

The Harding Point Cemetery Great Cranberry Island, Maine



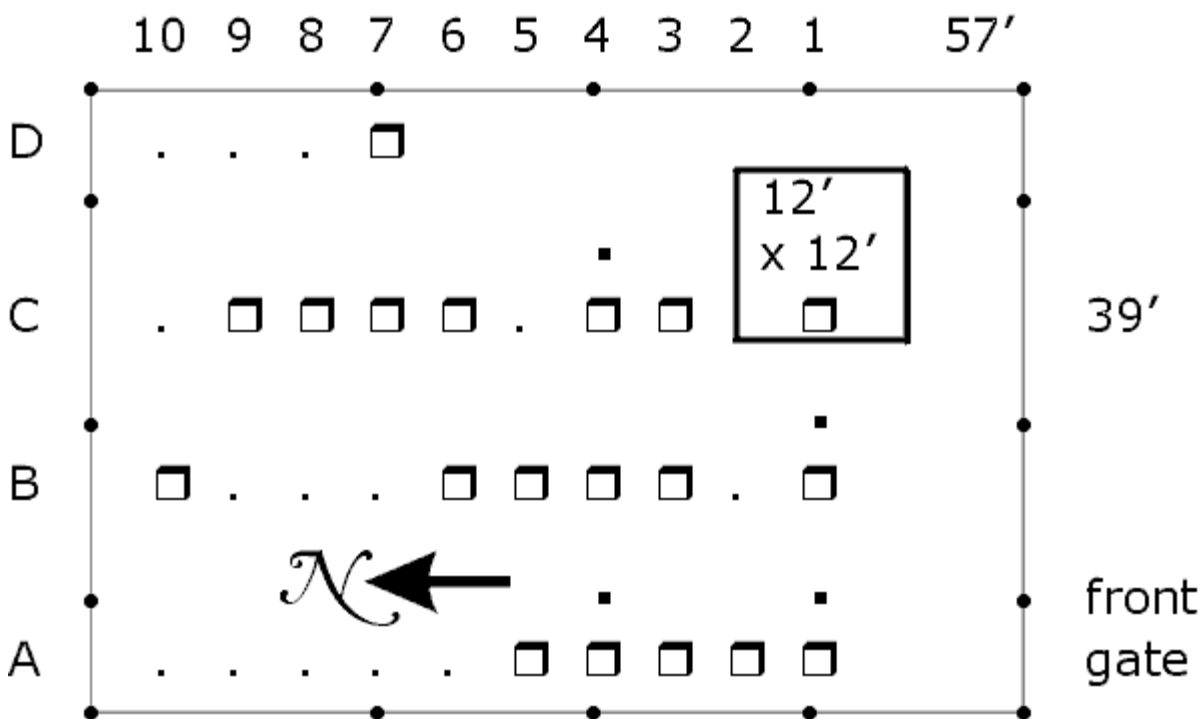
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The Harding Point Cemetery is situated in a quiet secluded spot, close to the shore on Harding Point, the northeastern corner of the island. Starting from the Town Dock, go about 0.25 miles down the main road to the first paved road on the left, just past the tennis court, which is Harding Point Road -- although there's no sign to indicate it. Then go about 0.3 miles down that winding road until you come to telephone pole #22, just before the end of the asphalt paving. There you will see a dirt road that bears off to the right. Go down that road until you come to the second dirt driveway leading off to the left, which is just by telephone pole #2 1/2. Enter the driveway, and the cemetery is about 100 yards in, on the left

-- before you come to the associated house.

Grave Site Layout



LEGEND:

- = wooden post marking boundary of cemetery
- = stone with name(s) and dates
- = minor stone or footstone – all lie to the east of corresponding □

The Harding Point Cemetery is rectangular in shape, 57 feet long and 39 feet wide. It is not surrounded by a fence. Instead, there are turned wooden posts, painted white, at each corner, with three additional similar posts along each side (16 posts in all) to give a sense of enclosure.

Within the cemetery, one memorial stone is mounted on a unique raised plot, consisting of a 12-foot square fieldstone walled enclosure about 1.5 feet high, filled with earth.

Inscriptions

The following list gives our best rendering of all the inscriptions. Most all stones are in fairly good condition (although a few have toppled over) and the inscriptions are still easily readable without resorting to rubbings.

All stones face west.

A
A-1
LYLE

Son of
Mr. & Mrs. Frank L.
Stanley
1902 - 1911

LS [footstone]



A-2
LESTER [top]
Son of
Mr. & Mrs. Frank L.
Stanley
June 1 - Sept. 13
1911



A-3
<F-L-T in three chain links>
IN MEMORY
OF
GILBERT MOORE STANLEY
1868 - 1933

I am the resurrection and the life.



A-4
BERTHA E.
Wife of
Gilbert M. Stanley
Died
June 2, 1899

AE. 20 yrs. 7mos.

[on base]

*One precious to our hearts has gone
The voice we loved is stilled
The place made vacant in our home
Shall never more be filled.*

BES [footstone]



A-5

[American Legion medal and 2 flags]

BERTIE MOORE STANLEY

May 23, 1899

Dec. 18, 1918

He gave his life for his country.



B

B-1

CAPT.

THOS. MANCHESTER

DIED

Jan 26, 1861

AE. 92 yrs. 3 mos.

HANNAH

His Wife

DIED
Nov. 13, 1861
AE. 87 yrs. 5 mos.

TM & HM [footstone]



Apparently Capt. Manchester's stone (above) is a replacement to the original stone, which broke. The original broken stone was found while the Wadsworths were building their nearby house, and was built flat to the ground into the the path leading to the house. It carries the same information as the duplicate stone, but also has an inscription, as follows:

*The day is past and gone,
The evening shades appear,
Oh may we all remember well,
The night of death draws near.*



B-3

GILMAN J.
Son of Jonathan R. &
Irene Stanley,
Drowned in the
Straits of Belleisle,
June 18, 1861
AE. 16 yrs. 8 mos. 28 d's

*Break not the turf for me, dear friend,
Nor part the dewy sod.
My body rests beneath the surf,
My spirit with its God.*



B-4

<flower>

MARGARET S.

WIFE

OF

Saml. S. Fernald

DIED

Aug. 30, 1867

AE. 27 ys. 2 m. 22 d.

*One we loved has left our number
For the dark and silent tomb.
Closed her eyes in deathless slumber
Faded in her early bloom.*



B-5

HILDA A. SPURLING [flat stone]
1902 - 1987



B-6
Infant Son of
E.A. & H.A.
Spurling
DIED
Jan. 3, 1925



B-10
<2 horizontal ferns>
FRANK L.
1865 - 1945
HIS WIFE
MAGGIE M.
1871 - 1954
STANLEY



C
C-1
[The Harding stone is mounted on top of the perimeter of a 12-foot by 12-foot stone enclosure, similar to a small fence, 1.5 feet tall. The enclosure is filled with earth. There is a flag poked into the earth behind the stone.]



<F-L-T in three chain links>

RICHARD J. HARDING

Born March 22, 1851.

Died Feb. 21, 1910.

DELLIE A. HIS WIFE

Born June 1, 1852.

Died Dec. 9, 1941.

HARDING [on base]



C-3

IRENE

wife of

JNO. R. STANLEY

DIED

Aug. 12, 1889

AE. 82 ys, 5 ms

GONE HOME



C-4

FATHER [top]

Capt. [fallen over]

JNO. R. STANLEY

DIED

Apr. 27, 1895

AE. 91 yrs. 6 mos.

At rest.

JRS [footstone]



C-6

<F-L-T in three chain links> [fallen over]

WILFRED S.

1869 - 1911

SADIE A. HIS WIFE

1879 -

TRUSSELL [on base]



C-7

OSCAR S. BULGER

OCT. 28, 1872

JUNE 20, 1943





C-8

PAUL A. PHIPPEN [flat stone, 2 flags]
1926 - 1985



C-9

LESLIE R. PHIPPEN [flat stone, 2 flags]
1899 - 1986



D

D-7

MOTHER
MILLIE A.
BULGER
1882 - 1976



+ end of inscriptions +

NOTES:

On the east side of the cemetery, loosely scattered on the ground, are the following items:

- footstone "E. M. S." very clearly carved.
But no headstone bears a name matching these initials; this is a mystery.
- footstone "S. S. F." apparently of Samuel S. Fernald.
Although there is apparently no stone for him, he is mentioned on [B-4](#), the stone of his wife, Margaret S. Fernald. He probably died after his wife and was buried near or next to her without his own stone.
- footstone "G. J. S." apparently of Gilman J. Stanley, [B-3](#).
The middle initial is not very clear, it just looks like a straight vertical line; the hook of the "J" is not too pronounced, but it is probably a "J".



Table of Names in Alphabetical Order

This table duplicates all the names mentioned in the 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 | Harding Point Cemetery database last updated 15 July 1999 |
| Harding D-7 | Millie A. | Bulger | 1882 | 1976 | 94 | wife of Oscar S. Bulger, mother of Margery Phippen |
| Harding C-7 | Oscar S. | Bulger | 10-28-1872 | 6-20-1943 | 70 | husb. of Millie A. Bulger, father of Margery Phippen |
| Harding B-4 | Margaret S. | Fernald | 1840 | 8-30-1867 | 27y 2m 22d | wife of Saml. S. Fernald |
| Harding B-4 | Samuel S. | Fernald | | | | cited as husb. of Margaret S. Fernald |
| Harding C-1 | Dellie A. | Harding | 6-1-1852 | 12-9-1941 | 89 | wife of Richard J. Harding |
| Harding C-1 | Richard J. | Harding | 3-22-1851 | 2-21-1910 | 58 | husb. of Dellie A. Harding |
| Harding B-1 | Capt. Thomas | Manchester | 1768 | 1-26-1861 | 92y 3m | husb. of Hannah Manchester |
| Harding B-1 | Hannah | Manchester | 1774 | 1861 | 87y 5m | wife of Capt. Thos. Manchester |
| Harding C-9 | Leslie R. | Phippen | 1899 | 1986 | 87 | |
| Harding C-8 | Paul A. | Phippen | 1926 | 1985 | 59 | |
| Harding B-5 | Hilda A. | Spurling | 1902 | 1987 | 85 | |
| Harding B-6 | infant | Spurling | | 1-3-1925 | 0 | son of E.A. & H.A. Spurling |
| Harding A-4 | Bertha E. | Stanley | 1878 | 6-2-1899 | 20y 7m | wife of Gilbert Moore Stanley |
| Harding A-5 | Bertie Moore | Stanley | 5-23-1899 | 12-18-1918 | 19 | veteran; prob. son of Gilbert M. & Bertha E. Stanley |
| | Capt. | | | | | |

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|------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|-----------|------------------|--|
| Harding C-4 | Jonathan R. | Stanley | 1803 | 4-27-1895 | 91y 6m | husb. of Irene Stanley |
| Harding B-10 | Frank L. | Stanley | 1865 | 1945 | 80 | husb. of Maggie M. Stanley |
| Harding A-3 | Gilbert Moore | Stanley | 1868 | 1933 | 65 | husb. of Bertha E. Stanley |
| Harding B-3 | Gilman J. | Stanley | 1844 | 6-18-1861 | 16y 8m 28d | son of Jonathan R. & Irene Stanley |
| Harding C-3 | Irene | Stanley | 1807 | 8-12-1889 | 82y 5m | wife of Capt. Jonathan R. Stanley |
| Harding A-2 | Lester | Stanley | 6-1-1911 | 9-13-1911 | 0 | infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Stanley |
| Harding A-1 | Lyle | Stanley | 1902 | 1911 | 9 | son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Stanley |
| Harding B-10 | Maggie M. | Stanley | 1871 | 1954 | 83 | wife of Frank L. Stanley |
| Harding C-6 | Sadie A. | Trussell | 1879 | | | wife of Wilfred S. Trussell; probably died after 1911 |
| Harding C-6 | Wilfred S. | Trussell | 1869 | 1911 | 42 | husb. of Sadie A. Trussell |