

# North Sharon Cemetery

High Plain Street, Norfolk County, Sharon, Massachusetts

**GPS:** N42.14088 W 71.20965

**Location:** The North Sharon Cemetery is on High Plain Street in Sharon, just beyond the Walpole border. It is located about a half mile off of Route 1, and it backs up to Route 95. There is a small turn out to park a few cars and a tarmac path leads through the woods to the westerly gate.

**Layout/Condition:** This is a small cemetery; about 110' by 140'. It is surrounded by a fieldstone stone wall. There are two entrances in this cemetery, one from what would have been Moose Hill Road, and one at High Plain Street. An "L" shaped carriage path runs through this cemetery, making a 90 degree turn, mid-way through, connecting both entrances. The North Sharon Cemetery is owned and maintained by the town of Sharon. It is in good condition.

**Usage:** According to the 1900 Mann transcription, the earliest burial is Ruth (Tisdale) Fuller in 1775 but her stone is gone, The earliest stand stone is Ester (Johnson) Fuller in 1799. The most recent was Joseph A. Brown in 1904.

**Stones:** There are approximately 60 stones in this cemetery, and about 100 people buried here. Mostly of the headstones are slate and marble tablets, a few marble obelisks, and 2 newer granite family stones. Many stones are broken, eroded and it appears many are long gone. Very few of the headstones have their matching footstone.

**Cemetery History :** According to some documentation, this cemetery was established shortly before 1799. But according to a transcription that was done by Sharon residents in 1900, the stone of Mrs. Ruth Fuller, which was still in existence, puts the first burial in 1775.

In 1900 this burial ground was referred to as "The Moose Hill Burial Ground", as it was located on the corner of Walpole St. (Now called High Plain St.) and Moose Hill Road. When Route 95 was built, Moose Hill Road was divided, and there was no bridge built to connect it. Now Moose Hill Road begins in Sharon at High Plain Street, the section by this little cemetery was removed, and Moose Hill St. dead ends at Rt 95 on the Walpole side.

## Families & Genealogy:

**Smith:** The Smith families that settled in Sharon were originally from Dedham Some of the children of Isreal & Mary (Morse) Smith are buried here. He was the son of Ireal & Mary (Dean) Smith and She was the daughter of John & Mary (Guild) Morse. They married in Dedham July 12, 1753. Their first 3 children were born in Dedham, the rest were born in Sharon. They had: Mary (1754-1816), Sibel (1756), Lois (1758), Isreal (1761-1839), Levi (1763), Joel (1767), John (1771-1855), Nabby (1776) and Jacob (1778). (Mary, Isreal & John are buried here)

- Mary never married.
- John married (#1) Catherine Fisher and (#2) Susan Williams, they are buried here, as is John's son John, Jr.
- Jacob married Polly Leonard, they are not buried here, but 4 of their children are: Jacob Leonard, Emery, Emeline Holmes and Sarah Bliss
- Isreal (III) married Zipporah Bullard, they became the parents of 12 children. At least 5 of their children are here. Ellis (1790-1810), Levi (1795-1842), Molly (1797-1819), Isreal (1802-1823) and Caroline (1804-1808)
  - Levi married Annie Creighton, they are buried here along with several of their children.
  - Daughter, Sibel, married Nehemiah Leonard, Jr, they are not buried here, but 8 of their children are.

**Leonard:** Nehemiah Leonard and his wife Deborah Clapp with their 7 children: Polly (1784-1865), Noah (1786), Nehemiah Jr (1789), Sophia (1789-1849), Fanny (1791-1826), Abiel (1793-1860) and Joseph (1797). Nehemiah (Sr.) was born in Norton to Abiel & Abigail (Elliot) Leonard. He married Deborah Clapp January 15, 1784 in Taunton. According to son Abiel death record she was from Hingham (or possibly Situate). They appear in the 1790 and 1800 censuses living in Mansfield. They moved to Sharon before 1810 then on to Boston by 1820, where they lived until their deaths in 1842 and 1826. They are buried here in Sharon.

- Polly, married Jacob Smith; 4 of their children are here.
- Nehemiah Jr, married Sibel Smith; 8 of their children are here.
- Sophia, married Abner House; they are here along with 8 of their children
- Fanny, married George Leonard; she is here along with her daughter, Elvira in the House lot.