

HUNN CEMETERY

1799 – 1931

County Road 32 and Woolhouse Road
Town of Canandaigua, New York



The Hunn Cemetery is one of the Town's oldest public burial grounds. It contains the graves of 177 Town residents who died between 1799 and 1931, including at least twelve veterans of the American Revolution.*

The cemetery is named for the Reverend Zadock Hunn, a Connecticut Congregational pastor who came to Canandaigua in 1790. He was a Congregational minister, a teacher at Yale College and a pioneer missionary. Through his ministry and influence, nine Congregational churches were organized in this locality during the period 1792 to 1802, viz: East Bloomfield, South Bristol, Bristol, West Bloomfield, Victor, Canandaigua, Naples, Honeoye and Rushville. Hunn and his family settled along Bristol Road and his decedents continue as Town residents into the twenty-first century. He is buried in this cemetery and on the base of his stone is the following Bible quotation: "He being dead yet speaketh".

The Hunn/Woolhouse Cemetery contains markers showing some of the oldest burials in the Town of Canandaigua. The Cemetery lies on just under one acre of land. In 2019 it was fenced in with posts and rails as part of an Eagle Scout Badge project by Zak Palmer. The Cemetery is maintained by the Town.

The most recent date found on a monument is the death in 1931 of Martha L. Spears. The earliest date found was the September 1799 death of Seth Holcomb.

The lot was first conveyed by Oliver Phelps to Joseph Van Norman by deed dated June 30, 1796. In 1833 a Mr. Russel B. Johnson conveyed the said lands he acquired to William Southerland (Liber 54 Deeds, page 301) and according to Johnson "Excepting and reserving therefrom one acre of land laid out and used as a public burying place. Also excepting and reserving for the benefit of the Christian Society, so called, a small piece of land on the lot opposite the burying ground on which a meeting house is erected". Hunn Cemetery has also been called *Sutherland Cemetery* and *Van Norman Cemetery* in past years.

* In addition to the 12 American Revolution veterans identified here, John Cooley Sr. served in the War of Independence and died in Canandaigua in 1828. While his son and other family members are buried in Hunn (Excerpts provided by Mr. William G. Scott, Attorney for the Town of Canandaigua in 1964, and also by Ray Henry, Town of Canandaigua Historian in 2019.)

NAME	VET	ROW	NAME	VET	ROW	NAME	VET	ROW
ACHESON, Harriet		J	HAYWARD, Polly A.		D	NETHAWAY, William		A
ACHISON, Amanda		J	HICKOX, Eunice		C	NEWTON, Nathan P.		B
ACHISON, Elizabeth		J	HICKOX, George	W	C	OUTHOUSE, William		D
ACKLEY, Joel	R	G	HICKOX, Levi	R	C	POTTER, Eliza C		C
ACKLEY, Lois		G	HICKOX, Levi Jr.		C	POTTER, Eliza H.		C
ADAMS, Eliza L.		G	HICKOX, Lovise		B	PRESTON, Foster		C
ADAMS, John		G	HICKOX, Luman		C	REMMINGTON, Dr. Silas		G
ATWELL, Jonas		I	HICKOX, Luman C.		C	REMMINGTON, Williston		G
ATWELL, Olive		I	HICKOX, Robert		C	SAUNDERS, Esther		F
ATWELL, Peter	R	I	HICKOX, Rufus	R	B	SAUNDERS, Mariette A.		F
BISSELL, Levi		H	HICKOX, Sibbil		C	SAUNDERS, Nathan		F
BOOTH, Enos		F	HICKS, Hannah		E	SHAW, Hannah		C
BOOTH, Harriet		F	HOLCOMB, Seth	R	E	SHAW, Joseph T.		C
BRIGGS, Elihu T.		F	HOLCOMB, Seth Jr.		E	SHELDON, Abel P.		D
BRIGGS, infant daughter		F	HOWEY, Margaret		I *	SHELDON, Emeline		D
BRIGGS, infant son		F	HOWEY, Name unkown		I	SHELDON, Lorena Anna		D *
BRIGGS, Nathan		F	HOWEY, Susan		I	SHELDON, Olive		D
BRIGGS, Silvenus H.		F	HUBBARD, George		G	SIMONS, Maryelle		C
BRIGGS, Zenas	not located (F?)		HUNN, Eliza		D	SITTSER, Richard	not located	
CARRINGTON, Jay		F	HUNN, James G.		D *	SOHLER, Harriet Caroline		F
CARRINGTON, Mary F.		F	HUNN, Jemima Fanna		D	SOHLER, Mary Wilhelmina		F
CASE, Ann Moriah		D	HUNN, Mary		D	SOUTTERS, Adeline	not located (K?)	
CASE, Bertram		E	HUNN, Millissa H.		C	SPEARS, Francis J.		C
CASE, Candace		E	HUNN, Olive		D	SPEARS, Martha L.		C
CASE, Daniel		E	HUNN, Thomas Morton		D	SPEARS, Orpha		B
CASE, Laura J.		E	HUNN, Zadock (Rev)	R	D	STONE, Thankful		H
CASE, Love		E	HUNN, Zadock MEMORIAL		A	STONE, Tirza		J
CASE, Margaret		E	HURD, Elijah		H	STOUT, Johnson		F
CASE, Marvin B.		E	HURD, Phebe		H	THOMAS, Hannah		G
CASE, Oliver		E	INGRAHAM, David	R	B	THOMAS, James		G
CASE, Plinny		E	INGRAHAM, Lydia		B	THOMAS, James Jr.		G
CASE, Plinny H.		E	JACKSON, Caroline		K	THOMAS, John C.		G
CASE, William		E	JACKSON, Cha's.		K	THOMAS, Osman		G
CASTLE, Dyer		H	JAMESON, Hugh		I	THOMAS, Reuben		G
CASTLE, Mary R.		H	JAMESON, Jennet		I	TILLOTSON, Elizabeth		C
CHAPMAN, Amasa		G	LONGLEY, Anna		I	TILLOTSON, Jonathan		C
CHAPMAN, Emily D.		G	LONGLEY, unknown		I	TILLOTSON, Maria E.		C
CHATFIELD, Josiah		C	MACK, Gurdon	R	C	TILLOTSON, Morehouse		F
CLARK, Joseph Esq.		A	MACK, Gurdon Jr.		D	TILLOTSON, Pliny		C
CLARKE, Lany		A	MACK, Jane		C	TILLOTSON, Sarah D.		F
COOLEY, Dency		H	MACK, Jonathan		C	TILLOTSON, Sarah A.		F
COOLEY, John Jr.		H	MACK, Jonathan Jr.		C	TUTTLE, Sophia		H
COOLEY, Lucina		H	MACK, Lurancy		D	TUTTLE, unknown		H
CRANE, Charlotte L.		B	MACK, Lurancy		D	VAN NORMAN, Elizabeth		F
EDWARDS, James Henry		D	MACK, Mary		C	Van NORMAN, Joseph	R	F
EDWARDS, Mary Jane		D	MACK, Ruth S.		C	WEBSTER, Charles		K
ELLIS, Eleazar		A	MACK, Zebulon	R	C	WEBSTER, Comfort		K
ELTON, Cornelia Ann		J	MIDDLEBROOK, E.		K	WEBSTER, Polly		K
FISH, Harriet	not located (F?)		MIDDLEBROOK, H.		K	WEBSTER, Zopharb		K
FOSKET, Celia D.		E	MILLER, Jesse		B	WIEST, Jacob		J
FOSKET, George W.		E	MILLER, Joel		A	WIEST, James		J
GRANT, Andrew		D	MITCHEL, Azariah		A	WIEST, John P.		J
GRAVES, Bellus I Belus	not located		MORSE, Charlotte		H	WIEST, Martha		J
HAWLEY, Eunice		E	MORSE, Isaac	R	H	WILDER, Jonathan	R	F
HAWLEY, Habella		G	MUNSON, Anna		D	WILDER, Livonia	not located (I?)	
HAWLEY, Henry		G	NETHAWAY, Elizabeth		A	WILDER, Mariah		F
HAWLEY, Lyman C.		D	NETHAWAY, George		A	WILDER, Sarah		F
HAWLEY, Mary		D	NETHAWAY, J. Lues		A			
HAWLEY, Moses	R	D	NETHAWAY, Narcissa		A			
HAWLEY, Reuben		E	NETHAWAY, Rosanna		A			
HAWLEY, William		E	NETHAWAY, William		A			

* indicated location is unconfirmed

R = Revolutionary War Veteran

W = War of 1812 Veteran

Town of CANANDAIGUA

Located in the Finger Lakes Region of New York State

History of the Town of Canandaigua

Canandaigua officially became a town in 1791. Before that, this area was part of the homeland of the Seneca, the westernmost of the Six Nations that made up the Haudenosaunee, or Iroquois League. A Seneca village located west of the current City of Canandaigua was destroyed during the 1779 Sullivan Campaign, but the Senecas continued to occupy temporary and seasonal sites along the lake and throughout the town, and many of our principal roads follow the paths of Seneca trails.

The first town meeting was held in 1791, with the first Supervisor, General Israel Chapin, presiding. Settlers were principally New England farm families, attracted by the town's rich soils. Initially there was no distinction between the village and the town of Canandaigua. Then in 1815 the village was established, and in 1913 it became a city, thus creating two separate municipalities, the City and Town of Canandaigua.

Three hamlets grew up over the 19th century as small population centers within the town – Cheshire, Academy and Centerfield, each located on a main road. A fourth hamlet, Padelford Station, was established at the crossing of two rail lines in the northeast part of the town. During the steamboat era from about 1850-1925, farmers along the lake enjoyed expanded access to markets, and summer cottages and camps began to dot the lakeshore. In recent decades the Town has aimed for a balanced mix of agriculture, lake-related tourism, small business and country living.

Local History Project Team

Purpose / Mission Statement

The Local History Project Team was created in 2018 as part of a Comprehensive Plan Implementation effort. Its current goals are to promote the history of the Town of Canandaigua, support the protection of significant historic properties, and promote awareness of the influences of the Native American heritage on the evolution of the Town of Canandaigua and the greater Canandaigua area.

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