

## BETHLEHEM CEMETERY

This map was traced in January 2014 from the October 24, 1892 map of the cemetery. It includes names of lot owners of record in 1892, updated with names from later Bethlehem Association records and subsequent lot sales. Ranges B, C, 100 and 200 were added, as well as Lots 8-1, 8-2 and 8-3 in each of Ranges 1 and 2, 4 through 9, and A through C, reflecting current lot layouts in 2014. Range 3, Lot 8 has been divided into Lots 8-1 and 8-2; the configuration of the stone wall prevents division into a third lot.

To facilitate access, Lot 8-3 in any Range, Lots 119-1, 119-2, 120-1, 120-2, 219-1, 219-2, 220-1, and 220-2 will not be sold, per recommendation of the Committee of February 2014. Any portion of Lot 8 in Ranges 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 is for cremation burials or memorial markers only, due to the rocky nature of the subsurface soil in that area. Full burials will not be permitted in these lots.

In Ranges 1-9 and A-C, lot sizes are as follows:

Lot No. 1 – 23 ft. x 9 ft.

Lot No. 2 – 21 ft. x 9 ft.

Lot No. 3 – 21 ft. 3 in. x 9 ft.

Lot No. 4 – 24 ft. x 9 ft.

Lot No. 5 – 19 ft. 6 in. x 9 ft.

Lot No. 6 – 17 ft. x 9 ft.

Lot No. 7 – 18 ft. x 9 ft.

The original Lot No. 8 size was 17 ft. x 9 ft. As none of those lots had been sold, the boundaries were adjusted to 2013 standards and subdivided to produce three 4 ft. x 10 ft. lots within each space that was originally designated as Lot No. 8 (except Range 3, with only two 4 ft. x 10 ft. lots).

The 1892 walkways, both north-south and east-west, were all 3 feet wide, with the exception of the areas along the north fence and the east stone wall, which were each 4 feet wide.

The space between Ranges 4 and 5 was originally a roadway to accommodate horse-drawn carriages, as was the space along the west fence and the area that would have been Lot 8 in Ranges 1 through 4 and A through C. Those roadways were converted to lots because motorized coaches are too wide to access the grounds between the granite posts.

In Range 100, Lots 101 through 115 are each double-casket lots of 8 ft. x 10 ft. Beginning with Lot 116, single-casket lots were sold, each being 4 ft. x 10 ft. For consistency of numbering, the remaining lots in the row are drawn with dotted lines dividing each 8'x10' space into two 4'x10' spaces, and the designation of "-1" or "-2" is added after the basic lot number; e.g., 116-1 and 116-2.

In Range 200, Lots 201 through 207, and 210 through 213, are each double-casket lots of 8 ft. x 10 ft. Beginning with Lot 214, single-casket lots were sold, each being 4 ft. x 10 ft. For consistency of numbering, the remaining lots in the row are drawn with dotted lines dividing each 8'x10' space into two 4'x10' spaces, and the designation of "-1" or "-2" is added after the basic lot number; e.g., 214-1 and 214-2. This dividing method was also applied to Lots 208 and 209 after correcting errors discovered in the initial numbering sequence. Lot 210 was sold as an 8 ft. x 10 ft. space in 2014.

Adjacent lots owned by the same person(s) are joined with a  $\lessgtr$  symbol.

For lots whose owners on the 1892 map are different from those named in the Association records, and where no transfer or resale documents have been located, all names are listed on the 2013 map, with notations as applicable. Where the 1892 ownership was for a full lot and subsequent ownership was for a half-lot, the division is shown by a dotted line.

An apparent error in the Association records for Range 8, Lots 3, 4 and 5, was corrected to coincide with burials in place. The "unknown" burial mentioned in the Association records for Range 8 Lot 4 corresponds to a fieldstone marker in the southerly half of Range 8 Lot 3.

Note that the May 2013 survey of the back section yielded different dimensions and locations for various boundaries than those shown on the 1892 map. The two drawings have been coalesced to the extent practicable.

Dots on some Lot 8 corners indicate surveyor's rebar placed May 2013.

The scale of the map is 1/8" = 1 foot.

The 1892 map has the following explanatory text at the lines indicated:

- † Plan of the Bethlehem Society's Burying Ground in School Dist. No. 2, of the town of Damariscotta, commonly known as the Stetsons' Burying Ground, drawn by J. H. Hiscock, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, A.D. 1892, from old plan and from Deeds recorded in Register's office at Wiscasset. – Scale 1/8 to foot.
- This line represents the southerly line of the Highway leading to Back Meadow neighborhood. The Burying Ground is 8 Rods on this line.
- This line represents the front Fence 2 ft. outside of the line of the highway.
- ▣ Entrance to Ground.
- This line represents the center of the wall on the west side of the yard. 11 Rods and 6 ft. from intersection with line of highway to South Eastern corner of Ground.
- This line is 2 ft. inside of the center line of the wall.
- ⊙ Southern boundary line as per Deeds. 8 Rods on this line from south east to south west corner of Ground.
- ⊗ This line represents the line of the fence as it now stands. To enclose the land called for by deeds, should be moved to the westward 6 ft.
- This line represents the western boundary of the burying ground as per Deeds from Abner Stetson and from Chas. W. Stetson.
- ▷ Old burying ground 7 Rods on this line – the addition bought by C. W. Stetson is 4 Rods and 6 ft making a total on this line of 11 Rods and 6 ft.
- ◆ Since this plan was drawn, land has been purchased of Frank S. Hastings, comprising part of lots included in Range A and the Present Driveway. The fence has been moved westerly on to the new line as per deed Recorded in Wiscasset, office of Register of Deeds, and the lot lines adjusted so as to give 7 new lots, as laid out in Range A, which see. J. H. Hiscock, Damariscotta, Aug. 10, 1893.
- ◈ This line represents the west line of the burying Ground as per Deed of new piece of land bought of Frank S. Hastings in the month of Jan. 1893 Recorded at Wiscasset, in office of Register of Deeds.