

Chichester has 21 cemeteries. Three are referred to as town cemeteries:

Knowlton-Edgerly – corner of Horse Corner and Lane Roads

Leavitt – Canterbury Road

Pineground – Rte 28 Suncook Valley Road

Three are private cemeteries:

Hook – Rte 4 Dover Road

Langley-Watson – Bailey Road

New – Joe Brown Bear Hill Road

Tonight we are going to visit the 15 lesser-known cemeteries.

Brown Cemetery



Brown Cemetery is located in the north part of town on Ring Road (Old Gilmanton Road) off Kelley Corner Road.

Many of the earlier settlers in this section of town are buried here. Other graves remain unknown as they are only marked with field stones. One of the more prominent burials is Dr. Amasa Kelley who resided at what is known now as Kelley Corner where Kelley Corner Road meets Pleasant Street.



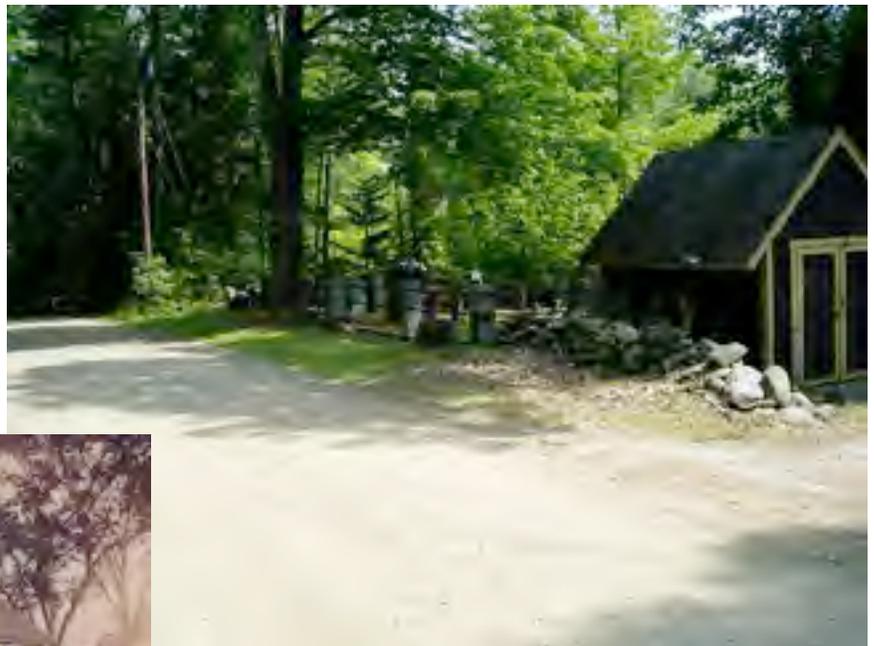
“Hello, I am Dr Amasa Kelley and was born in 1765 at Amesbury , Massachusetts. I taught school in Londonderry and Gilmanton, New Hampshire then studied medicine with Dr William Cogswell of Atkinson, New Hampshire. I married Betsey Richards of Atkinson, NH in 1792. At the time of my marriage, I was a doctor in Pittsfield, NH for about 4 years then came to Chichester in 1799 as the first doctor in town. Settling in the north part of town where the area became known as and is still today known as Kelley’s Corner. I practiced here for 40 years.”



Dr. Kelley died April 7, 1847 at the age of 82. He was considered to be a very successful doctor, respected by all.

Kaime Cemetery

Kaime Cemetery is located on Kaime Road off Rte 28 just after the Pittsfield line. This is a family cemetery with 13 burials dating from 1850 to 1908. Burials include mother, father, children, grandchildren, son-in-law, and first wife of B. F. Kaime. The cemetery is enclosed with granite post and pipe. Past records state the date 1856 was in the gates but the gates are now missing.



Here is a picture of the Kaime family home built in the early 1800's which Benjamin Kaime bought from James Brown. Originally called the Brown Farm on Brown's Hill later became known as the Kaime Farm on Kaime Hill. The Kaimes moved away and used it as a summer residence. It burned November 29, 1934.

Foster Cemetery

Foster Cemetery is located on Pleasant Street near the Loudon Town line.

The outside walls are granite with a decorative metal detail on top of the front wall.

The gate is missing but a broken sign dated 1870 was recently found during a major cleanup.



The cemetery is uniquely laid out with granite stones in squares separated by stone walkways.



There is only one monument with a broken top inscribed "John L Foster" and "Georgianna, 7yrs, 1856, daughter of J L & LA Foster". The family moved away and the story is that she was moved but this has not been confirmed.

Perkins-Maxfield



Perkins-Maxfield cemetery is also located on Pleasant Street. For years, previous owners next to this cemetery would not allow anyone to enter to do any cleanup.

When Mr. Fox purchased the property, he sprayed and killed all the vegetation then allowed boy scouts, Peter & Chris Hammen and Danny Randall in to do cleanup.

They found toppled and hidden stones which they erected in place.



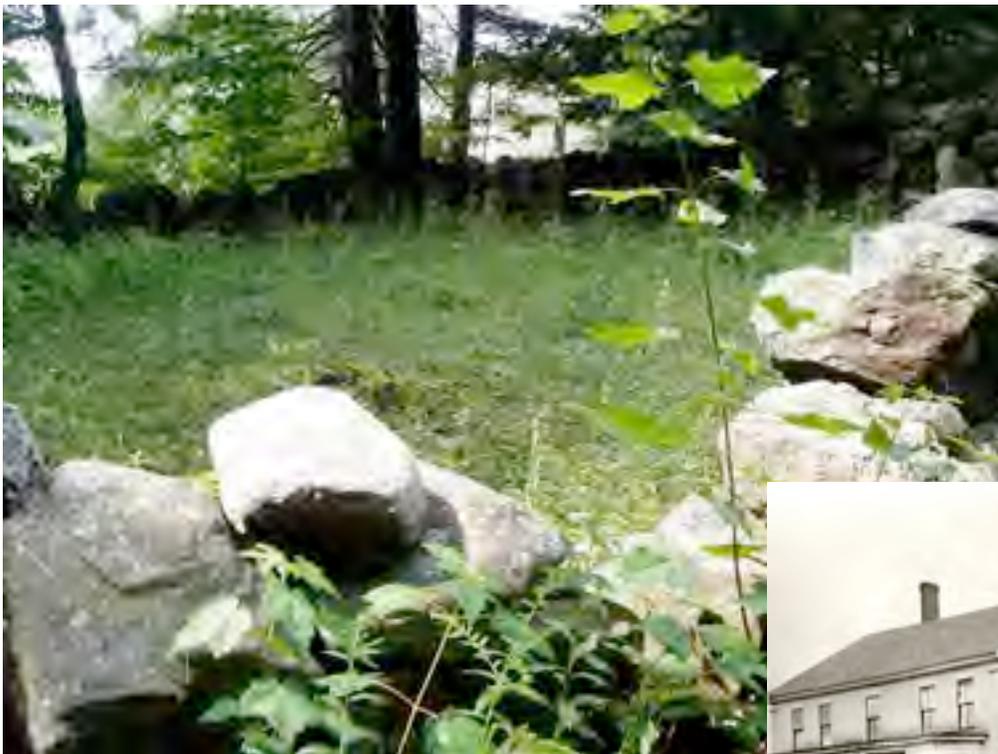
As of last year, it became a town cemetery but Gordon Jones will continue to mow and trim the cemetery.

Fellows-Webster

Fellows-Webster cemetery is located on Swiggey Brook Road and is barely visible from the road even though it abuts. There are only two stones remaining; many were removed by a previous owner. To our knowledge no list of burials exists.



Sanborn-Smith



Sanborn-Smith cemetery is enclosed with stone walls and is located off Swiggey Brook Road on private property. Revolutionary soldier Jeremiah Sanborn and his wife Elizabeth are buried here and lived across the road on property formerly owned by Bessie Baker.

We do not encourage people to go to this cemetery since it is on private property.



Batchelder



Batchelder cemetery is located at the top of Bear Hill Road on the left hand side of the road and is surrounded with granite walls and attractive gate. This cemetery contains 10 marked stones and some unmarked field stones.

The earliest burial is 1859 which was three children in the same family who died within one week of each other – Walter 1 year, Lucy 7 years, John 5 years. We do not know cause of death.



True

True Cemetery is also located on Bear Hill. It has about 50 graves names appear to be from the neighborhood. The oldest stone is of Samuel Towle, 1791 age 1yr. There are also 3 other stones from the 1790's. These are the oldest marked stones that we have found.

Hello. I'm Abraham True and I was born in Deerfield in 1755 and served in the Revolutionary War. After the war I married Anna Batchelder of Deerfield and moved to Chichester in the late 1780's where I built a house that is owned by Joe Brown family. I



was elected the first senior deacon of the Chichester Congregational Church. I built the Bear Hill school in 1790 which is the oldest school still standing in Chichester. I was a selectman and representative for 24 years.

He died in 1828 and is buried in the True Cemetery. The cemetery was excluded from the deed when the homestead was transferred to his son John after his death.



Page Cemetery

This very small cemetery is additionally located on Bear Hill Road. There are three stones here. David Page was born in 1735 inherited land from his grandfather and came to Chichester in 1767. He was one of the earliest settlers on Bare Hill (see 1816 map). Bethian, his wife, died in 1836 at the age of 90. Story has it that this is the final resting place of a soldier and his horse; that being Christopher Page who was born Sep 16, 1768 in No Hampton. His stone is a military stone indicating he fought in the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812. The Trustees appreciate Dave Colbert for mowing this cemetery

Edmunds/Stanyan



This cemetery is located on Main Street (formerly Canterbury Road) which abuts the Burying Yard which we recently separated and renamed. The land for this cemetery was purchased by David Carpenter from Abraham Stanyan. The original owner of the farm next door was Josiah Carpenter who sold the farm to Stanyan. Upon the death of Charles Stanyan the farm went to Emma who married Noah Edmunds hence the name

Edmund/Stanyan. This was a private cemetery until 2014 when the family could not continue to care for it and requested the town take over its care.



Hello, I'm Josiah Carpenter and was born in Stafford Connecticut Oct 6, 1762 at the beginning of the Revolutionary War being 14 years old I served along with 3 of my brothers in the Patriot Army. I graduated from Dartmouth with highest honors in 1787 studying for the ministry. I married Hannah Morrill in Canterbury, NH on April 13, 1790. In November 1791 I was called and ordained in Chichester, NH becoming the first minister of the Congregational Church. (next slide) My salary was 50 pounds for the first year increasing yearly by 5 pounds to 65 pounds plus 25 cords of wood supplied yearly by the town. The town also gave English hay sufficient to keep 1 horse, 2 cows, and 6 sheep. They also pledged the sum of 55 pounds toward building me a house, 15

pounds in lumber, and 40 pounds toward labor. We had 6 children. I held this position for 36 years performing about 540 baptisms, 260 marriages, and over 500 burials.

The Burying Yard



This cemetery is also located on Main Street formerly called Canterbury Road which was the first travel way in town. We feel this was a common burial spot since there are many unmarked field stones here the oldest marked fieldstone is 1803. These are mostly single burials; there are only about 5 family plots. Two of the burials with no last name or parental information – William, 1 month, died 1810 and Elizabeth, no age, died 1816. Another stone marked Drake has no first name. The new gate was made and donated in 2014 by Steve Piaseczny of Barnstead.

Morrill Cemetery

Morrill Cemetery is located on Staniels Road off Horse Corner Road containing descendents of the earliest settler, Paul Morrill, of Chichester.



Hello, my name is Paul Morrill. I was born in 1706 in Salisbury, MA. I was told Indian wars were preventing the settlement of Chichester but in the 1750's I was offered 500 acres of land to come up into the woods and commence a clearing and make a home for myself. The track of land, which I selected was in the southwest corner of the town, and has since become know as Morrill's Grant. I cleared a piece of land and built a home at the horse corner and spent the remainder of my days there. Shortly after settling here, my son, John Morrill, was born and the town gave him 50 acres. I had several sons who settled near me.

Plausawa

This cemetery is located on private property at the top of West Road. It was named for the Indian Plausawa who lived in this area. It was a family cemetery; some may have been moved to the Morrill Cemetery. The recent burials are previous owners of the property. John Morse – 1965, First wife, Marion – 1954, Second wife, Barbara, Morse – 1993, daughters, Christie and Sandra – 2013. The present owners are going to care for this cemetery. Only visit with permission of property owners.

Locke



This cemetery is located just off Route 4 almost across from Chucksters having been moved 2 or 3 times due to road widening. It is surrounded by granite posts containing 1 marked stone – Elijah Locke, Parson's Co, NH Regt Rev War. also containing 4 unmarked field stones. He was baptized Dec 15, 1754. He married Nov 21, 1776 Elizabeth Brown. He came to Chichester in the 1800's. He died Aug 1, 1838 at 85 years. It is noted in the Locke genealogy he fell dead into the fireplace.



Griffin



This cemetery is located on King Road and, although bordering the road, it is difficult to see since it is above the roadway.



This is the Griffin family cemetery containing 8 burials. The oldest stone is 1878 and the newest is 1937. In 2012 the town accepted this cemetery by petition of the family. Ruth Griffin Mobbs who grew up in the house next door will share some thoughts.



Hi I'm Ruth Griffin Mobbs and I thank you for asking me to tell you about my life. I lived in Chichester my whole life. I was born in 1899 and died in 1997. Just think, I was alive for almost the whole twentieth century. Unbelievable what I saw and heard in those 98 years.

I was born to Oliver and Della Griffin. My whole family lived on King Road. My oldest sister Martha, then Lizzie, then Joe, then me, then Della and Olive. Yes, there were 6 of us and we each played an

instrument so we had a lot of fun together.

When I was in my teens I met Lemuel Mobbs who lived with his family on Airport Road in Concord. In 1915 Lem and I married and bought a farm on Horse Corner Road in Chichester. The farm is still there, owned now by Ernie and Bonnie Briggs.

In 1917 James was born, and then I had Oliver, Leona and Richard. Lem and I had a few foster sons while our children were growing up.

Jim went to First grade in the one room school up Horse Corner Road. My great grandson Keith now lives in the old schoolhouse.

I must tell you about the day Lem and I were in the field turning the hay. We heard this loud motor and realized whatever it was was coming right at us. We ran towards the barn as fast as we could. When we saw it Lem said it was just an airplane and I reminded him that he ran as fast as me to the barn.

We slowly built the farm up with cows, chickens and goats. The kids had their chores. The outhouse was out behind the barn – you can image our excitement when we got indoor plumbing.

Jim and Oliver both married and built their homes near the farm. Leona and her husband bought a home on Concord Heights. Lem and Jim worked at the cleaners in Concord and I took care of the farm selling milk and eggs.

WAR – our lives were about to change. Lem and Oliver went into the Army, Richard went into the Navy and Jim became a Seabee. They all were sworn in on the same day. I knew my job was to take care of the farm while they were gone. God blessed our family and brought them all home safe. Richard decided to stay in the Navy – he also had met his future wife.

Now that everyone but Richard was home, the grandchildren started coming: Butch, Sandy, Carolee, Eddie, Ruthy, Karen, Rick, David, Mike, Bobby and Walter. Sure was a lot of extra help during haying season. All I had to do was make them doughnuts and frost them with chocolate. A doughnut and a glass of iced cold milk sure got us some good workers.

Life was good, everyone was healthy and happy. I sewed outfits for my grandchildren. Overalls for Butch and matching jumpers for Carolee and Karen. I raised rabbits and Siamese cats for sale.

In 1972 Lem died and I slowly got rid of the cows and chickens. My children all lived around me and helped me a lot. I lost Richard, Oliver and Leona in the 90s.

When I turned 80, I decided to take painting lessons. I did pretty good. I was still driving so I could visit the old people at Epsom Nursing Home. Karen always laughed at me because I was older than most of them.

Karen and Butch's wife Marion took care of me every day. Carolee helped by paying my bills and doing paper work. How blessed I was.

In 1996 I was the holder of the Boston Cane. Don't know if I like being the oldest person in Chichester but I do know that my life in Chichester was full of love and that love continues to grow through my great great grandchildren here in Chichester and the nearby towns.