

PLYMPTON'S OLD "BURYING PLACE"

from 1706 or earlier

A survey conducted in 1979 and 1980 by the Plympton Historical Society under the leadership of Charles H. Bricknell and with the assistance of Lawrence Shaw, Elaine McKeown, Jane Schulze and others.

Because of the many requests from all over the country for information about where folks' grandfather or other ancestor was buried in the Old Plympton "Burying Place" I undertook to make a map and chart and an accompanying alphabetical list of all the headstones, along with the complete inscriptions on each stone.

The cemetery is 452 feet long, 260 feet wide at the north end and 118 feet wide at the south end. There are 576 headstones still readable. The earliest headstone still decipherable is dated 1706. But there are many missing stones and others that are no longer decipherable. Many of the stones still in place will be undecipherable in a very few years. Hence the importance of getting them charted at this time.

I have laid out the cemetery in 9 Rows, 26 feet wide and the length of the cemetery. Each Row is divided into Plots 26 feet by 36 feet. Each stone in each Plot has been assigned a number. After collecting all that information from all the headstones, it was arranged in alphabetical order by the last names. There are about 60 pages of text, and the map.

To locate a particular stone, use the code number, such as R3-P2-S4. This means that the stone is in Row #3, in Plot #2 of that Row, and is Stone #4 in that Plot. This stone can be located in the cemetery by referring to the map and then measuring it off in the cemetery.

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