

The Cemetery on Sutton Island, Maine

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Path to the cemetery is straight back from the Town Dock,



then up the hill along the wheelbarrow ramp...

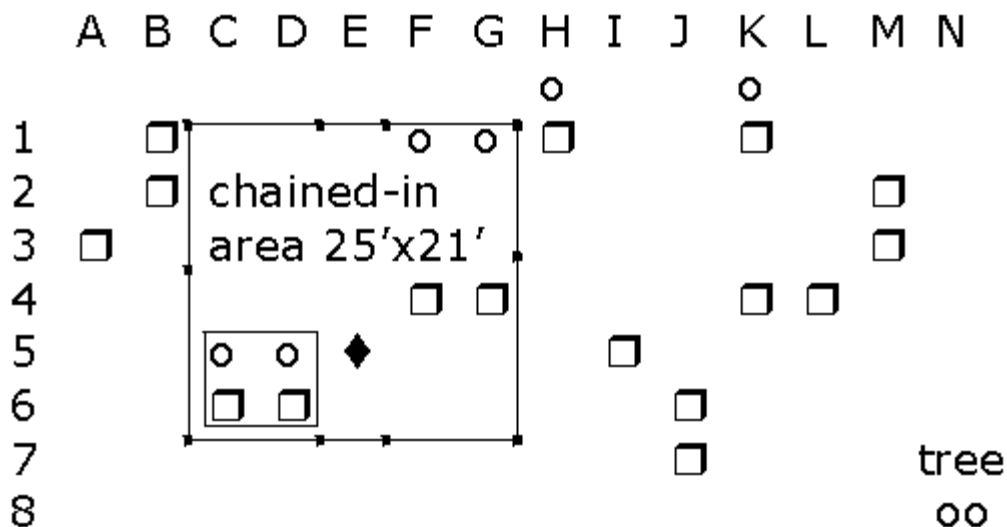


until you glimpse the obelisk off to the left.

The Sutton Island Cemetery is a small plot situated in the middle of the island. When you land at the Town Dock, follow the boardwalk path straight back over the beach stones, through the grass field, up the hill via

the wheelbarrow ramp, past the Town Road, and then another 300 feet or so until you see the cemetery on the left.

Grave Site Layout



□ stone ♦ obelisk ○ foot or minor stone
 ← North

The original cemetery, dominated by the metal Fernald obelisk, is roughly rectangular in shape, about 25 feet north-south and 21 feet east-west. It is surrounded by a heavy chain fence held up by ten stone posts as shown in the grave site layout above. Within the chained-in area there is a smaller, slightly-raised area 8.5' north-south by 10' east-west which is formed by a stone border filled with earth. There are two stones and two footstones in this raised area. Other than those, there are two stones, two footstones, and one obelisk in the chained-in area.

The cemetery has been expanded by later burials outside the chained-in area. There are nine stones, two footstones, and two minor stones to the south of the chained-in area, and three stones to the north of it.

Inscriptions

The following list gives our best rendering of all the inscriptions. All stones are in good condition; the inscriptions are still easily readable without resorting to rubbings.

All stone inscriptions face west.

A3
 ANDREW CLARKE
 CHAPIN
 DECEMBER 20, 1973 - MAY 8, 1997

[flat stone]



B1

HOYT
CLARKE
HOTTEL JR
1936 - 1999

[painted, not chiseled, on stone]



B2

HOTTEL
NELLIE RICH HOYT CLARKE
1905-1994 1903-1998

[flat stone]



C6

CAPT. WILLIAM MOORE
DIED
Dec. 12, 1874
AE 73 yrs. 5 mos.
& 7 days.

*When we cross the cold dark river
When we reach the golden shore
May thy face be there to greet us
Then we'll meet to part no more.*

[Bottom part of the second "I" in "WILLIAM" is broken off.]



D6

MRS. ELIZA,
wife of Capt.
William Moore
DIED
June 1, 1870
AE 62 y's. 1 mo.
& 3 d'ys.

*When lingering pains her bosom tore
Resigned she kissed the chastening rod
Each mortal pang with meekness bore,
And smiled in death to meet her God.*



E5

The Fernald Obelisk

Inscription [on shield]
MRS. ELIZA,
WIFE OF
CAPT. WM. MOORE
DIED JUNE 1, 1870
AGED
62 Y'RS 1 MO. 3 D'YS
CAPT. WILLIAM
MOORE,
DIED DEC. 12, 1874,
AGED
73 Y'RS 5 MO'S 7 D'YS

Base MOORE



South-facing side

Device sheaf of wheat
Inscription -none-
Base FERNALD



East-facing side

Device flying bird
Inscription [below device]
EMORY GILLMAN
DIED MAR. 13, 1864,

AGED 1YR. 3MO'S, 10 DYS.
ORA ELBERT,
DIED DEC.18, 1867,
AGED 2 MO'S 25 D'YS
SONS OF A.C. & N.L. FERNALD

[shield blank]

Base FERNALD

[Emory Gillman is referred to as "Amory Gilman" on stone F4]



West-facing side closeup

Device masonic

Inscription -none-

Base FERNALD



F4

<flower bud>

AMORY GILMAN

Son of

A.C. & N.L. Fernald

died Mar. 13, 1864
AE. 1 yr. 3ms. 10 ds.

*Farewell Amory Gilman,
Thou art gone to rest.
God called thee home,
When he thought best.*

[referred to as "Emory Gillman" on the Fernald obelisk]



G4

ORA ELBERT
son of
A.C. & N.L.
Fernald,
DIED
Dec. 18, 1867
AE. 2 mos. 25 ds.



H1

FATHER.
Capt.
WM. M. RICHARDSON
DIED
July 4, 1864,

AE 41 ys. 7 ms. 18 ds.



J5

WYNCIE KING
1884 - 1961
HORTENSE FLEXNER
KING
1885 - 1973



J6

	PAINÉ	
GEORGE LYMAN 1874-1967		CLARA MAY 1872-1948
ALFRED WHITE 1903-1944	G. LYMAN JR. 1901-1978	
CAROLA WORMSER 1908-1988	FRANCES D. FREDDY 1912-1999	

["FREDDY" is written at a slight angle after "FRANCES D."; probably a nickname.]



J7

James Boggs
1919 - 1993

[painted, not chiseled, on natural shape flat stone]



K1

ISAAC RICHARDSON
Died Mar. 7, 1874.
AE. 82 yrs. 9 mos. & 26 d'ys.

JOSEPH M.
AE. 4 mos. & 23 d'ys.
Died Mar. 31, 1822

SOPHIA E.
AE. 1 year 2 mos. 15 d'ys.
Died Sept. 11, 1825

Children of Isaac & Nancy Richardson



K4
RUTH RODNEY KING
NORRIS MANLEY
1906 - 1973

[flat stone]



L4
KIRTLAND MANLEY
1909 - 1975

[flat stone]



M2
HELEN KING HOWE
1903 - 1992
FREDERICK GILMAN HOWE
1907 - 1994

[flat stone]



M3

LINWOOD A McDONALD
US AIR FORCE
APR 12 1933 JAN 28 1996

[flat stone]



N8

[apparently a pet]
<homemade wooden cross>

Forever Be in my
R.I.P. heart
 ALWAYS

[painted, not chiseled, on natural shape flat stones; stone on right has a heart painted around inscription]



+ end of inscriptions +

Table of Names in Alphabetical Order

This table duplicates all the names mentioned in the Sutton Island Cemetery inscriptions, but here they're in alphabetical order by family name, so you can find a particular name easily by eye.

Please be aware that a person may be mentioned on more than one inscription. They may have their own stone, as well as being mentioned on another stone as "son of ..." or "father of ..." for example. However, the table has only one link to an inscription. **It may not be the only reference.** So study the inscriptions carefully for multiple references.

Stones with "dau. of ..." are especially useful as they reveal a woman's maiden name. Where possible, I've listed women under both their maiden and married names.

Family members were often buried close to each other.

CEM_LOC	GIVEN	FAMILY	BORN	DIED	AGE	NOTES
		*	0	0	-1	Sutton Island Cemetery database last updated 25 Jan 2001
Sutton J7	James	Boggs	1919	1993	74	
Sutton A3	Andrew Clarke	Chapin	12-20-1973	5-8-1997	23	
Sutton F4	Amory (or Emory) Gilman	Fernald	1862	3-13-1864	1y3m10d	son of A.C. & N.L. Fernald
Sutton G4	Ora Elbert	Fernald	1867	12-18-1867	2m25d	son of A.C. & N.L. Fernald
Sutton B2	Hoyt Clarke	Hottel	1903	1998	95	husb. of Nellie R.
Sutton B1	Hoyt Clarke, Jr.	Hottel	1936	1999	63	son of Hoyt C. & Nellie R.
Sutton B2	Nellie Rich	Hottel	1905	1994	89	wife of Hoyt C. Sr.
Sutton M2	Frederick Gilman	Howe	1907	1994	87	husb. of Helen K.
Sutton M2	Helen King	Howe	1903	1992	89	wife of Frederick G.
Sutton I5	Hortense Flexner	King	1885	1973	88	
Sutton K4	Ruth Rodney	King	1906?	1973?	67?	
Sutton I5	Wyncie	King	1884	1961	77	
Sutton L4	Kirtland	Manly	1909	1975	66	
Sutton K4	Norris	Manly	1906?	1973?	67?	
Sutton M3	Linwood A.	McDonald	4-12-1933	1-28-1996	62	
Sutton C6	Capt. William	Moore	1801	12-12-1874	73y5m7d	husb. of Eliza
Sutton D6	Eliza	Moore	1808	6-1-1870	62y1m3d	wife of Capt. William
Sutton J6	Alfred White	Paine	1903	1944	41	
Sutton J6	Carola Wormser	Paine	1908	1988	80	
Sutton J6	Clara May	Paine	1872	1948	76	
Sutton J6	Frances D. "Freddy"	Paine	1912	1999	87	

Sutton J6	G. Lyman, Jr.	Paine	1901	1978	77	
Sutton J6	George Lyman	Paine	1874	1967	93	
Sutton H1	Capt. William M.	Richardson	1822	7-4-1864	41y7m18d	father