

HEAVNER-DAY CEMETERY GR3

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ADDITIONAL DEED RESEARCH PENDING

Very little documentation exists for this cemetery. Its existence is called out on various surveys and deeds, without reference to ownership.

No documentation has been found that shows the original layout of the cemetery or burials.

No documentation has been found indicating ownership of specific lots within the cemetery, or sales of lots. One area is bounded by 4 stone corner markers, apparently indicating Day family ownership of the area within those bounds. The initials "JHD" are carved on one of the corner markers. An "H" alone is visible on another.

A survey dated August 3, 1987, prepared by Bills & Fergusson, R.L.S., of N. Whitefield, identifies the bounds of the cemetery. It was recorded at Lincoln County Registry of Deeds on August 7, 1987, in Book 40, Page 1. The same is true for a survey prepared by Robert J. Bills Associates of Coopers Mills on 9/5/1989, and recorded on 10/16/1991 in Book 49, Page 25.

A chain of deeds and plans for the surrounding land was traced back as follows, without finding any reference to cemetery ownership:

From	To	Date	Book	Page	Note
PLAN	Head Gate – Biscay Rd.	8/7/1987	40	1	cemetery shown
PLAN	Head Gate	10/16/1991	49	25	cemetery shown
Johnson, Lucille H.	Fallos, Harold J. & Janet L.	5/16/1994	2033	120	"excepting the cemetery"
Neal Ward Realty	Johnson, Lucille H.	11/24/1993	1933	088	"excepting the cemetery"
Kiley & Ward (portion)	Neal Word Realty	5/26/1987	1394	137	no mention of cem.
Weeks & Waltz	Kiley, Robert & Patricia	12/30/1986	1362	297	cem. st. wall=boundary
Havener, Wm. A. Est. Havener, Eugene Adm.	Weeks & Waltz	11/15/1939	434	181	
Probate Court Docket	Harriet Waltz, widow of Clifford; devisee	80-1978			"excepting the cemetery"
Probate Court Docket	Vivian Weeks, widow of Walstein; devisee	161-1960			
PLAN	"Peter Rosa & Weeks-Waltz Property"	11/10/1986	n/a	n/a	"to be recorded"
Inhabitants of Damariscotta	W.K. Weeks & C. C. Waltz	11/15/1939	433	79	"excepting the cemetery"
Havener, Alpheus B.	Havener, Wm. A.	5/28/1908	319	397	

Three stone walls and a paved road (Pinkham Road) identify the boundaries of the cemetery.

A number of plots are elevated above the surrounding grade. The purpose is unknown, although one possibility is that subsurface ledge prevented full-depth excavation, and the solution was to add soil above grade. That possibility is further strengthened by the discovery of a stone-and-concrete grave cover in Row 4, Lots 11 & 12.

Several marble stones for the Day family have deteriorated so badly that only a pile of “sugar” is left. Based on intact footstones, two of the deteriorated headstones may have been for Eudora E. Day (d. 12/16/1864) and Ulrick M. Day (d. 1/6/1861). The identity of the person corresponding to the third “sugar” pile is unknown. The headstone for Nancy Day (d. 3/18/1841) was discovered lying underground in such fragile condition that it could not be lifted without additional breakage.

As the Damariscotta-Newcastle Lions Club has cleaned the site increasingly thoroughly over the past 6 years, fallen and sunken stones have been located and reset.

Two stones were found propped in the NW corner of the stone wall. For their safety, they were set in the cemetery. One is engraved only with “Mary”; it was placed in Row 6, Lot 6, at the end of the Day family lot, since its appearance was most similar to others of that family. Whether it belongs to a member of the Day family is unknown, as is the location of Mary’s grave. The other stone found against the rock wall was engraved only with “S.K. / 1824” and is obviously a footstone. Finding no headstone on site for anyone with those initials, it was decided to set it next to Eliphalet Reed’s stone, as it has a shape most closely resembling those of his immediate family. As with Mary, the burial location of “S. K.” is unknown.

There are depressions throughout the site that are likely to indicate burials for which no marker is evident. These occur in Row 1, Lots 1 & 4; Row 3, Lot 4; Row 5, Lot 4; Row 5, Lot 10; Row 6, Lots 2 & 3. There are depressions marked with headstones for Jane Day (Row 6, Lot 8) and Emily Day (Row 6, Lot 9.)

This map is an approximation, created in October-November 2016 as follows:

1. A team of four unskilled volunteers using tape measures laid out a grid of squares on the ground, each 10’x10’, working parallel with the stone wall that serves as the west boundary of the cemetery.
2. Each corner was marked with a numbered surveyor’s flag as a reference point for measuring distances to headstones, footstones, fieldstones, obvious burial depressions, and natural rock outcroppings.
3. Those dimensions were drawn on paper using a scale of 1”=10’.
4. Minor adjustments were made as needed to reproduce, as closely as possible, the layout as it appears on the ground. While not a survey, the drawing was deemed adequate for documenting headstone locations in their positions relative to each other and to the boundaries.
5. Row and lot numbers were assigned arbitrarily to facilitate documentation of burial locations. These are based solely on the 10’x10’ grid used in preparing the map, and do not coincide with what were likely family lots, such as those for the Days, Flints, Reeds, Barstows, etc.

The site was field-measured on October 26 and November 1, 2016 by Martha Dodge, Betsy Evans and Karen Campbell, and the map (and these notes) completed by Patti Whitten on December 6, 2016.