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Collection of Gravestone Rubbings
MS. 140

Extent: Filed alphabetically & numerically in map file case.

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of a collection of gravestone rubbings of stones in Barnstable Village, Centerville, Marstons Mills, Osterville, West Barnstable, Yarmouth Port, Orleans, Brewster, Plymouth, and other towns. Most of the rubbings were done by Rose F. Wasserstrom in 1968. Some were done by Kathy Harris Wolfe, whose family lived in the vicinity of what is now Harris Meadow Road, across the street from the Lothrop Hill Cemetery in Barnstable Village on Route 6A. The rubbings are of stones dates from the late 1600s through the early 1800s, with the majority dating from the 1700s.

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Related collections: See also the Bessie Bliven collection, MS. 11.

Processed by: Recataloged by Lucy Loomis, December 2016. Additional rubbings added 2025.

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All rubbings are by Rose Wasserstrom unless otherwise indicated

DRAWER 1

1. Three rubbings of decorative elements on unknown stones
2. Allen, Marsten, died Aug 20, 1757 age 9 months, Barnstable
3. Allen, Nymphas, died September 25, 1766, age 2, Marstons Mills
4. Allyn, Elizabeth, died December 23, 1698, Age 17, Barnstable
5. Bartlett, Polly, wife of David, died July 22, 1803, also David Bartlett, son of David and Polly, died December 30,1803, age 1 year, 2 months, 14 days Plymouth
6. Bodfish, Prince, son of John and Mary, died October 14, 1793, Barnstable
7. Bourn, Capt. Silvanus, died May 22, 1761, Barnstable
8. Chipman sons

    A. In memory, son of Mr. Chipman and Mrs. Olive Hinckley, died June 28, 1805, 7 days, Marstons Mills

   B. In memory, son of Mr. Chipman and Mrs. Olive Hinekley [sic], died July 25, 1811, 2 days, Marstons Mills

9. Chipman, Barnabus, died January(?) 29, 1794, Marstons Mills
10. Chipman, Walter, son of Joseph and Temperance, died November 7, 1792, Marstons Mills
11. Cobb, Sarah, partial rubbing, no dates, town unknown (rubbing creator unknown)
12. Cobb, Thomas, died October 1, 1742, town unknown
13. Covell, Ephriam, died August 23, 1748, town unknown
14. Crocker, the Reverend Mr. Joseph, died March 2, 1772, Orleans
15. Crosby, Nancy, daughter of Nathan and Pasha, died November 20, 1810, Osterville
16. Davis, Hannah, died May 3, 1739, Barnstable
17. Doane, Mercy, partial stone, no dates, town unknown (rubbing creator unknown)
18. Gorham, Silvanus, died May 29, 1805, Cobb's Hill (Millway), Barnstable
19. Hall, Mehitable, widow of Daniel Hall, died September 22, 1784, Barnstable
20. Hallet, Rebeckah, wife of Ebenezer Hallet, died March 23, 1725, South Yarmouth
21. Hallett. Two children of Jonathan and Desire Hallett, stillborn, November 7, 1720, Yarmouth Port
22. Hinckley, Ebenezer, died June 12, 1780, Barnstable
23. Hinckley, Isaac, died December 2, 1802, and Hannah his wife (no date), Barnstable
24. Hodges. Sons of Isaac ad Lydia Hodges. Double stone, Osterville.
    - Joseph, died January 20, 1807, age 6 days
    - Benjamin, died February 27, 1807, age 6 weeks
25. Holmes, Mary Brewster, daughter of Elnathan and Deborah, died September 21, 1794, age 2 months, also thare [sic] son, died September 17, 1795, age 4 hours, Plymouth
26. Jones, Francis, son of Francis and Sally, died October 1, 1811, town unknown
27. Jones, Silvanus, died March 28, 1806, West Barnstable
28. Kingman, Freeman, son of Simeon and Rebecca, drowned January 14, 1793 in his 12th year, and in memory of their infant daughter, died October 13, 1791, Orleans
29. Lewes, Sarah (wife to James), died March 17, 1698, Barnstable

DRAWER 2

30. Lewes, Thomas, died February 9, 1753, Centerville
31. Lothrop, Joseph, died February ?, 1747, Lothrop Hill, Barnstable (rubbing created by Kathy Harris Wolfe)
32. Lovell, William, April, 21, 1753, Osterville

33. Marson, Samuel, died August 28, 1769, Plymouth (spelling of last name correct)
34. Mayo, Hannah, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Mayo, died June 19, 1805, age 7 months, 20 days, also in memory of Nabby, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Mayo, died August 13, 1794, age 2 months, Brewster
35. Otis, Rebecca, wife of Joseph, died April 7, 1766, town unknown
36. Parker, Elisha, died October 27, 1731, town unknown
37. Rawson, Dorothy, died December 28 1683, age 2 years & 4 months, Barnstable
38. Russell, Mehetabel, consort of Doctor John Russel [sic] of Barnstable, died March 17, 1746, Barnstable
39. Russell, Anna, age 23 and her baby son Leonard who died the same day, 17 days old, February 5, 1729, Lothrop Hill, Barnstable (rubbing created by Kathy Harris Wolfe)
40. Russell, Lothrop, died July 16, 1745, Barnstable
41. Selew, Philip of Harwich, died May 13, 1773, (does not indicate if stone is in Harwich)
42. Shaw, Sarah, died July 16, 1792, Lothrop Hill, Barnstable (*There is a second rubbing of this stone created by Kathy Harris Wolfe on black paper)*
43. Smith, Captain David, died August 27, 1838, Lothrop Hill, Barnstable*(There is a second partial rubbing of this stone on blue paper in this collection created by Kathy Harris Wolfe. There is also a third rubbing of the ship image on this stone, as well as a plaster cast of the image on display in the Kittredge Room.)*
44. Smith, Elijah, died Oct. 21, 1802, Lothrop Hill, Barnstable
45. Stimson, Nabby, relict to Capt. Jeremiah Stimson, daughter of Ebenezer Hinckley, obit May 24, 1800, Barnstable
46. Sturgis, Thomas, died December 18, 1763, Barnstable, *signed by noted stonecarver Henry Emmes, Newport* (3 rubbings [one in gold on black paper, matted, created by Kathy Harris Wolfe])
47. Thacher, Desire, partial rubbing, no dates, town unknown (rubbing creator unknown)
48. Wigglesworth, Sibyll, last wife of the Reverend Michael Wigglesworth, died August 6, 1708, town unknown

ADDITIONAL RUBBINGS ADDED 2025

A. Allyn, Marston, son of Mr. James and Mrs. Lydia Allyn, died July 22nd, 1766. Lothrop Hill, Barnstable Village
B. Crocker, Hannah, daughter of Mr. Zenas and Mrs. Hannah Crocker, died November 15th, 1801. Marstons Mills Cemetery
C. Gorham, James, died November 18th, 1707. Lothrop Hill, Barnstable Village
D. Hallett, Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Timothy and Mrs. Elizabeth Hallett, died December 20th, 1735. Yarmouth Port Cemetery
E. Jones, Isaac, died 1809. Marstons Mills Cemetery

F. Jones, Silvanus, died 1806. West Barnstable Cemetery

G. Smith, Julia, daughter of Mr. Reuben & Mrs. Mary Smith, died April 18th, 1809. Lothrop Hill, Barnstable Village