven, and Henry G., founder of Marquand Chapel at Princeton, N. J. There were eleven children, of whom the above named are identified with the financial and educational interests of the Country.

CCCCXLIII.



Memory of

Andrew Rowland Esq,

who died

July 26, 1802.

Æ 65.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Andrew Rowland, a graduate from Yale, was a lawyer, State's Attorney, Judge of Probate and Justice of the Peace. He built the "Colonial" now occupied by Benjamin Betts. His tombstone is very plain, in accordance with his will, which reads: "I order my executors to inter my body in a Christian manner, that there be no funeral sermon nor pall-bearers. I order there be no presents given on that occasion, and desire there be no eulogium or panegyric from pulpit or otherwise, at any time whatever; in my opinion, they do no good. I direct an inscription on my grave-stone to contain the month and day and year of my death, and the year of my age." (See Probate Records, Vol. 1799, page 558, date 30th, Sept. 1801.) The inscriptions to the whole family are equally free from epitaphs or eulogy. Andrew and Elizabeth Rowland were the grand-parents of Mr. Henry Rowland of the firm Rowland & Co., N. Y.

CCCCXLIV.

ELIZABETH ROWLAND,

the widow of

ANDREW ROWLAND, Esq,

and daughter of the

late Governor Fitch

of this State;

died March 29, 1825,

in her 87 year.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Mrs. Elizabeth Rowland was one of the heroines of Fairfield. When the British entered the town to devastate and despoil it, she remained faithful at her post, but the other inmates fled; when the British officer with men to "touch the match" to their dwelling approached, she had full presence of mind, and by it their home stands to the present. (1881.) She told the officer of a favor she had done years before to one of his countrymen, and her house was spared. Her father Thomas Fitch, Governor of the Colony of Conn., was a man of ability, large acquirements and excellent character. His daughter did honor to her ancestor. His remains rest in Norwalk where he died July 18, 1774. Samuel Rowland, one of the sons of Andrew and Elizabeth Rowland, a graduate of Yale, was prepared for College under the celebrated Dr. Dwight, at Greenfield Hill. He was a lawyer, town clerk for a period of 43 years, and turnpike surveyor to New York State line.

CCCCXLV.

ANDREW ROWLAND

died Dec. 25, 1809

in his 34 year.

JAMES ROWLAND M. D.

lost at Sea on the

24, Aug. 1806,

in his 26 year,

Sons of

ANDREW ROWLAND Esq.

(W. M.)

CCCCXLVI.

In

Memory of

Elizabeth White,

who was born

Feb 22. 1785, & died

August 28, 1794.

(W. M.)

CCCCXLVII.

In

memory of

JOSEPH BULKLEY

who died

June 2, 1815

aged 60 years.

(W. M.)

CCCCXLVIII.

 H. & W.

REBECCA	JAMES	SARAH
FREMAN AGED	FREMAN AGED	FREMAN AGED
2 YEARS &	2 YEARS &	5 YEARS 6 m°.
8 D°. DEC ^D .	10 D°. DEC ^D .	& 7 D°. DEC ^D .
FEB ^{RY} y° 4 th	Feb ^{RY} . y° 6 th	FEB ^{RY} y° 7 th
1725-6	1725-6	1725-6

Y° CHILDREN OF ISAAC & BETHIAH FREMAN.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—(See No. CCCLXXXIX).

 CCCCXLIX.

In
memory of
CAPT DAVID BEERS
who died
May 3, 1826,
in his 81,
year.
(W. M.)

NOTE.—Capt. David Beers was the son of David Beers (CCCCLI.) and father of the present David Beers on Mill Plain. Capt. David Beers built the Beers' Homestead on Mill Plain—occupied (1881.) by Miss Abby Beers.

 CCCCL.

In
Memory of
Mr Jonathan Beers
who died
June 7, 1813;
in the 54 year
of his age.

NOTE.—Jonathan Beers was also a son of CCCCLI. He and his brother Aaron (See CCCLII), both died of typhus fever, which was an epidemic in Fairfield.

 CCCCLI.

D. B. (Monogram.)

In Memory of
 M^r. DAVID BEERS
 who departed this life
 May 9th 1808
 in the 92^d year
 of his age.

NOTE.—David Beers was the great grand-son of James, the first Beers settler in Fairfield in 1639. (See CLXXII).

 CCCCLII.

In
 Memory of
 AARON BEERS
 who died
 June 11, 1813
 in the 63 year
 of his age.

 CCCCLIII.

(Not intelligible.)

NOTE.—Some parties erected stones which probably were recongized by friends for a generation or so and then were lost to the memory of the living. Again, some carved initials simply, which are but blanks to this and future generations.

CCCCCLIV.

In

*Memory of
Capt Peter Whitney
who died Nov. 7, 1790,
in his 46 year.*

and

*Mrs Grace Robins
wife of Ephraim Robbins
and formerly the wife of
Capt. Peter Whitney,
died Oct. 7, 1820
in her 51 year.*

*Peter, son of Peter &
Grace Whitney
was lost at sea, as is supposed
Aug 1806
in his 16 year.
(W. M.)*

CCCCCLV.

H. & W.

*In Memory of
M^{rs}. ELIZABETH DIMON
Widow of
Cap^t JOHN DIMON
Who departed this Life
Feb^{ry} 8th 1786,
In the 84th Year
of her Age.
(F. S.)*

CCCCLVI.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried
the Body of Cap^t.

JOHN DIMON

Who departed this Life

May y^e 4th 1764 in y^e64th Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

CCCCLVII.

D, D. (Monogram.)

In Memory of

M^r DANIEL DIMON

who departed this life

Sept^r 6th 1808in the 62^d year

of his age.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—Daniel Dimon was a builder. There are certainly three houses standing, built under his supervision; his own, a "Colonial" which stands on the premises of Marvin Hull, Mill Plain; the dwelling of O. W. Jones, of Fairfield, and the "Peter Burr House." He also built the Fourth Congregational Church in 1786, which was torn down in 1849 to give place for the present structure. Mrs. Sophia Edwards, daughter of O. W. Jones, preserved its memory in verse. During the Revolution Daniel Dimon was commissioned as an officer, and in consequence had to leave his wife a delicate woman, unprotected, to care the best she could for her family. She too deserves a monument.

CCCCLVIII.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried
y^e Body of Cap^t.

MOSES DIMON;

Who Departed this Life

Augu^t 7th Anno Domⁱ 1748 in y^e

77 Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

CCCCLIX.

H. & W.

In Memory of
 ABEL DIMON
 Son of M^r. DANIEL
 & M^{rs} LOIS DIMON
 who departed this
 life Dec^r 3^d 1779
 Aged 3 Years and
 6 Months.

(F. S.)

CCCCLX.

MARY BANKS ALVORD,
 daughter of
 Nehemiah Banks &
 Rana Alvord;
 died Sept 15, 1819.
 aged 6 years &
 20 days.

Suffer little children to come
 unto me and forbid them not for
 of such is the kingdom of Heaven.

(W. M.)

CCCCLXI.

NEHEMIAH BANKS
son of
Nehemiah Banks
& Rana Alvord
died Aug. 20, 1824
aged 2 ye. 2 mo.
& 17 days.

Even so, it is not the will of your
Father which is in heaven that
one of these little ones should
perish.

CCCCLXII.

HARRIETT G

daughter of

Agur T. &

Hannah P. Shute

died Sept 9, 1828.

aged 2 years 2 mo

& 14 days.

(W. M.)

CCCCLXIII.

1707

OC 10

JOHN AND

DANIEL MK

DYED

NOTE.—It is a wonder who these individuals were, but the above is all that can be learned of them.

CCCCLXIV.

NOTE.—A stone with an irregular contour, but lettering gone.

The following Stones are on the left side of the entrance.

CCCCLXV.

ALBERT Son of

Mr. JOHN G. & Mrs.

ELIZABETH ALLEN

born Nov^r 5th 1801

died July 18th 1805

aged 3 years 8 months

& 13 days.

(F. S.)

 CCCCLXVI.

 ELIZABETH ALLEN

daughter of
 John G &
 Elizabeth Allen,
 born

Jan. 9, 1815,
 died

Apr. 19, 1832.

The Lord is my Shepherd;
 I shall not want,
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures
 He leadeth me by still waters.

(W. M.)

 CCCCLXVII.

 JOHN G. ALLEN,

departed this life

Oct. 8, 1842 ;

in the 73 year

of *his age*.

(W. M.)

 CCCCLXVIII.

 IN

memory of

SARAH

wife of

Samuel Staples,

who died

July 9, 1847,

Æ. 71 y'rs.

(W. M.)

CCCCLXIX.

In
memory of
ISABELLA TRUBEE
wife of
Ansel Trubee
who died
March 16, 1886,
aged 91.
 (W. M.)

CCCCLXX.

In
memory of
Ansel Trubee,
who died
Dec. 25, 1823,
aged 76 years
7 months.
 (W. M.)

CCCCLXXI.



Memory of

Charlotte wife of

David Trubee,

who died

Feb. 29. 1808.

aged 21 years

& 2 mo.

Also

Rebekah, an infant daughr.

Æ 10 days.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Others of the Trubee family lie in the East ground.

CCCCLXXII.

Urn and Weeping Willow.

In

memory of

CAPT.

CHRISTOPHER SMITH,

aged 40 years;

a native of Hanson,

Massachusetts, who was

lost from on board the

Sloop Eliza Nichols, on her

passage from New Bedford

to New York

the 4, of Jan.

A. D. 1823.

(W. M.)

CCCCLXXIII.

*Beneath
this stone are
the remains of*
JULIA LYNCH SPRING
the daughter of
Gardiner &
Susan Spring
of the city of New York
who died Aug. 16,
1825; aged 11 months.
Out of the mouth of babes and
sucklings thou hast perfected
praise.

NOTE.—Dr. Gardiner Spring is well remembered as the pastor of a Presbyterian Congregation in New York City for a period of 68 years. He had held that position 15 years, when on making a stay in Fairfield, this daughter died. The present convenience for conveying the dead were then unknown, so she was interred in this ground.

CCCCLXXIV.

Urn and Weeping Willow.

In
Memory of
SARAH SHERWOOD
wife of
STEPHEN SHERWOOD
who died
June 13. 1817:
aged 58 years.
(W. M.)

 CCCCLXXV.

In
 Memory of
 SAMUEL DARLING,
 son of
 James & Betsy Waring :
 who departed this life
 June 12th, A. D. 1812
 Aged 10 Months
 and 26 days.
 (F. S.)

 CCCCLXXVI.

SARAH ELIZABETH

daughter of
 Paul &
 Sarah M^cCann
 died Jan 24. 1826,
 aged 4 months
 12 days.

Their infant cries, their tender age,
 His pity and his love engage :
 He clasps them in his arms, and there
 He cures them with parental care.

(W. M.)

 CCCCLXXVII.

————— TURNEY

wife of
 Levi Turney.
 died Aug 24. 1825
 aged 32 years.
 (W. M.)

NOTE.—This stone is of white marble; but the first name is entirely obliterated.

In
Memory of
JOHN PIERSONS
who died Oct. 30, 1822
aged 73 years.
(W. M.)

CCCCLXXIX.

Henrietta,
daughter of
Joseph &
Chloe Bulkley,
died July 26, 1819
aged 1 year &
8 months.
(W. M.)

CCCCLXXX.

Caroline S.
daughter of
Joseph &
Chloe Bulkley,
died May 3, 1818;
aged 5 years &
3 months.
(W. M.)

CCCCLXXXI.

P. B. (Monogram.)

Here Lyes Buried
the body of Mr.

PETER BULKLEY

Who Departed this Life
Octo^r y^e 15th A. D. 1752 in
y^e 69th Year of His Age.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—This Peter Bulkley III, was the son of Peter Bulkley II, of Fairfield. The latter came hither with his mother, and settled here, and was by profession a physician, and was the grandson of the Rev. Peter Bulkley I, of Concord, Mass; the latter was of the tenth generation from Robert Bulkley, Esq., one of the English barons in 1316, and Lord of the manor of Bulkley in the County of Chester, England. Peter Bulkley III, left a large estate which was divided among his nine children. He married Hannah, daughter of Samuel Ward, of Mill Plain.

CCCCLXXXII.

NANCY

wife of

Henry S. Bulkeley,

DIED

March 22, 1856,

Æ 62.

(W. M.)

CCCCLXXXIII.

HENRY S. BULKELEY.

DIED

Oct. 30, 1855

Æ 80.

(W. M.)

CCCCLXXXIV.

HANNAH BULKLEY

DIED

MARCH 30. 1851.

Æ 77 yrs. & 7 mo.

(W. M.)

CCCCLXXXV.

In

memory of

ABIGAIL BULKLEY

who died

Sept. 13, 1847,

Æ 77.

(W. M.)

CCCCLXXXVI.

In

memory of

THOMAS BULKELEY

who died

May 30. 1836.

aged 63 years.

NOTE.—See note to DIII.

CCCCLXXXVII.

NOTE.—Common Stone containing nothing intelligible nor conjectural.

CCCCLXXXVIII.

ELIZABETH H.

daughter of
Jonathan &
Elizabeth Godfrey,
born March 6. 1825,
died Aug. 12, 1826.

aged 1 year,
5 months & 6 days.

'Tis God that lifts our comforts high
Or sinks them in the grave;
He gives and blessed be his name
He takes but what he gives.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Other members of Capt. Godfrey's family are interred in Oak Lawn.

CCCCLXXXIX.

HANNAH

Daughter of
Thomas &
Martha Staples
died Dec. 8, 1814.
aged 18 years.

(W. M.)

CCCCXC.

ELEN

Daughter of
Thomas &
Martha Staples
died Oct 3, 1813.
aged 20 years.

(W. M.)

CCCCXCI.

WALTER STAPLES

died May 25. 1813,

aged 27 years.

(W. M.)

CCCCXCII.

THOMAS STAPLES

died Feb. 9, 1815;

aged 54 years.

CCCCXCIII.

In

Memory of

Martha, wife of
Thomas Staples,

who died June 8. 1820

aged 62 years.

CCCCXCIV.

NOTE.—Probably the head-stone is missing—these stones were reset a few years ago, and some may have been destroyed or not replaced, or were too much broken to be restored.

CCCCXCV.

F. & W.

Here Lyes Buried
the Body of M^r.

JOSEPH BULKLEY.

Who Departed this life
May 6th A. D. 1750 Aged 68

Years wanting 3 Days.

(B. S.)

NOTE.—This Joseph Bulkley was the son of Joseph and Martha *Beers* Bulkley, and inherited a good estate.

CCCCXCVI.

H. & W.

HERE LYES Y^e BODY
OF M^{rs} SARAH JENNINGSWIFE TO M^r JOSHUA

JENNINGS AGED 31

YEARS, DEC SEP^r Y^e17th 1 7 2 4 .

(B. S.)

NOTE.—Joshua was a name common among the early Jennings settlers. They have numerous descendants scattered through the country. The name is usually identified with industry, thrift and prosperity.

CCCCXCVII.

H. & W.

HERE LYES Y^e BODY
OF M^{rs} ESTHER BULKLYY^e WIFE OF M^r JOSEPH

BULKLY AGED 42 YEARS

1 MONTH & 19 DAYS

DEPARTED THIS LIFE

MARCH Y^e 18th 1725-6.

(B. S.)

CCCCXCVIII.

In Memory of
NATHAN BULKLEY Esq^r.,
 who died April 6th
 A. D. 1793,
 In the 76th year
 of his Age.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—Nathan Bulkley was a son of Joseph, (No. CCCCXCV.) and Esther Bulkley, (No. CCCCXCVII.) He was deacon in the Congregational Church; a prominent man in town affairs, and Town Clerk for 33 consecutive years. He married Sarah, daughter of Joseph Perry, I. At the burning of Fairfield Nathan Bulkley owned the "Colonial home" which descending to the second wife of the late Dr. J. T. Denison, is yet standing and in good repair.

CCCCXCIX.

In Memory of
M^{rs}. SARAH BULKLEY
 Relict of
NATHAN BULKLEY Esq.
 who died Dec^r 27th
 1798.
 Aged 72 Years.

(F. S.)

D.

M^{rs}. ABIGAIL BULKLEY
 Relict of
M^r. PETER BULKLEY
 died Jan^y. 12th 1795
 Æt 92.
 (B. S.)

NOTE.—She is the oldest person found in this ground.

DI.

H. & W.

Here Lyes Buried

y^e Body of

Mr. PETER BULKLEY

Who Departed this life

July 18th. Anno Domⁱ 1753in.y^e 70 Year of His Age.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—This Peter Bulkley lived in what was known as the Bulkley house, which stood on the site of the residence of John Glover, Esq. This house stood nearly 300 years: when built it was necessary to clear away the forest trees. It is not readily determined which was the original Bulkley house, as there were three of them; one opposite the burial ground, the Denison premises and the Glover site, but Mr. Barber in his "Connecticut Historical Collections" is inclined to locate it on the Glover site.

DII.

M^r JONATHAN BULKELEY

Son of

M^r. PETER BULKELEYDied April 13th. A. D. 1789In the 57th Year

of his Age.

Man is but man,

And must fall;

This life is naught,

Eternity is all.

(F. S.)

DIII.

MRS HANNAH BULKELEY

wife of

Mr Jonathan Bulkeley:

died March 4, 1817:

aged 76 years.

NOTE.—Mrs. Hannah Bulkeley was a daughter of James Hoyt of Norwalk. Her brother, said to be George Hoyt, was a naval officer who had charge of the British ships and piloted them to Fairfield. He requested Tryon to spare the house of his sister at the burning of the town. Tryon acquiesced, and feeling indebted to her brother, informed her that if there was any other house she

wished to save she should be gratified; accordingly four neighboring ones escaped destruction. Gov. Tryon used this house for his headquarters; having occasion to leave for a short time, a Hessian soldier took advantage of his absence, and coming into it, he saw a gold ring on the finger of this Mrs. Hannah Bulkeley which he demanded of her, with the threat that if she refused he would cut off her finger: she refusing, he seized her hand and tore the ring off with such violence that part of the flesh was stript from her finger. She was badly treated by the soldiery, who plundered her house, stripped the buckles from her shoes and fired the house five times before leaving it. Jonathan and Hannah Hoyt Bulkeley were probably the parents of CCCCCLXXXIII, CCCCCLXXXIV, CCCCCLXXXV and CCCCCLXXXVI, the names of the deceased and dates corresponding with that family.

DIV.

In
Memory of
Mrs. HANNAH BURR
 wife of
Mr. Ebenezer Burr;
 who died
 July 23, 1818
 aged 91 years.
 (W. M.)

DV.

In
memory of
JONATHAN BULKLEY
 who died
 March 24, 1830,
 aged 63 years.
 (W. M.)

DVI.

In
memory of
ELIZABETH, wife of
EDWARD STURGES,
 who died
 Sept 28, 1826.
 aged 59.
 (W. M.) ,

DVII.

In
memory of
EDWARD STURGES
 who died
 Aug 25, 1826,
 aged 63 years.
 (B. S.)

DVIII.

H. & W.
 Here lies Buried
 the Body of Cap^t.
ABRAHAM MOREHOUSE
 who Departed this Life
 May y^e 3^d 1761.
 In the 61st Year
 of his Age.
 (B. S.)

DIX.

 H. & W.

In memory of
Mr SAMUEL MOREHOUSE
 who departed this Life
April the 5th 1773 in y^e
49th Year of His Age.
 (B. S.)

DX.

 H. & W.

In memory of
Miff LOIS JENNINGS,
 Dau^{tr}. to Mr. MATTHEW
 & M^{rs} REBEKAH JENNINGS
 who departed this life
 February y^e 26th A. D.
 1775 in y^e 14th Year
 of her age.
 (F. S.)

DXI.

 F. & W.

In Memory of
M^{rs}. RUTH MOREHOUSE
 Wife of Mr.
SAMUEL MOREHOUSE
 who Departed this
 Life April y^e 28th A. D.
 1775 in y^e 56th Year
 of her Age.
 (F. S.)

DXII.

H. & W.

In memory of
M^r MICHEL JENNINGS
 son of **M^r MATTHEW**
 & **M^{rs} REBECKAH**
 JENNINGS, who
 Departed this Life
 October y^e 7th A. D.
 1776 in the 20th Year
 of his age.
 (F. S.)

DXIII.

H. & W.

In Memory of
M^{rs}. LOIS BURR
 Wife of
M^r. OZIAS BURR JUN^r
 and Daughter of
M^r. Matthew & M^{rs}.
REBECCA JENNINGS
 who departed this Life
 May 12th 1797
 Aged 21 years & 6 months.
 (F. S.)

NOTE.—Ozias Burr married (3), Elizabeth Couch, of Redding. He died
 Aug. 15, 1845 in Worthington, Ohio.

DXIV.

In Memory of
M^{rs}. REBEKAH JENNINGS
 Relict of
M^r. MATHEW JENNINGS
 who died July 17th
 1816
 in the 79th year
 of her age.
 (F. S.)

DXV.

F. & W.

In Memory of
Mr. MATTHEW JENNINGS
 who departed this life
 May 27th 1797
 In the 67th Year
 of his Age.
 (F. S.)

DXVI.

In Memory of
Mr. MICHAEL JENNINGS
 who died Decr 18th
 1811
 aged 35 years.
 (W. M.)

DXVII.

In
memory of
URIAH MOREHOUSE
 who died
 Jan 27, 1827,
 aged 87 years.
 (W. M.)

DXVIII.

B. M. (Monogram.)

In Memory of
M^{rs}. BEULAH Wife of
M^r. URIAH MOREHOUSE
 who died Oct^r 27th

1813

in the 67th year
 of her age.

NOTE.—Uriah Morehouse built a "Colonial house" about 1778. It belonged to the late John G. Morehouse, Esq.

DXIX.

SARAH BULKLEY

daughter of

Nathan &

Sarah Bulkley

died

Mar. 7, 1839,

aged 71 years.

(W. M.)

DXX.

DAVID JUDSON

died

March 3, A. D. 1841,

aged 83 years

& 6 mos.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—David Judson was from Stratford; he married Esther, daughter of Nathan and Sarah Bulkley. On Nathan Bulkley's resignation, from ill health, David Judson was chosen deacon of the Cong. Church. He was a prominent man in various ways, being postmaster, a founder and treasurer of the Academy and one of the founders of the first public library in Fairfield. Had his papers been preserved they would be invaluable concerning Fairfield history.

DXXI.

ESTHER JUDSON,

WIFE OF

DAVID JUDSON

died Sep^t. 6, 1843;

in the 81st year

of her age.

(W. M.)

DXXII.

Cap^t. JOHN WASSON

died at NEW YORK

Novr. 11th 1797,

In his 43^d. Year;

Was removed to this
place March 23^d, 1798.

(F. S.)

DXXIII.

JOHN JACKSON

WASSON

Son of

JOHN and ELIZ^A.

WASSON

died

Augst 11th 1794

In his 12th Year.

(F. S.)

NOTE.—The Wasson family lived opposite of Capt. John Gould's. Rev. Andrew Elliot, Jr., who settled in New Milford, married Sophia Wasson of this family. (See LXXXVII.)

DXXIV.

In
memory of
LEVI HUGG,
a native of Phila^a.
who departed this life
June 10th 1829
aged 41 years 5 months
& 15 days.

Also of
STURGES PERRY
only child of
Levi & Eunice Hugg,
who died in Phila^a.
Oct^r. 26th 1821,
aged 11 years 6 months
& 27 days.

I shall go to them, but they
will not return to me.

(W. M.)

DXXV.

Head, Wings, Cross bones.
HERE LYES BURIED
the Body of
ENSIGNE DANIEL MOREHOUS^E.
DEC^R MAY y^e 24th
1 7 3 9
IN THE 61st YEAR
OF HIS AGE.

(B. S.)

DXXVI.

 W. & U.

In

Memory of

TRUMAN E. BEARDSLEY

Son of Asahel &

Hetty Beardsley

who died Oct. 11, 1817:

aged 19 years

& 2 months.

Our life how short, a groan, a sigh,
 We live and then begin to die:
 Death steals upon us while we're green,
 Behind us digs a grave unseen.

(W. M.)

 DXXVII.

LORENA.

*daughter of**Wilson &**Clara Knapp.**died Dec. 3, 1817:**aged 2 years**& 11 months.*

(W. M.)

DXXVIII.

W. & U.

In

memory of
Wilson Knapp
who died
Aug 12, 1822,
aged 34 years.

Behold and see while here we look
The dearest ties of friendship broke
Her grief and sorrow pierce the heart
We see the dearest friends must part.

(W. M.)

DXXIX.

W. & U.

CLARA

wife of

Alden Wilson

died July 16, 1855

Æ. 63.

Dearest Mother thou has left us,
 Here thy loss we deeply feel,
 But 'tis God that hath bereft us,
 He can all our sorrows heal,
 Yet again we hope to meet thee.
 When the day of life is fled,
 Then in Heaven with joy to meet thee,
 Where no farewell tear is shed.

(W. M.)

 DXXX.

Two sons of
 Walter &
 Betsey Bulkley
 JOHN H.
 died April 3, 1827,
 aged 5 years
 8 mo. & 6 da.
 FREDERIC P.
 died May 18, 1828,
 aged 2 years.
 2 mo. & 10 da.

NOTE.—Walter Bulkeley, son of James and Mrs. Jarvis Bulkeley, married Betsey Smith; he died Nov. 5, 1851. Their afflictions were wonderful; they had issue of several children and adopted some, but Mrs. Bulkeley outliving them all, spent her last days comparatively alone, or with strangers. She died in 1877 and was buried in *Oak Lawn Cemetery*. Three of her sons were lost at sea.

 DXXXI.

Weeping Willows & Urn.

In

memory of
B. B. Benson, wife of
Abraham Benson;
who departed this life
March 14, 1880,
aged 46 yrs. 2 mo,
& 14 days.

I sought redemption through
the blood of the Lamb;
Reader! hast thou.

Jesus can make a dying bed
 Full soft as downy pillows are,
 While on his breast I lean my head
 And breathe my life out sweetly there.
 (W. M.)

NOTE.—Her daughters reside in Brooklyn.

DXXXII.

W. & U.
 This Monument
 Erected
 is
 In Memory of
ESTHER
 Wife of AB^M. Benson
 & Daughter of the late
ISAAC JARVIS
 whose birth
 was the 16th of April A. D. 1784,
 & resign'd this Life
 3rd Feb^r 1803.
 Aged 18 Years 9 Months & 18
 Days.

But Ah! how soon from budding bliss she flies,
 To day a Bride anon a corpse she lies;
 Like Flowers expanding to the vernal Sky,
 They bud, they bloom, then wither fade & die.

Tis done, Forever cease your murmuring breath,
 Not as a foe but friend-converfe with death:
 Since to the parts of happiness unknown,
 Is gone the Treasure which you call your own.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Abraham Benson was a man of considerable character. He was a sea Captain. His house was for several years the Post Office and Tavern where the stages stopped to and from Boston and New York. He is buried in the East ground.

DXXXIII.

In
 Memory of
SAMUEL SQUIRE Esq^r.
who departed this life
 27th. May 1801.
 Aged 86 Years.

Praises on tombstones are but vainly spent,
 Assured life to come is our best Monument.

(F. S.)

DXXXIV.

F. & W.
 In Memory of
M^{rs}. ABIGAIL SQUIER, Wife
 of **SAMUEL SQUIRE Esq^r;**
 who departed this Life
 April the 13th 1780 in y^e
 55th Year of Her Age.
 (B. S.)

DXXXV.

F. & W.
 In Memory of
M^{rs} ABIGAIL SQUIER
 2^d Wife of
SAMUEL SQUIRE Esq.
 who departed this life
 April 6th 1785 ;
 In the 52^d Year of
 her Age.
 (F. S.)

DXXXVI.

W. & U.
 In memory of
SAMUEL SQUIRE
WHO DIED
 Dec 12. 1819.
 Aged 73 Y^{rs}.
 also
ANNA SQUIRE
 his wife Who Died
 Dec 28, 1827.
 Aged 76 Y^{rs}.
 (W. M.)

NOTE.—This Samuel Squire was commissary in the Revolutionary War.

DXXXVII.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried
the Body of
JESSE MOREHOUSE Son
of M^r JOHN MOREHOUT;
Who departed this Life
August 8th 1762 in y^e
19th Year of His Age.
(B. S.)

DXXXVIII.

S. M.

In Memory of
M^{rs}. SARAH Wife of
M^r URIAH MOREHOUSE
who died Oct^r. 10th.
1776
in the 31st year
of her age.
(F. S.)

DXXXIX.

Susanna
daughter of
Mr John &
Mrs Hannah Morehouse
died Oct. 13, 1819,
aged 2 years
& 6 months.

DXL.

In
Memory of
Mrs Hannah, wife of
Mr John Morehouse,
who died
Oct 25, 1819;
aged 42 years.
 (W. M.)

DXLI.

In
Memory of
ELEANOR BURR,
daughter of Mr. John &
Mrs Hannah Morehouse
who died
Oct. 30, 1819,
aged 18 years.
 (W. M.)

DXLII.

H. H.

NORM.—There is nothing intelligible concerning the sleeper who rests here.

DXLIII.

THE GRAVE OF
 Catharine, wife of
 Wheeler Judson
 died Jan 20. 1826
 aged 47 years.

DXLIV.

THE GRAVE OF
WHEELER JUDSON.

died Nov 13. 1823.

aged 47 years.

NOTE.—Wheeler Judson was a tailor, who lived in the house opposite this burying ground.

DXLV.

S. M.

NOTE.—This common stone was probably to Samuel Morehouse, son of Samuel Morehouse. See next stone.

DXLVI.

NOTE.—This,—a fac-simile of which is given on opposite page,—evidently is the oldest stone in the whole ground; from the circumstance of the date, initials and contemporary history, was erected to Samuel Morehouse, Lieutenant and County Marshal, from 1675 to 1687. He was the ancestor of the Morehouses in Fairfield and Litchfield Counties, and other families of the name scattered westward.

DXLVII.

In
memory of
MRS ANN
wife of
Capt John
ATWOOD

who
departed this life
Febr 3rd 1829
aged 40 years.

Blessed are the dead
which die in the Lord.

DXLVIII.

S. D.

1753.

NOTE.—This is a common stone with lost associations.



DXLIX.

In
Memory of
Cap^t ISAAC JUDSON
who died
Oct 19, 1814
aged 54 years.
(W. M.)

DL.

Abigail
wife of
Isaac Service
died Feb 12, 1816;
Æ 61.
(W. M.)

DLI.

This Monument
Erected
is
In Memory of
ISAAC JARVIS
who departed this Life
20th June A. D. 1788,
Aged 32 Years & 5 Months.

Let frantic Mirth be penfive here
Let mortals mourn their final doom
Let friendship pay the tribute's tear
For Isaac moulders in the Tomb.

DLII.

*Mr.**Jonathan Silliman**died**May 14, 1817:**Æ 47.*(W. M.)

DLIII.

W. & S.

Here lies Buried

the Body of Lieut

SAMUEL SQUIER

who Departed this Life

Jan^{ry}. 27th 1773 in the81st. Year of his Age.(B. S.)

DLIV.

In

memory of

MARY MEEKER

daughter of

Benjamin &

Mary Meeker,

who died

Jan. 13, 1823 ;

aged 16 years, 1

month, 11 days.

(W. M.)

DLV.

Face & Wings, vines on sides.

In Memory of

NOAH JARVAS Son of
M^r. ISAAC & M^{rs}. LYDIA

JARVAS who died

May y^e 19 1766 in y^e

9th Year of His Age.

He on the waves of watere Graves
The Last breath he did fetch
In blooming youth to tell the truth
Death did him quickly snatch.

(B. S.)

DLVI.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried

y^e Body of

M^{rs}. DEBORAH

SQUIER Wife to M^r.

JOHN SQUIER; Who

Departed this Life

Augth. y^e 9th 1748 in y^e

43^d Year of her Age.

(B. S.)

DLVII.

H. & W.

Here lyes Buried

y^e Body of M^{rs}. MARY

SQUIER, Wife to M^r

SAMUEL SQUIER;

Who Departed this

Life. June the 26th

A. D. 1748 in y^e 56th

Year of Her Age.

(B. S.)

DLVIII.

H. & W.

Here lyes y^e Body of
M^{rs}. MARY SQUIER 2^d Wife
 to **M^r JOHN SQUIER ;**
 Who Departed this life
 Feb^r y^e 7th 1761 in y^e
 31st Year of Her Age.

DLIX.

Urn.

In

Memory of
Mrs Eunice Wakeman
 wife of
Capt. Andrew Wakeman
 who died
 Oct 5. 1821
 aged 54 years.

DLX.

H. & W.

In Memory of
Mrs HANNAH WAKEMAN
 Wife of
Capt. ANDREW WAKEMAN
 who departed this Life
 Sept^r 8th 1787,
 In the 41st year
 of her Age.
 (F. S.)

DLXI.

Urn.

In

Memory of
Capt Andrew Wakeman
who died
Aug 22, 1895
aged 75 years.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Capt. Andrew Wakeman's two wives were Eunice Smedley and Hannah Allen. He built the house occupied by his grandson, Andrew F. Wakeman, (1881). The family have been long in public service. Rev. Samuel Wakeman 1665—1693, probably lies in these grounds. Capt. Andrew and his father served in a military capacity. The sword of the latter has descended to the present Andrew F. Wakeman, who has served the town creditably in various offices.

DLXII.

In

memory of

SAMUEL WAKEMAN

who died

March 15. 1826,

aged 52 years.

DLXIII.

In memory of

SALLY WAKEMAN

wife of

SAMUEL WAKEMAN

died March 6. 1857

Aged 76 years.

(W. M.)

DLXIV.

Urn.

SACRED

To the memory of

HANNAH,

wife of Moses Jarvis,

who died

January the 11th 1820.

aged 31 years,

6 months and 21 days.

All med'cins act by God's decree,
 Receive commission all from thee;
 If we but trust his sov'reign skill,
 And bow submissive to his will,
 Sickness and death will then agree
 To bring us Lord at last to thee.

(W. M.)

DLXV.

Urn.

Sacred

to the Memory of

MARY

Wife of

Stephen Fowler

who died June 13, 1826,

Æ, 59 y's 7 mo. & 25 d's.

Amiable in her disposition unassuming
 in her manners & a faithful friend—
 The law of kindness dwelt upon her tongue by
 her patience & resignation to the will of God.
 She evidenced the sincerity of her Christian
 profession, beloved in life & lamented in death,
 She still lives in the affection of those who
 knew her.

* D. Ritter & Son N. H.

(W. M.)

* The D. Ritter & Son is an advertising dodge, to which they were so accustomed, that it was even added to this beautiful monument erected to the son's wife.

DLXVI.

Weeping Willow.

SACRED

TO THE MEMORY OF
STEPHEN FOWLER

WHO DIED

MARCH 24th 1829;

AGED 73 YEARS,

AND 16 DAYS.

(W. M.)

DLXVII.

In

memory of

JOSEPH WHITTEMORE

of Fredericksburg, Va.,

who died at Fairfield;

July 22, 1831,

aged 33.

(W. M.)

NOTE—Joseph Whittemore was the first husband of Narcissa, daughter of Walter and Elizabeth B. Perry. He left a wife and three daughters, Julia, one of whom married Leon Pilatte, of Nice, France. Mrs. Whittemore afterwards married Judge Samuel Hitchcock, of New Haven, Conn., they have one son, Samuel Hitchcock, Jr., who resides in Germany.

DLXVIII.

*Elbert Perry,
son of Walter &
Elizabeth B. Perry,
died Sept. 5, 1820 in
Fredericksburg, Virginia, was
removed and reinter'd here Dec 25,
aged 25 years.*

Here fond affection drops the sorrowing tear,
Here friendship mourns her separated chain,
Love weeps o'er one to love and memory dear;
Whom not e'en virtue could on earth detain.

Unfeeling grave, thou teachest to the wise
This lesson, foreign to the careless throng,
Earth's highest station ends in "here he lies".
And dust to dust concludes her noblest song.

T. L. Gow.

(W. M.)

NOTE.—Walter and Elizabeth B. Sturges Perry had issue of ten children. (grand-children of Peter Perry, see CCVII). This ground being so crowded, several members of the family were interred in the "West ground," (open to the public 1829.) but were subsequently removed to Oak Lawn Cemetery, (opened 1865). The interment of the last member of this family, Hon. Oliver H. Perry, who also died in Virginia, was made in 1862. He was one of the projectors and original trustee's of the above Cemetery; one of the organizers of the Congregational Church, the Public School Building and Savings Bank, in Southport, and member of Assembly for 8 years, besides holding various other offices both in Church and State, with fidelity and honor.

DLXIX.

WALTER B. PERRY,

died Oct. 14, 1817;

aged 15 years

Son of Walter &
Elizabeth B. Perry.

(W. M.)

DLXX.

GEORGE T.

died Feb. 29, 1832,

aged 3 years.

—: 0 :—

DELIA T.

died Feb. 29, 1832

aged 15 months,

Children of
Bradley &
Julia Perry.

DLXXI.

U. & W.

Julia,

daughter of

Bradley &

Julia A. Perry,

died Oct. 23, 1822,

aged 4 months.

DLXXII.

In
memory of
BRADLEY PERRY,
who was
born Dec 14, 1785.
& died Oct. 10, 1830,
aged 45 years.

DLXXIII.

In
memory of
SAMUEL W. SHERWOOD
who was
born Sept 25, 1785
& died June 12, 1830
aged 43 years.

DLXXIV.

In memory of
BETSEY PERRY
wife of
Samuel W. Sherwood
Died Sept. 8, 1878,
Aged 88 yrs. 5 ms,
& 24 ds.

NOTE.—Betsey Sherwood was the 14th of Peter Perry's children, and the last survivor of that generation. Her sister, Sally Ogden, (see XIX), being born in 1764, that generation covers 114 years. These Sisters lie in the extreme rows of the ground. Samuel W. Sherwood was from Albany. Their children reside in Brooklyn, L. I.

DLXXV.

Miss

ELIZABETH TURNEY

daughter of

Mr Isaac Turney

died June 4. 1817;

Aged 41 years.

Reader when you this monument survey,
 Remember that your frame is mouldering clay.
 Thy Soul, 'tis of the immortal kind,
 Nor form'd of fire, or earth, or wind;
 Outlives the mouldering corpse
 And leaves the globe behind.
 Swift the approach and solemn is the day
 When the immortal mind
 Stript of the body's coarse array
 To endless pain or endless joy,
 Must be at once consign'd,
 The *NOW* that flies may be the last,
 Seize the Salvation ere 'tis past.

(W. M.)

SUPPLEMENT.

Near the entrance to The Old Burying Ground are eight stones which were set there July 8, 1881.

No. 1.

HERE LYES INTERRED

Y^e BODY OF AVIS

APPLEGATE AGED

NEAR 80 YEARS,

DEC^D FEB^{RY} Y^e 3^D

ANNO 171^{II}.

No. 2.

HERE LYES Y^e

BODY OF JOHN

APPLEGATE, AGE

82 YEARS.

NOTE.—John and Avis Applegate gave their property to the Congregational Society so long as their tombstones were preserved. They were located on the premises of the Rubber Factory. When the New Haven Railroad was constructed these stones were taken up and set back in the field; when the factory was built these stones were in the way again, so were taken up and laid in the cellar to the factory house, where they lay till reclaimed in common with others desecrated till 1881.

No. 3.

HERE LYES Y^e BODY OF

M^{RS} ESTHER LORD

WIFE OF M^r ———BERT

LORD AGED 67

Years—Died

NOTE.—The date of her death is obliterated—also her husband's name; except the last syllable.

No. 4.

F. & W.

HERE LYES Y^E BODY
OF DAVID JENNINGS
SON OF M^R JOSHUA &
M^{RS} REBECKAH JENNINGS

AGED 10 MONTHS
DEC^D MARCH Y^E 9

1 7 3 5-6.

No. 5.

HERE LYES Y^E BODY OF
M^R BENJAMIN LINES,

DEC^D. FEBRUARY Y^E

21^S 1 7 3 2

IN Y^E 44 YEAR

OF HIS AGE.

No. 6.

H. & W.

HERE LYES BUR—
THE BODY

M^R REBECA BROWN

DEC^D JUNE Y^E 3^D 1730

IN Y^E 75TH YEAR

OF HER AGE.

No. 7.

H. & W.
 HERE LYES BURIED
 Y^E BODY OF M^R
 ABRAHAM ADAMS
 WHO DEC^D. AUGST Y^E 9TH 1729
 IN Y^E 80TH YEAR OF
 HIS AGE.
 HAVING BEEN A WORTHY FOUN^{DR}
 & LIBERAL BENEFACTOR TO TRINITY
 CHURCH.

No. 8.

TO
 ABRAHAM ADAMS
 DIED 1729.

REBECCA BROWN
 DIED 1730.

BENJAMIN LINES
 DIED 1732.

DAVID JENNINGS
 DIED 1735.

ESTHER LORD.

JOHN APPLEGATE
 DIED 1712.

AVIS APPLEGATE
 DIED 1717.

The seven old stones recoverd from
 the Destroyed Burial Ground at Mill Plain.

This stone erected July 8, 1881,
 By Citizens of Fairfield.

THE
OLD BURYING GROUND
OBSERVANCES,
July 8th, 1881.

A BRIEF SUMMARY CONTRIBUTED BY WM. A. BEERS.

Almost every school boy knows something about Fairfield. Originally the favorite Indian settlement *Unquowa*, it attracted the advance guard of civilization, and nineteen years after the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers was officially made a town. A strategic point during the Revolution, it was invaded and burned by the British Troops. For many years an educational center, it drew students from many sections, who went forth to fill places of distinction in national and civil life. As its name implies it was, and is, one of the fairest portions of New England's soil; both nature and conspicuous events have combined to give it favorable celebrity and chapters of honor in American History. The Fairfield Centennial Commemoration of July 8th, 1879, was therefore universally acknowledged to have national as well as local significance; and when the old town saw fit to publicly freshen the memories and rebuild the tombs of its fathers, the anniversary of its centenary was naturally chosen as the ceremonial day.

The following transcript of the general invitation to these ceremonies will perhaps convey a fair idea of their scope and character:

"QUI TRANSTULIT SUSTINET."

1639.

*The old town of Fairfield will mark the
anniversary of its Centennial Com-
memoration by observances
in regard to its*

Ancient Burial Ground

AT THE

Congregational Chapel,

ON

Friday Afternoon, July 8th, 1881.

COMMENCING AT 2 O'CLOCK.

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ORDER OF EXERCISES.

PRAYER,	- - - - -	Rev. George S. Burroughs.
AMERICA,	- - - - -	Quartette of St. Johns' Church,
		<i>Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Spencer, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Averill.</i>
REMARKS, Introductory,	- - - - -	Rev. Jas. K. Lombard.
"CAST THY BURDEN ON THE LORD,"	- - - - -	Quartette.
ADDRESS,		
	{ "Rebuilding of the tombs of our Ancestors." }	- - - - - Mr. William A. Beers.
"CONSIDER THE LILIES,"	- - - - -	Quartette.
REMARKS, Colonial,	- - - - -	Prof. Benj. Silliman.
"BREAK, BREAK, BREAK, ON THY COLD GRAY STONES, OH SEA!"	{ - - - - - }	Quartette.
GENERAL REMARKS,	- - - - -	By Visitors.

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Visit to the Old Ground and Unveiling of the Cenotaph.

The day proved stormy, and many were unavoidably absent who had warmly responded to the invitations. Among these was Professor Benjamin Silliman, of Yale College, who, much to the general disappointment, reluctantly sent late in the day a telegram of regret. Otherwise the programme was fully carried out. The Chapel was well filled when Rev. George S. Burroughs opened the exercises with a fervent appeal to the God of our fathers; and after the fine vocal music of the selected quartette, Rev. Jas. K. Lombard, with characteristic good taste and felicity, expressed the sentiment of the gathering, and introduced the speaker of the day in these words:

"In common with the rest of the country, Fairfield has experienced a revival of the historic spirit. Our amiable town clerk, the custodian of the public records has of late found his office no sinecure. A degree of interest in those ancient folios has been developed, second only to that which is manifested in the revised version of the New Testament.

"We have had historical addresses on several occasions, historical contributions to the local papers, prospectuses of a town history which is yet in the future, and the actual apparition of a history whose size and price have filled too hasty subscribers with dismay. We have a historical society lately formed in that portion of our suburbs known as Bridgeport, in order to take charge of all valuable documents relating to our local history, otherwise liable to perish from neglect. And the ancient burial grounds have been explored with a zeal worthy of the antiquary.

"If I speak lightly, let me not be thought for one moment to speak slightly of such a spirit. No enlightened citizen can fail to rejoice in whatever tends to dignify the past. It is a sign of national *maturity*.

"The boy has little sentiment to expend upon the place of his birth and the home of his ancestors. He is more interested in anticipating his manhood's abode and his worldly fortunes in days to come.

"The man, on the contrary, grows sentimental over the thought of his boyhood's home and of the friends of his youth. He would like to *trace his ancestry*, not merely to establish his title to an estate, but out of pure sentiment. And sentiment is a manly thing. We are not ashamed of the sentiment which holds an insult to the flag to be a crime worthy of death, and the murder of the chief executive to be an act of treason for which hanging is too good.

"It is this laudable spirit which originated the movement of which to day's assembly is in part the result. We seek to rescue from oblivion the memories of some who deserved better things of their descendants than forgotten and dishonored graves.

"But I will not anticipate what shall be said in the principal address of this occasion. Without further preface I make way for the speaker of the day, our public spirited townsman, Mr. Beers."

After Mr. Lombard's happy remarks; and singing by the Quartette, that was most touchingly rendered; Mr. Beers began his neighbourly address:

"NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS:

"The solicitude of centuries has embalmed the spirit and elevated the operations of the sentiment that has prompted the ceremonies of this anniversary. Loyalty to the memory of ancestors has found expression in prehistoric mound and ancient pyramid, mediæval pile and modern monument; it is a sentiment as old as holy writ, as new as the life that stirs us to day. It inspired the sorrowing Patriarch to raise a pillar to the Rachel he had lost; our fathers to rear the tablets in the village burial-ground, and us to rebuild the tombs of our ancestors there, and in our hearts and homes.

"An address to be in keeping with so high a theme should comprise a carefully compiled historical paper, rather than this contribution; and I hasten to remind you, as some palliation for the poverty of my tribute, of the absence of local record from which to gather what would be more worthy of the occasion. My first attempt to penetrate the mists of antiquity and restore some tangible relic had scarcely other guide than vague tradition; my search 'midst skulls and coffins, epitaphs and worms, where visionary shadows perform their mystic rounds,' was pursued by the dim light of fading memories.

"Can you tell me when this spot was first used as a burying ground?" I asked of the ubiquitous, 'oldest inhabitant.' The kindly though somewhat indefinite reply was:

"Why, bless you! it always was the Old Burying Ground!" The answer, added to historic facts, points with accuracy to the respectable venerableness wrought by two hundred and fifty years; but the fastidious antiquary gropes in vain among the mouldering heaps for other than suggestive evidences of such antiquity, however he revels in the quaint and moss-grown mysteries.

"The brown and gray slabs which have legible dates anterior to 1725 may be counted upon ones' fingers, those between this and 1750 are as easily enumerated, and by far the greater number have yielded both names and figures to the ravages of time. The oldest decipherable stone tells its tale in briefest figures: S. M. 1687; and this has been indentified as the grave-mark of Samuel Morehouse who was County Marshal here from 1675 to to the time of his death in 1687. There are no stones with legible inscriptions that assert the remoteness of contemporaneous grounds, notably those of Windsor and New Haven, but they are nevertheless equally old; nearness to the salt water of the sound being the cause of earlier decay. There are, besides, scores of little hollows (the careless loiterer will stumble upon them) which once were rounded hillocks, but never bore mark at all;* and these shrunken witnesses are all that remain to tell of men that helped to mould our national life. A little longer and these faint traces will disappear; these monuments will cease to be memorials. Of this we may feel assured; no tombs of our land indicate worthier lives, or invite profounder homage than the crumbling ones where, 'it always was the old burying ground.'

"We find ample reason for the unstable monuments of our fathers as we trace the footprints along the shore of time back to the settlement of the town by Roger Ludlowe, in 1639, nineteen years after the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers. Those were poor tools with which the struggling pioneers, in the time that tried men's hands as well as souls, shaped the destinies we so comfortably continue. Even suitable stones were remarkably scarce in these valleys, and time and means were too scanty to quarry from the surrounding hills. The same rude implements which turned the soil for subsistence, hollowed the narrow cell and the stones thrown up in the process furnished alike the rough hearth, and simple grave-mark; the same hands which smoothed the pillow, bore the pall, defied the savage, implored divine protection.

"In primitive burials no attempt was made to relieve inexorable fact. The elaborate appliances by which the modern undertaker, high in his art, daintily tempers the gloom—the euphony of the 'casket,' and soothing elegy of preacher, the music and the flowers—were "abominations" that a Puritan grave digger

* "Governors: Haynes, Wyllis, Webster, and Leet lie buried at Hartford without a monument." Trumbull's *His. of Conn.*, Ed. 1797, VI. pp. 245.

thought sinful even to dream about. The coffin was a domestic product, sturdy shoulders formed the hearse; and a convenient enclosure by the road side was often the hasty place of sepulture. Ministers did not always attend the burials, and religious services generally were shunned as savoring too much of prelatical practices, and tending to conduct the mind back to the forsaken ritual of the Church of England. Mourning found no outward expression; silk, crape, or even bombazine, were out of the question, had they not been despised as badges of a useless and sinful custom. Our fathers were more ascetic than æsthetic; funeral trappings were as repugnant as royal pageantry; "the Puritan prostrated himself in the dust before his maker, but he set his foot on the neck of his king;" he worshipped neither dumb nor speaking idols of clay; he made no fetich of the dead.

"Indeed, there was little time to mourn, his dead buried, he turned a face of flint toward activities that were uncompromising; the dead had died in a good service and 'the fit way for survivors to honor and lament them was to be true to one another and work bravely for the cause to which dead and living had alike been consecrated.' * This was not indifference, however, a single death in the slender colony was a general calamity; but his physical condition as well as religion forbade him to cherish anything that would retard the great cause he had resolutely determined to advance.

"But increasing fortune and leisure, as the colony prospered, brought in their train the desire for funeral display and cemetery ornamentation. At the beginning of the seventeenth century, monument making began to be a respected art, as well as a trade worth following in the colonies, and we hear of a dignified Puritan Governor of our state who did not refuse the hand of his daughter to a master of the new craft; there began also a 'renaissance' in arts relating to coffin upholstery and obsequies generally. The distribution of gloves, rings, and scarfs at funerals was a notable custom introduced, and was carried to such excess that town authorities complied with the fashion by supplying these articles, at the town's expense, at the burial of paupers. At the obsequies of the wife of a famous Governor, more than one thousand pairs of gloves were dispensed among the attendants. † This, and similar practices prevailed to

* Palfrey's *Hist. of N. E.* VII. pp. 43.

† Felt's *Customs of N. E.*

such an extent in early Connecticut, that the Legislature passed a law modifying the usage, and even the Colonial Congress was appealed to for its suppression.

"The sole instance of burial procedures in ancient Fairfield, that my friend, the 'oldest inhabitant' can resurrect, is the following:--'It was a hot day, the distance long, the bier carried on tressels, weighty; half-way one of the bearers, also a heavy weight, cried out: 'set him down; he's heavy,' and pulling a flask from a convenient pocket, all imbibed fresh courage and moved solemnly on. Rather an incongruous mixture of good and evil spirits truly; but as we repress a smile, let us remember that it tallied with the olden custom that, with no thought of irreverence, placed the ever-ready decanter on the hospitable side-board in close proximity to the well-thumbed scriptures.

"Three easily distinguished grades of stones in the Old Burying Ground mark the progress in mortuary usages. The first comprises the crude ones which differ but slightly from those which supplied the fences of the period; their inscriptions, as a rule, are confined to briefest statement, and in many instances simply give the initials and year, as is the case with that referred to as S. M. The second grade has larger stones and hint of the offices of sculptor and poet. Here and there one meets with an oddity that trespasses on his gravity; for example, this poetic effusion:

'Death like an overflowing stream
Sweeps us away; our life's a dream,
An empty tail; a morning flower,
Cut down and withered in a hour.'

The original way in which the colonial poet spells tale, (*tail*), instinctively calls up thoughts of Mr. Darwin, and invites a digression to which I only yield the passing remark that, possibly some old errors were less gross than those of our period of evolution. A curious epitaph from an adjacent town seems to ask admittance here by way of comparison; it is one that a deacon, with a unique idea of poetic justice, placed upon the tomb of his imprudent help-mate:

'Here lies cut down like unripe fruit,
The wife of Deacon Amos Shute;
She died of drinking too much coffee,
Anny Dominy seventeen forty.'

This would severely test that optimism that 'finds sermons in stones and good in everything.'

"The third grade includes those of blue slate, free-stone and marble, many of them no doubt imported

from England, and are embellished with the familiar weeping willows, cherubs and death's heads. Those of slate have a decided preference, and as they resist the salty atmosphere of the locality, and long retain a neat appearance, there was good reason for the choice; they are especially free from moss or other sign of decay, and tell their story of mortality with a clearness that commends them to the antiquary with more curiosity than leisure or perchance of patience. A diminished verbiage, too, is a pleasing feature of this grade, although an occasional grandiloquent inscription (as in all cemeteries ancient or modern,) offends the nicer perceptions. It was Charles Lamb who, when strolling with his sister through an old-world churchyard where fulsome eulogies were profuse, slyly asked: 'Mary, where do all the naughty ones lie?'—The moral is easily resurrected.

"There is, however, comparatively little to suggest invidious distinctions in our Old Burying Ground, as the thoughtful visitor questions these weather beaten sentinels, of the days that are past. They are for the most part ranged in rows with little regard to family or other exclusiveness. The same peculiarity will be observed in the widely separated burial places in Southport, Green's Farms and Greenfield. His part in the stern drama over, a sheltered nook near the homestead, or *next place* in the neighboring rows, shut the actor out from public gaze. More formal observances in this regard, as in others, followed the erection of the second edifice of the *Prime Antient Church* which, attracting temporal and spiritual matters to this center, the old became the principal ground for interments.

"Later on, at Mill Plain, when Trinity Church lifted its spire heavenward, there clustered about its holy precincts the tombs that 'sadly furnish forth' the salient part of your pious work to day. The small plot that was once thought consecrated ground has been ruthlessly ploughed over and under; tradition points a wavering finger towards it; memory loses itself mid the rattle and the roar of the iron wheels of progress. The seven stones rescued—venerable monitors that silently told off the successive generations during a century and a half, that had been torn from their stations, thrust out in the cold, left to perish with forgotten rubbish, are all that is left to tell that Trinity churchyard existed. You gather them again to their kindred, and retrace with the warm touch of humanity their almost forgotten legends. Truly has one prophesied who said: 'conceal your last

resting-place where local history keeps no record, and where tradition even cannot betray you; yet accident shall at last stumble upon your unknown tomb.'

"The most conspicuous of these rescued memorials is that of Abraham Adams, 1716, and on it are these reproachful words: 'worthy founder of and benefactor to Trinity Church.' He was an early settler of considerable fortune, and, as the stone indicates, of large practical piety, and lived on the spot where the homestead of Deacon Morehouse stands, at Barlow's Plains. A relic of equal worth, and pointing a similar reproof, is the stone of John Applegate, 1712. He too, was an early planter; and the Congregational Society had substantial evidence of his christian beneficence. The least preserved of these tomb-waifs whose neglect for a score of years is cause for amazement, not to say shame, is the one inscribed to Mrs. Esther Lord, date not legible, but probably 1730. She was a descendant of the noted settler Andrew Ward, was endowed with rare qualities of mind and person, and married successively, four men of wealth and position. Tradition reports her a widow that was widely respected, whose abundant means were dispensed with an open hand. Why it happens that her numerous descendants have permitted the sacrilege indicated by the neglected stone is a problem I will not attempt to solve. Sharing the same problem are the remaining four of the seven recovered from the destroyed burial ground of Mill Plain, and rehabilitated to day; Rebecca Brown, 1730; Benjamin Lines, 1732; Avis Applegate, 1716; David Jennings—aged ten months, 1735. Grouped now on the Old Burying Ground as yet sacred from plough or railway, with a substantial cenotaph newly perpetuating their memories; pilgrims turning toward these shrines may recognize, perhaps in the child's tablet, a long missed link in the family chain, which your rebuilding has restored.

"Of the fathers that lie in our ancient cemetery, those of primary interest are the early ministers—central figures of the group that stood round the cradle of civil and religious liberty. Rev. John Jones was the first. He was a native of Wales, was educated and episcopally ordained in England, and came, with other nonconforming clergymen of the national church, to this Country in 1635. With him are associated the rude building in which our fathers, armed as for battle, assembled at the beat of the drum, for legislative purposes as well as for worship; the lectures given in the meeting-house, or from

cabin to cabin, which were often emphasized by examples that pillory, stocks, or whipping-post afforded; and all that stirred the thought and life of primitive Fairfield. It was he that attended the execution of Goody Knapp* who was condemned as a witch, and tendered the poor victim such kindly ministrations as his conscience permitted towards one whom the gloomy fanaticism of the time had shut out from christian consolation. His erudition gave him honorable mention in Ecclesiastical Annals, † and he died, generally revered, in 1665. *No stone marks his grave.* Rev. Samuel Wakeman was called by the vote of the town—as was the custom—in 1665, the second edifice was built during his pastorate, and when he died in 1692, it was resolved in town meeting ‘his death is for a lamentation unto us.’ Rev. Joseph Webb called ‘provided he had orthodox views on baptism,’ in 1694, was an original Fellow of Yale College, wrote the earliest records extant of this society, and, at his death in 1732, was mourned as ‘a pillar of the churches’ that had fallen. Rev. Noah Hobart, a noted theologian, was pastor here from 1732 to the time of his death, 1773; and the third edifice was erected in his time. Rev. Andrew Elliot, Jr. was called in 1774, and remained until 1805. It was during his pastorate that the meeting house, together with all the principal buildings of the town was burned by the British, July 8th, 1779, ‡ and his account of that terrible day is, to my mind, the most truthful and graphic in history. Although Mr. Eliot’s ability commanded a more remunerative field, (i.e. financially,) he worked on here at a salary of three hundred dollars per annum, and as is stated, ‘hard to get, at that.’ He lived on Holland Hill, and used to walk down in all weathers, not only to lead the meetings, but to build with his own hands the fires in the great wood stoves of the period. It is such practical piety and broad usefulness as this we should remember when we incline to speak flippantly of the cant and narrowness of these Puritans. Stalwart and picturesque, they form a noble background to our history; their unquestioned purity of motive, and unbending endurance in the cause of civil and religious freedom have, more than any other human force shaped our National life. As one has well

* See Vol. II. *New Haven Colony Records* for account of this tragedy.

† See *Sprague’s Ecclesiastical History*; *Felt’s Annals of American Pulpit*, and a Paper by the writer in *Fairfield County Historical Society’s Collection*.

‡ It is but fair to state that General Tryon’s troops neither purposely destroyed records, or mutilated the tombs. Whatever re-written history may call them; they were not iconoclasts.

said: 'there were canting Puritans, but Puritanism was not canting hypocrisy.'

"The prejudice against the Book of Common Prayer abated early here. In 1707, Episcopalians held regular services, and the honored dust of two of their clergy, peacefully mingles with that of their Puritan brothers in the old common ground. Rev. James Sayre, an able and sincere divine who, though thought to sympathize with the enemy in 1779, vainly endeavored to stay the destructive hand of Gen'l Tryon, and who preserved much of the property of his neighbors, though his own shared the burning. Rev. James Lamson, an efficient and worthy worker for his church, who was content to lay his bones in the conservative field that eliminates sects and knows no distinctions among the children that share the long rest in its bosom.

"With a brevity that is reluctant but compulsory, let me recall something of the laymen that have peacefully abode there. Hon. Ebenezer Silliman heads an illustrious line, that claims a large tribute in this rebuilding. Born here in 1708, he graduated at Yale College, was for 27 consecutive years Representative at the Legislature, and for 23 years Judge of the Superior Court. He was conspicuous in public life for nearly half a century and commanded universal respect and esteem in both public and private life. He lived on Holland Hill, died in 1775, and on his tomb is this suggestive epigram: 'I have said ye were gods, but ye shall all die like men.' General Gold Silleck Silliman, his son, was born in Fairfield, 1732, graduated at Yale, 1752, was made General in 1776, and served with distinction in the Revolution; an honored descendant is Benjamin Silliman, L.L.D., the well-known professor of Chemistry and Mineralogy at Yale College; and whose absence from 'the pious work of rebuilding the tombs of our ancestors,' (his own words.) is occasioned solely by the 'strenuous rain' of to day. Col. David Burr, who has handed down a record too familiar to require word of mine, was the progenitor of the families that uphold the good old name in every quarter of our town, and with due regard, a characteristic reminiscence. When *ye Prime Antient Church* was built, he generously offered to paint the pulpit, and the following permission is officially recorded: 'whereas, Col. Burr has offered to paint the pulpit in the meeting house at his own expense, he has liberty to do the same, *provided it be of a light stone color.*'* Captain Smedley who,

* Old Records of Fairfield.

when Fairfield numbered among her ancient glories, that of being a Port of Entry, was Collector here,—the *Custom House* still stands on Greenfield Hill. He lived where have successively been the homes of David Barlow, 'the ci-devant farmer;' Judge Osborne,—the family name dots the old yard—and Henry J. Beers, the present occupant. Major Samuel Beers, grandfather of your speaker, held two important public offices, was brave and efficient; and, as filial tradition almost daily accentuates, was 'every inch a man.' David Judson, whose place was first in church and in town activities; and who founded the original library here, which, with its one hundred and fifty volumes—more select than numerous,—had its revenue from a yearly tax upon its members of twenty-five cents.

"Near the gate of our favored 'Gods Acre' is the slab inscribed to Elizabeth Rowland, widow of Andrew Rowland, Esq., and daughter of Gov. Fitch. She was a noble type of the heroic women of Revolution times, and grandmother of several of the name, whose public spirit and private worth now command respect and esteem in our town. These too, stay our hurried notes. Col. Nathan Gold, Deputy Governor of Connecticut, from 1708 to 1724, and ancestor of Captain John Gould of revered memory—the name being properly Gold. Capt. Abraham Gold, who, here 'takes his rest with his martial cloak around him;' he was brought down from Ridgefield dead on his war-horse, and no braver name responds to the roll-call of this field of honor. Here sleeps well Col. Andrew Burr, who fought well in the French war. Peter Perry, whose five sons honoring various professions in the Country, used to have annual reunions in New York City; and one of whose descendants enjoys the picturesque home in Mill Plain where the old mill and busy stream make pleasant music together. Judge Jonathan Sturges, of whose children's children the health and progress of our town speak in substantial eulogy. Hezekiah Sturges, whose home shared the burning in 1779, but who built another with timbers cut and brought down, mostly by himself, from a distant wood. The new building he devoted chiefly to the use of the Episcopalians, their edifice being destroyed; it stood where now an elm shades the residence of Miss Mary Nicholls, in Mill Plain; and I recall the act and the actor with reverent gratitude. Hezekiah Nicholls, ancestor of Deacon Samuel Nicholls, who for many years held public office here. Capt. Eleazor Bulkley, who commanded

a ship, and also high regard in old-time Commercial circles; his account of the landing of the British troops on our beach is related with the vividness of an eye-witness. Henry Marquand, a Jeweler from the Isle of Guernsey is identified with one of the precious stones of the cluster that shines anew to day. He was ancestor of Henry and Frederick Marquand, whose names are conspicuously engraved on the large charities of our day. The respected name of Barlow is often met as we trace the silent families which mingle in this common household of the great leveler, and the name has also an enduring distinction in the adjacent familiar plains. Capt. Walter Thorp has here his long watch on the eternal voyage; he was claimed as an upright citizen of Black Rock, but posterity claims him as a type of the olden-time gentleman.

"Our historic Academy, once a noted educational power in the land, bids me pause at the names of its founders as I check the two and a half century way-bills of Fairfield's dead: David Burr, Gershom Burr, Jonathan Sturges, Isaac Jennings, Lathrop Lewis, David Allen, Ebenezer Dimon, David Judson, Stephen Fowler, Nathan Beers, Samuel Penfield, Andrew Wakeman, James Knapp, Eleazer Bulkley, Andrew Eliot, John Morehouse, Isaac Marquand, Joseph Squire, Gershom Sturges——as we rehabilitate their tombs may we be inspired with something of their good old fashioned virtues and activities. The medical faculty have honorable representation in Doctors Francis Forgue, and Thomas Hill—their pathies are forgotten in the eclectic sympathies of this commemoration. And let us not forget the negro, the poor slave who died in the cause of freedom, and is here forever emancipated, whose memory lives, though tradition, even, has forgotten his name. Others there are, that deserve a volume of unaffected eulogy, but the waning hours forbid their briefest histories; let us include all in the apostrophe of our Centennial poet: *

'Ruthless hand of the spoiler preserve their renown,
From restless improvement these monuments spare,

Let them pass the old tales to posterity down,
And time make the trust his perpetual care.'

"And now, my friends, permit in closing a brief retrospect. The 8th of July, two years ago, found our usually staid town confronting the stir and bustle of a grand holiday. It was a jubilant day. It was accompanied by the clangor of bells, streaming flags, the ban-

* Rev. James K. Lombard, whose poem of Unquowa is one of the finest that the Centennial spirit has evoked.

quet, the hum of a multitude, the dignity of State. The wisdom of the historian,* the glow of the poet, the grace of the orator of that day, lifted us from the contemplation of a disaster into an area of triumph and rejoicing. To day finds us continuing the theme—the ashes of our fathers, but with graver accessories. The bell moderates its tone, the assemblage take on something of the gravity that a perilous environment made habitual to our sires. The music is voiced in a key more attuned to whisperings of the old homestead, the old un-revised Bible, the old Heaven—with its old reverse reality, the old old story of mortality. Shadowy multitudes crowd the green, its trees wave only leafy banners: our dignity assumes no borrowed robes. The historian and the poet do not lend their inspirations to the humbler occasion; the magnetic words of the orator give place to the gentle benediction that floats from yonder oaks: *Sursum Corda!* †

“And we ‘lift up our hearts’, to all the spirit voices that tell of a useful walk in these fair streets from that fairer land. It is well that we single out the cultured, the illustrious, as standards toward which to bend our lives; but as we turn to contemplate that old silent city, distinctions are lost in a common solicitude.

“There, they lie ranged in common; side by side as they stood shoulder to shoulder in life. Side by side with mounds that speak and tablets yet eloquent are crumbling bits of stone and earth that make no sign. Who shall say as he treads this hallowed ground, beneath which part sleep those most worthy of homage? the very spot your foot presses may be the dust of the titled leader, or that of the nameless negro who, in a common patriotism, disputed with blood the historic lane that borders this crowded field.

“Keep its old memories green, guard tenderly its precious dust; and as we bid a neighborly adieu, take home and make home better for its ever new teachings. Not the least of its lessons is, that he who does his best, ranks with the greatest, who can do no more; who waits upon the high behests of his fathers, serves with the noblest. The humblest sharer in to day’s rebuilding may do his nearest duties so well, that future generations will wreath his memory with a blessing, though every vestige of the tomb be obliterated.

* Rev. Edward F. Rankin, D.D., compiled the excellent historical address at Fairfield’s Centenary.

† On Doctor Osgood’s tomb at Oak Lawn Cemetery is his life-motto, *Sursum Corda—Lift up your hearts.*

After the principal address, Hon. T. S. Gold, spoke warmly of the personal, and forcibly of the general interest in the day's proceedings; and William Jennings, Esq., in a short but dignified speech, summed up the good results which would doubtless ensue in other localities from the edifying and timely observances in Fairfield. A most pleasing feature was the singing by the quartette in intelligent sympathy with the sentiment of the occasion; and a little incident, just as the audience prepared to visit the cemetery and witness the unveiling of the newly erected cenotaph, indicated a delicate appreciation of both music and singers. The floral design that had brightened the speaker's table, at a slight touch, fell apart into miniature bouquets which were presented to the ladies and gentlemen, whose chaste interludes had contributed so appreciably to perfect the harmony of the exercises and complete the success of the "rebuilding."

In addition to the extended reports of the *Standard* and the *Farmer*, of Bridgeport, and the State press generally, the following summary appeared in the *New York Observer* :

"REBUILDING THE TOMBS OF OUR ANCESTORS. —The old town of Fairfield, Conn., marked the anniversary of its centennial commemoration, by observances in regard to its old burial-ground, on Friday, the 8th of July. Notwithstanding the rain, the Congregational chapel was well filled. Rev. Mr. Burroughs opened the exercises with prayer, a selected quartette followed with exceptionally fine vocal music, and Rev. Mr. Lombard, the centennial poet, in a few admirably chosen words spoke warmly of the object of the gathering, and introduced the speaker of the day, Mr. Wm. A. Beers.

"In an address outlining the traditions and authentic history of the old ground—it dates back to 1639,—Mr. Beers modestly but fully mastered his subject. He left little pertinent unsaid. His address appears at length in the local papers. The salient feature of the occasion was the unveiling of a substantial cenotaph newly perpetuating seven stones dating from 1716 to 1724, which, long sadly neglected, were recovered from a destroyed ground 'ploughed over and under' at Mill

Plain. Together with the renewed inscriptions was engraved on it; 'Erected by citizens of Fairfield, July 8th, 1881.' As the old Colonial flag was drawn from it a large wreath, a tribute from Mrs. Jonathan Sturges, was placed upon it, and many descendants of the grand old men and women who lie in this historic place communed with the crowded memories that the observance and the spot inspired. It was an eminently fitting commemoration, and fittingly carried out without ostentation and with a reverence that was as touching as it was commendable."

In concluding my report of this successful "rebuilding of the tombs of our ancestors," I beg to add my mite toward the sum of gratitude earned by one who laid the foundation and largely aided in completing the structure—Mrs. Kate E. Perry. It was her reverent zeal that kept alive public interest in these crumbling memorials, her voice that solicited funds for their rehabilitation, her unwearied work of pen and brain that preserves their invaluable records to posterity. 4

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- Page 14, under XXV, read In Memory of.
- " 15, " XXVIII, read Here Lyes, for Here Lies.
- " 21, DLX should read DLXI.
- " 31, read Garshom for Garshorn.
- " 38, under XCVII, read Thaddeus for Thadeus.
- " 38, " XCVIII, " " " "
- " 44, " CXIV, read Sept. 11, for April 11.
- " 50, " CXXXI, read Verona for Yerona.
- " 79, " CCXIII, read 1817 for 1871.
- " 106, on embellishment read Divine for Devine.
- " 121, under CCCXXXII, read 1739 for 1736.
- " 127, " CCCXLVIII, read sway'd for sway't.
- " 136, " note read exchanged for discharged.
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- " 205, under DLXI, read 1821 for 1825.
- " 206, " DLXV, read added to the &c. for this.
- " 209, " DLXX, read Feb. 26 for Feb. 29.

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