

MIDDLESEX COUNTY GRAVESTONES

The Morris Street Presbyterian Cemetery, New Brunswick

THIS IS THE LAST of three Presbyterian cemeteries in New Brunswick. The first was on Burnet Street (now Memorial Parkway) where the original church was built in 1727. When the congregation occupied a George Street location after the Revolution, a new cemetery was started there. It was removed in 1921 to a section of the Van Liew Cemetery on George's Road, somewhat at the edge of town.

The Morris Street Presbyterian cemetery, located on a lot bought for the purpose in 1837, is one of four adjacent cemeteries which formerly extended from George Street almost to Livingston Avenue. On the George Street side, where stores now stand, were once Baptist burials, long since removed to a neglected site on upper Livingston Avenue. Next to the Baptist cemetery was the Presbyterian section, and beyond it two non-denominational cemeteries, Central and Willow Grove, incorporated respectively in 1868 and 1851. The three cemeteries which remain, behind the New Brunswick Free Public Library (which faces on Livingston Avenue), are overgrown, vandalized and in poor condition generally. New Brunswickers refer to them collectively as the Willow Grove Cemetery.

What about the original Presbyterian burials on Burnet Street? According to Clayton's 1882 *History of Union and Middlesex Counties* (p. 702), "the remains of the dead were removed now several years since and the space built over." The surviving tombstone (and perhaps human remains) were relocated in a section of the church's Morris Street cemetery. The oldest inscriptions below are from that section.

These inscriptions were copied by Donald A. Sinclair in September 1937 and checked in 1946. They are consolidated into family groups. An asterisk after a name indicates that the name and relationship are given in an inscription, but no gravestone was found for that person. Inscriptions "on same stone," "in same plot," etc., may suggest a family relationship but none was stated on the stones or is assumed in this transcription. Questionable words and dates are enclosed in parentheses with a question mark. Editorial notes are enclosed in brackets.

Acken, John, "Father," b. Aug. 28, 1796, d. May 5, 1862; wife Margaret, "Mother,"
b. Jan. 21, 1801, d. Feb. 4, 1880; dau. Sarah Ann, *see* Martin A. Howell. In same
plot: John Acken Schenck, son of Rev. George Schenck, *q.v.*

Acken, Mary. *See* George W. Littell.

Acken, Sarah Ann. *See* Martin A. Howell.

Adrain, Anna Pollock, d. Nov. 29, 1862, aged 21 yrs. & 11 mos.

Adrain, Garnett B., b. Dec. 20, 1815, d. Aug. 17, 1878; wife Mary Smith Griggs,
1817-1886.

Adrain, Margaret J., 1858-1901. On same stone: Sarah G. Adrain.

Adrain, Sarah G., 1839-1915. On same stone: Margaret J. Adrain.

- Agnew, William, d. Jan. 22, 1856, aged 37.5.28.
- Agnew, R. E.*; wife Mary L.*; dau. Mary L., d. April 23, 1861, aged 15 yrs. & 9 mos.
- Andrews, Joseph*; wife Hannah*; dau. Bertha, d. July 15, 1866, aged 0.8.21; son Alfred, d. May 26, 1870, aged 1.9.26.
- Applegate, Stephen, d. Jan. 21, 1860, aged 82.5.25; wife Ellen Kelly, d. Sept. 22, 1863, aged 69 yrs. & 11 mos.
- Appleget, Catharine. *See* John H. Buzzee.
- Arthur, Ann Eliza. *See* John Thomas.
- Ayres, Albert*; wife Lydia Vliet, d. April 22, 1857, aged 48 yrs. Near Hendricks Vliet.
- Baker, Catharine Ann, b. Dec. 29, 1811, d. Jan. 18, 1889.
- Baker, Elias, son of Samuel & Elizabeth, b. Sept. 24, 1815, d. Aug. 19, 1874; wife Sarah P. Bancroft, d. Aug. 27, 1871, aged 39 yrs.
- Baker, Samuel, d. Jan. 25, 1858, aged 71 yrs; wife Elizabeth F. Randolph, "Our Mother," d. Dec. 11, 1872, aged 80 yrs; son Lewis Frederick, b. June 21, 1834, d. Sept. 5, 1864; son Elias, *q.v.* On back of Samuel's footstone: "D.F.R.B." and "J.F.R.B."
- Balfour, Jessie. *See* John Taylor.
- Ball, Sarah, "A Colored Woman", d. Nov. 20, 1845, aged 75 yrs.
- Bancroft, Sarah P. *See* Elias Baker.
- Baynon, Margaret Phillips, d. March 30, 1867, [age not given]. In Elias Molleson plot.
- Beard, John, Jun'r, d. Feb. 28, 1781, aged 52 yrs.
- Bedell, Kate. *See* Edward S. Vail.
- Beird, John, Senr., d. Feb. 25, 1770, aged 80 yrs. & 2 mos.
- Bergen, Jane. *See* Vincent Gulick.
- Birch, Rev. Robert, A.M., "who was installed Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in this City March 14, A.D. 1839," d. Sept. 11, 1842, in 35th yr. Tomb erected 1844 by the congregation.
- Bleecker, Catharine. *See* James Neilson.
- Bleecker, John R.*; wife [not named]*; dau. Catharine, *see* James Neilson.
- Boice, Howard*; wife Catharine V. Priestley, b. Oct. 28, 1825, d. March 5, 1861. In James A. Priestley plot.
- Booth, J. Glorvina. *See* Horace Leet.
- Bradley, Rich'd*; widow Elizabeth "of Rich'd Bradley, Esq.," b. Oct. 11, 1681, d. Sept. 5, 1766; dau. Katharine, b. Aug. 27, 1719, d. Nov. 26, 1759.
- Brainerd, Rev. John*; wife [no given name], "Mrs Brainerd the Wife of the Rev. John Brainerd..., died Sep 17th 1757, in the 35th Year of her age..."
- Brown, Abbie. *See* James McKeag.
- Brown, Capt. James*; widow Helenah, d. March 2, 1823, in 53rd yr. Next to Mrs. Mary McMyer.
- Brown, James, [no dates]. "A Defender of his Country." Erected by Kearney Post No. 15, Dept. of N.J. G.A.R., 1872."
- Brush, Azubah, d. Oct. [illegible], 1851, aged 8[illegible] yrs. & 1[illegible] mo. Stone broken.
- Brush, Sarah. *See* Joseph C. Griggs.
- Bullock, Asa*; wife Maria, d. April 21, 1844, in 25th yr.

- Buzzee, John H.*; wife Catharine Appleget, b. Nov. 4, 1816, d. March 5, 1868.
- Canse, Andrew*; wife Christiana*; dau. Chrissie [no dates given].
- Canse, Andrew*; wife Mary Marshall, d. Aug. 25, 1858, aged 47 yrs.
- Carson, Mary. *See* William McKeag.
- Chapman, Henrietta B. *See* John B. Hill.
- Coddington, Moses*; wife Caroline, dau. of Clarkson & Matilda C. Runyon, d. Oct. 22, 1855, aged 26.6.2; son Geo. Conover, d. Aug. 3, 1854, aged 1.0.8.
- Cogswell, Hon. Andrew Kirkpatrick, b. May 20, 1839, d. Feb. 13, 1887; wife Mary V. R., b. May 7, 1839, d. Feb. 5, 1871.
- Cogswell, Jane Emily Searle. *See* James Grant Wilson.
- Cogswell, Rev. Jonathan, D.D., b. Sept. 3, 1781, d. Aug. 1, 1864; wife Jane Eudora, dau. of Chief Justice Kirkpatrick, b. May 26, 1799, d. March 6, 1864.
- Cole, James*; wife Elizabeth*; daughter "Our little Annie," b. Jan. 9, 1866, d. May 17, 1869.
- Conover, Eliza R. *See* Franklin E. Owen.
- Conover, Peter, b. Oct. 1, 1794, d. May 11, 1869; wife Susan Lavinia, b. Oct. 24, 1795, d. Nov. 14, 1870.
- Cook, Henry B., 1860-1927; wife Minnie F. Florance, b. June 28, 1863, d. Jan. 18, 1891. On same stone: William J. Cook, *q.v.*
- Cook, Julia S., 1832-1922.
- Cook, William J., "Father", b. Aug. 27, 1829, d. June 21, 1888. On same stone: Henry B. Cook; also Julia S. Cook.
- Danberry, J. Libbie. *See* Geo. W. Martin.
- Danberry, Joseph, b. Oct. 30, 1813, d. June 21, 1876; wife Maria Stoothoff, b. March 7, 1815, d. May 28, 1893; son Charles Henry, d. Nov. 1[*illegible*], 1849 (1840?), aged 7(5?).11.16 (inscription very dim); son Jaques Stoothoff, d. Aug. 8, 1849, aged 4.11.20. Joseph and wife next to John Nafey and wife, Eliza "Danburry."
- Danberry, William, "Co. B [?]. 9 Regt N.J. Vols." d. March 26, 1870, aged 30 yrs. & 7 mos. "Erected by Kearney Post No. 45, Dept. of N. J. G.A.R., 1872."
- Danburry, Ann Eliza. *See* John Nafey.
- Davenport, Bishop*; wife Eliza*; dau. Emma Louisa, d. Dec. 6, 1842, aged 19 mos. & 11 dys.
- Davidson, Mary J. *See* John Terhune.
- Davis, Thomas [dates not given]. "A Defender of his Country." Erected by Kearney Post No. 15, Dept. of N.J. G.A.R. 1872.
- Dieffenbach, Adam, d. April 15, 1854, aged 32 yrs.
- Dieffenbach, I. A.*; wife Elizabeth*; son Phillipp, d. Oct. 26, 1850, aged 10 mos.
- Donaldson, Wm.*; wife Mary*; dau. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 2, 1757, d. March 11, 1759; dau. Catharine, b. April 30, 1759, d. Dec. 13, 1763.
- Dunham, Elmer, b. Nov. 23, 1869, d. July 30, 1870. Next to Lewis L. Dunham.
- Dunham, Lewis L., b. Jan. 25, 1859, d. Oct. 31, 1877. Next to Elmer Dunham.
- Dunn, Robert L., d. June 29, 1828, aged 22.0.6.
- Edwards, Elizabeth. *See* Hugh Thomas.
- Field, Isaac B., d. Aug. 6, 1887 [age not given]; wife Mary J. Owen, d. May 24, 1907 [age not given].

- Finch, J. M., d. Dec. 24, 1849, aged 32.4.18.
- Fisk, Haley, b. Feb. 28, 1792, d. Sept. 4, 1877; wife Judith Quereau, b. Feb. 26, 1798, d. Dec. 29, 1863.
- Fisk, William Henry, b. April 6, 1818, d. May 28, 1892; wife Sarah Ann, b. Dec. 15, 1818, d. Feb. 18, 1884; son Walter Mackey, 1842-1848; dau. Sarah Ann, 1849-1851; dau. Mary Blakeney, 1847-1851.
- Florance, Minnie F. *See* Henry B. Cook.
- Ford, Josiah, b. June 27, 1787, d. March 31, 1864; wife Margaret Ross, b. Feb. 3, 1780, d. Sept. 21, 1856; dau. Margaret, b. Nov. 17, 1819, d. March 12, 1884; dau. Mary R., b. Oct. 10, 1821, d. April 25, 1891.
- Forman, John, "Father," d. April 5, 1872, aged 80.0.20; wife Sarah W., "Mother," b. Oct. 7, 1793, d. April 7, 1885; dau. Jane T. B., b. Aug. 27, 1814, d. Feb. 9, 1885. (Frazee?) "Little [—]ie], [rest illegible; badly weathered]. "My Beloved is gone down into His garden ..." Same style of stone as that of Christiana, wife of J. H. Frazee.
- Frazee, J. H.*; wife Christiana Terhune, d. Jan. 24, 1858, aged 25 yrs. & 8 mos.
- Freed, William T.*; wife Margaret J. Smith, 1844-1910. In William C. Smith plot. Also: Edith G. Freed, d. Jan. 24, 1877, aged 3.7.12. On same stone: "Little Sister," [no name given], d. Dec. 19, 1874, aged 15 dys.
- Fulton, James, "a Native of the Parish of all Saints, County of Donegal, Ireland," d. Sept. 23, 1841, aged 65 yrs.
- Furman, Charles B., d. Nov. 19, 1926 [age not given]. On Samuel Furman stone.
- Furman, Mary, b. July 20, 1774, d. Oct. 16, 1858. On Samuel Furman stone.
- Furman, Samuel, b. July 8, 1813, d. Dec. 6, 1862; wife Ann B.*; dau. Mary Wurts, b. Feb. 8, 1850, d. Dec. 18, 1864; son Frank, b. June 19, 1857, d. Feb. 14, 1858. On same stone: Sarah Furman, 1809-1852; Samuel Furman, 1848-1892; Charles B. Furman; Mary Furman; Howard F. Hellen.
- Furman, Samuel, b. May 7, 1848, d. Sept. 24, 1892. On Samuel Furman [d. 1862] stone.
- Furman, Sarah, b. Dec. 30, 1809, d. June 20, 1852. On Samuel Furman stone.
- Gardner, Martha, "Born in Edinburgh Scotland," d. Aug. 17, 1854, aged 21 years. "This stone was erected by the Female department of the New Brunswick Rubber Co."
- Garford, Osborne William, "Evangelist," d. March 2, 1883, in 35th year.
- Garretson, George*; wife Rachel Ann B., d. Jan. 8, 1860 [broken, part of inscription underground].
- Green, John*; wife Elizabeth*; son Charles, d. Jan. 15, 186—, [stone chipped], aged 3 years, 11 months, "And [blank] days."
- Greenleaf, Mary P., b. Nov. 1, 1817, d. June 21, 1889.
- Gregson, Nancy, "Our Mother," d. Oct. 11, 1872, aged 36.0.9.
- Grey, Josiah*; wife Elizabeth*; son John C., d. June 6, 1850, aged 0.1.11 (or 14?). Next to John C. Smith family.
- Griggs, Joseph C., d. May 9, 1855, in 67th year; wife Sarah Brush, d. July 2, 1837, in 59th year.
- Griggs, Mary Smith. *See* Garnett B. Adrain.
- Gulick, Augustus, b. Nov. 18, 1840, d. July 15, 1869. In Vincent Gulick plot.

Gulick, Vincent, b. Jan. 14, 1811, d. July 21, 1857; wife Jane Bergen, b. Dec. 6, 1809, d. Dec. 13, 1880; dau. Mary E., b. June 13, 1850, d. Oct. 7, 1872; dau. Emma, b. June 7, 1847, d. March 18, 1867; dau. Ann Eliza, d. April 5 (obscured by mending, could be 15 or 19), 1858, aged 19.0.4; Mary, d. June 22, 1846, aged 2.9.23; infant daughter [no name given], d. March 20, 1846, aged 13 hours. In same plot: Augustus Gulick, *q.v.*

Hall, William, d. Sept. 25, 1803, in 90th yr.; wife Mary [of "Mr. William Hall"], d. Nov. 6, 1761, "in two Days Sickness Aetatis Suae 51."

Hartough, Thomas D.*; wife Sarah B. Smith, b. April 22, 1806, d. Jan. 18, 1882. "Mother, thou art gone to rest ..."

Havenstrite, Samuel, Sen., d. March 1, 1866, aged 79.0.7.

Heck, John Conrad, d. Jan. 12, 1873, aged 37.8.27. "Farewell my wife and children all ..."

Hellen, Howard F., b. Nov. 20, 1876, d. Nov. 7, 1894. On Samuel Furman stone.

Henry, Franklin Sylvester*; wife Mary Margaret Kirkpatrick, dau. of James Grant Wilson, 1870-1922.

Henry, John, d. Nov. 9, 1766, aged 66 yrs.; widow Jane, d. July 20, 1778, aged 63 yrs.

Henry, John, Junr*; wife [not named]; son Samuel, d. June 24, 1783, aged 1 yr. & 2 mos.

H(enry?), Mary, d. 1761. Broken footstone: "Mary H" " / 1761."

(Herbert?) "Charlie;" C.M.H.; J.H.; S.F.H. In same plot as Mrs. Mary McMyer and Helenah, wife of Capt. James Brown.

Hill, Edward, b. Feb. 20, 1841, d. March 31, 1894; wife Harriet Smith, b. Nov. 22, 1840, d. Sept. 19, 1867; "Second Son" William Rust, b. March 8, 1867, d. Sept. 19, 1867.

Hill, John B., b. July 6, 1805, d. Feb. 28, 1874; wife Henrietta B. Chapman, d. July 8, 1868, aged 62 yrs.; dau. Sarah Chapman, 1830-1907.

Hill, T. Wilton*; wife Eliza D.*; dau. Henrietta Chapman, 1856-1921.

Howell, Martin A.*; wife Sarah Ann, dau. of John & Margaret Acken, b. Nov. 4, 1819, d. March 12, 1896.

Hubell, James*; wife Margaret*; "In Memory of Isabella Hetty Eliza one of 3 Children born to James and Margaret Hubell June 11th 1807 in Bennington (Vt.?) Who died in this Town (17th?) Novr following."

Jackson, David*; wife Matilda, d. Oct. 8, 1856, aged 40 years. "Erected By Jane D. Morrison To the memory of her Sister."

Jackson, Joseph, d. Aug. 15, 1849, in 70th yr.; "also his grand child Joseph C. (or G.) Jackson died August 9, 1857 aged 11 mos. and 11 dys."

Jackson, Rebecca. *See* James Miller.

Jones, Eliza. *See* John J. Owen.

Jordan, Gideon, "Of Woodstock, Shenandoah Co. Virginia, Who died in this City, Sept. 21, 1844." aged 24.3.21.

Kelly, Ellen. *See* Stephen Applegate.

Kirkpatrick, Andrew*; wife [not named]*; dau. Jane Eudora, *see* Rev. Jonathan Cogswell.

Kirkpatrick, Jane Eudora. *See* Rev. Jonathan Cogswell.

- Leet, Horace, b. July 29, 1810, d. July 29, 1849; widow J. Glorvina Booth, b. May 28, 1811, d. Feb. 2, 1875; dau. Mary Horatia, b. July 29, 1849, d. April 1, 1853; infant son, d. July 11, 1847 [name and age not given].
- Lemons, Charles, d. Nov. 23, 1876, in 45th year.
- Littell, George W., b. Feb. 25, 1821, d. Jan. 15, 1863 [G.A.R. marker on grave]; wife Mary Acken, b. July 31, 1824, d. Aug. 25, 1847. On same stone: Mary Augusta Littell, b. June 10, 1847, d. July 14, 1847. In John Acken plot.
- M'Ginnis, I. B.*; wife Rachel*; son Eddie, d. July 23, 1855, aged 8 years and 2 months.
- MacSherry, Julia A., 1847-1911.
- Martin, Geo. W.*; J. Libbie Danberry, b. Jan. 6, 1838, d. April 5, 1859.
- McIntyre, Catharine, d. Sept. 4, 1753 [age not given].
- McIntyre, John, d. May 12, 1774, aged 73 yrs.
- McKeag, James, d. July 15, 1875, [no age given]; [G.A.R. marker on grave]; wife Abbie Brown, d. Jan. 6, 1874, [no age given].
- McKeag, William, "Father," d. May 20, 1880, aged 80 yrs.; wife Mary Carson, "Mother", d. Aug. 16, 1854, aged 53 yrs., "Erected by William McKeag in memory of his beloved wife Mary McKeag ...".
- McMyer, Mrs. Mary, widow of Capt. Andrew McMyer, "of the United States Army. He fell at the Battle of Jermantown [*sic*] Octr 4th 1777." She died Nov. 14, 1823, in 78th yr.
- McSherry, Bernard*; wife Mary Ann*; dau. Amy Jane, d. Sept. 22, 1870, aged 32.1.12. "Dearest Sister thou hast left us ..."
- Manning, Isaac I.*; wife Christiana Sebring, d. Aug. 19, 1853, aged 60.11.13.
- Manning, Isaac S.*; wife Mary*; dau. Emily, d. Feb. 13, 1849, aged 6.10.27; dau. Julia, d. April 24, 1850, aged 1.4.11; dau. Anna, d. May 22, 1852, aged 2.2.15; son Thomas, d. Aug. 1, 1853, aged 1 yr. & 4 mos.
- Marshall, Mary. *See* Andrew Canse.
- Miller, James, d. April 29, 1877, in 68th yr., stone "Erected by his son William"; wife Rebecca Jackson, d. Aug. 5, 1862, aged 55 yrs. [her stone back of Joseph Jackson's].
- Molleson, Elias, "Father", b. Sept. 15, 1814, d. Sept. 13, 1866. In same plot: Margaret M., Mary E., and Elias Gilbert Molleson; Margaret Phillips Baynon; "Charley" [no surname or dates].
- Molleson, Elias Gilbert, b. July 30, 1854 [or 1851], d. March 4 [or 1], 1855.
- Molleson, Margaret M., b. Nov. 15, 1850, d. April 30, 1871 [possibly 1874].
- Molleson, Mary E., b. Jan. 25, 1840, d. July 13, 1861.
- Moore, Capt. Stephen, d. Jan. 5, 1838, in 47th yr.; wife Susan*; dau. Susan, *see* Abraham Reamer; dau. Rivine Neilson, d. Feb. 3, 1820, aged 0.11.6.
- Moore, Stephen*; wife Ellen*; son Stephen Elm. A child's stone in the shape of a lamb. No dates.
- Moore, Susan. *See* Abraham Reamer.
- Morrison, Jane D. *See* David Jackson.
- Nafey, John, b. Sept. 7, 1822, d. July 5, 1904; wife Ann Eliza Danburry, b. April 22, 1822, d. Dec. 10, 1894. Next to Joseph Danberry and wife.
- Neilson, Abraham Schuyler, "Our Father," b. Sept. 10, 1792, d. June 30, 1861; Catharine S. Neilson, "Mother," b. Aug. 16, 1793, d. July 6, 1866.