

Site Name First Parish Cemetery

Map Number 110

Address 351-357 Maine St.

Map U40 **Lot** 7

Contact name First Parish Church

Contact title **Contact telephone** 729-7331 or 729-7332

Size .89 ac **Type Name** Cemetery

Owner First Parish Church

Neighborhood Upper Maine Street

of stones 194 plus or minus.
A large number of stones, some where inscriptions are completely gone, were buried years ago in the northeast corner of the burying ground. They were recovered recently (many in pieces) and placed along the rear fence line. Pieces of one stone were found behind No. Appletree Drive giving rise to theories that the burying ground may have extended further eastward than the present fence line suggests, or the stone somehow was transported from its original position to where it was found.

First stone Birth Year 1658 Death Year 1751 **Last stone** Birth Year 1839, Death Year 1905

Public Access? Yes

Maintained? [lawn mowed?]Yes, by private contract. Apparently the town has a fund that pays for moving of cemeteries. Whether all or just ancient ones, I know not.
[fence repaired?]No, and something must be done as the back portion of the fence is nearly completely gone.
[Who maintains it?] See above. Henceforth, the First Parish Church will maintain the small area recently set aside as a Memorial Garden.

Description A chain link fence is 3/4 around, wire at the rear. One tree within, many deciduous without. One sign outside fence, facing Maine Street.
(added by BD) The cemetery is on Upper Maine Street on a rise well above street level. A high-end condominium development is to the north and east of the cemetery, a large field (currently used to grow vegetables for a farm stand) to the south, Maine Street on the west frontage. The area was farmland many years ago, but is now developed. Parkview Hospital is not far to the south of the cemetery

Expansion Not in cemetery, used as Memorial Garden now

Resources Bowdoin College, Times Record re: Memorial Garden, First Parish Church (Lou Harding will gather this info)

Comments Memorial Garden: See above or inquire First Parish Church for Memorial Garden information.
RE: a biography I would nominate John Orr, born 1658, since he lived during an interesting period in American history. BUT I am not find much, if anything, on him. More in good time. Cheers, Sandy

The Memorial Garden is for use by those with a relationship with the First Parish Church.

Lou Harding, 32 Bowker St., 729-1138 donated to the Open Space Task Force a compiled transcription of the stones in the First Parish Cemetery. A copy of these records is also available at the PHS.

Lou Harding will provide the Task Force with historical information on the First Parish Cemetery and background information on the recently constructed Memorial Garden on the cemetery grounds.

Wheeler's History of Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell p 340 "The old graveyard of the First Parish, Brunswick, situated one mile south of the colleges, has been occupied as such since 1735. In this burying-ground are many stones the inscriptions upon which are illegible, and in some instances the stones themselves have crumbled to pieces, so that only a small portion of each one remains." (published in 1878)
Wheeler's mentions two John Orrs - would take some digging to find information on the correct (earlier) John Orr.

Site Name Getchell Cemetery

Map Number 62

Address End of Purinton Road

Map 38 **Lot** 44

Contact name BNAS - Environmental Department

Contact title **Contact telephone**

Size .28 ac **Type Name** Cemetery

Owner US Government

Neighborhood Gurnet Area

of stones there are 26 legible headstones, 25 blank, broken, or sunken headstones, 17 footers

First stone 1771 **Last stone** 1890

Public Access? Limited

Maintained? Fence in disrepair, lawn may have been mowed or may not have grown because of tree cover.

Description This cemetery is in East Brunswick on land now part of the Naval Air Station. It is a bit intimidating to go to this cemetery because of all the Keep Out/Government Property signs, but the cemetery is outside the chainlink area and the path is labeled "Gatchell Cemetery limited access road." This is just outside the munitions area of the Base. The sound of plane engines was clear and in stark contrast to the bird songs and squirrel chatter of the pine forest in which the burial ground is located.

Expansion

Resources Pejepsco Historical Society
(M, Misc, 6/15, 1953) Burial Records: List of veterans (1775-1941) buried in Brunswick cemeteries: Harry Hubbard.
(M, Misc, 6/15, 1775-1969) Burial Records, Records of locations of graves of soldiers and sailors buried in Bruns/Tops, 1775-1969.: Mrs. E. Purinton
(Pamphlet, 281) Leather notebook containing mss. records of locations of veterans' graves Bruns. area, 1771-1924. Mrs. E. Purinton.
(A, Misc, vol. 72) Vetans: Notebook w. ms. and typed lists, verans, B/T/H. 1771-1924.
(M, Misc, 6/15, 1941) Brunswick - Cemeteries, Soldiers/Sailors, 1755-1866, comp. 1941, B/T/H, xerox

Comments To reach it, at Cook's Corner take Route 24 towards Harpswell for 1.2 miles. Take a right onto Coombs Road (directly across from Thomas Pt. Beach Road), road curves left. At .9 miles, take the right fork onto Purinton Road. At the end of the road (.3 miles) the Base will be directly in front, the New Meadows Cemetery will be to the right, and woods will be on the left. The cemetery is about a 5 minute walk. There is a low (3 foot) barbed wire fence around the woods to the left. Just past the fence the limited access road follows the chainlink fence that surrounds the base. There is a sign pointing in the general direction of the Gatchell Cemetery that is visible past the barbed wire. Walk along the chainlink fence. In some places, the weeds are unmowed. The fence jogs around a road that has a large metal electrical utility box at the end of it. Keep going until weapons storage #71 is on the right. There will be a road to the left that leads to a utility post. Getchell Cemetery is past the utility post.

Currently the cemetery is surrounded by a white picket fence that is leaning against trees or to the ground on the rear and right sides. If the fence posts were replaced, most of the same pickets could be re-used. The left side has the same two-strand barbed wire fence outside it that was around the woods at the New Meadows Cemetery. The cemetery is surrounded on all 4 sides by woods and there are several trees inside the cemetery, two of which have sunken and broken granite stones around them. At some point in the last couple of years some saplings have been cut, probably to maintain the cemetery. The cemetery is on a piece of high ground that slopes down sharply at the rear, right and past the road at the front. Other burial grounds in Brunswick also make use of the last flat area before a drop-off. Some headstones are slate; many are granite. Most of the graves with legible headstones also have initialed footstones. A great many stones are blank. Some have probably eroded over time, while others are sunken so deeply that the inscriptions may be underground. It is clear by depressions in the ground that some graves are unmarked.

This cemetery is of particular interest to the surveyor as the New Meadows area was home to many of her ancestors. Their farms were burned to make way for the Naval Air Station. Several of those interred in Gatchell are veterans of early conflicts. It would be fitting if a service organization associated with the Naval Air Station chose to mend the fence and generally maintain the burial ground.

Site Name Growstown Cemetery

Map Number 143

Address Church Road

Map 17 **Lot** 31

Contact name Lilia Fournier

Contact title **Contact telephone** 725-8030

Size 3 ac **Type Name** Cemetery

Owner First Freewill Baptist Church

Neighborhood

of stones Scouts: approx. 728 - 1050, including footers & temporary markers
 BD 11/16/00: 42 monument-type, 687 upright, 184 flat, total 913...add 50 boundary stones and 1 footer, total 974, easily 75 metal temporary and military marker. So Scouts' tally probably reflects all upright types for 728 and all others included for approx. 1050

First stone Dec. 16, 1813 **Last stone** July 15, 2000

Public Access? Access from Parking lot in front of church.

Maintained? Mowed, walkways clear, broken headstones have been repaired.

Description Trees on perimeter, fence in front only, fence in need of repair, 2 trees and approximately 12 bushes in cemetery.

Expansion Lots of family plots with space left for people who haven't died. Some space at back not used yet.

Resources Wheelers' History of Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell, Maine
p. 83
 "GROWSTOWN, a neighborhood about two miles west of the colleges, derives its name from the numerous families named Grows who formerly resided in the vicinity."
p. 341
 "The burying-ground at "Growstown" in Brunswick was first used about 1813.
p.388
 "In 1810 the church [First Free-Will Baptist Society] was more prosperous, and many converts were made. This year their meeting-house was built. It was a one-story building, and was situated near Noah Melcher's on the old Freeport road. It was, it is said, the second meeting-house of this denomination.
 "In 1813, on December 16, Elder Adam Elliot, who had been settled about August, 1803, died, and the pulpit became vacant.
p. 389
 "On November 14, 1827, the Union Meeting-House at "Growstown" was finished, and the future meetings of this society were held in it."

Comments I have visited this cemetery 3 times this fall and each time someone came to check out their family's plot. The yard is well-maintained. Great care has been made to repair broken stones. Very neat and orderly. Many decorations such as ceramic animals or plastic animal planters and plastic flowers on graves. Rear 1/3 of lot is empty; many plots have room as well. Survey performed by Girl Scout Troop 534, Topsham.

Site Name Ham Cemetery
Map Number 74
Address Back of 545 Old Bath Road in woods adjacent to 72 Tufton St. in Baybridge Mobile Home Park (easiest to reach through lot at 72 Tufton St.)
Map 51 **Lot** Corner of 5
Contact name Warren & Jeanette Kenney
Contact title **Contact telephone** 207-443-2627
Size 630 sf **Type Name** Cemetery
Owner Warren & Jeanette Kenney
Neighborhood East Brunswick
of stones Probably 10 head stones and 1 footer. Difficult to tell if stones/boulders are just that or actually headstones.
First stone Unable to read **Last stone** Unable to read
Public Access? No
Maintained? Cemetery is abandoned. It is in a small wooded area that is used as a shortcut and a gathering place. Stones are overturned, broken, sunken. There is no protective fence, although there is a fence along one side that is to keep neighbors from an adjoining property.
Description Ham's Hill Cemetery is on the site of the former Hill Farm. Although shown as a rectangular plot on assessor's map, at the moment it is a pie-shaped sliver of pine woods wedged between two large farm-type properties (Keeny & Daniel Higgins) and the trailer park. It is totally unprotected, is hidden, and in real danger of disappearing altogether.
Expansion No
Resources MOCA, PHS, Millie Stewart, Lettie Hamilton, Marion Crooker
Comments Nov. 30, 2000 spoke with Ted Crooker who grew up in area. Used to be heavily wooded area where he hunted. At one point (approx. 40 years ago) someone dug up some of the graves. Bones were scattered over the area. From Wheelers' History of Brunswick, Topsham and Harpswell: p.85: "HAM'S HILL, near New Meadows River, on the upper road to Bath, was named for Tobias Ham, who settled upon it previous to 1742." There is a brief biography of Tobias Ham in Wheelers'.

Site Name Harding Cemetery
Map Number 73
Address Bath Rd.
Map 46 **Lot** 59
Contact name Douglas Boyden 4199 Gr
Contact title **Contact telephone** 207-725-7028
Size 1.2 ac **Type Name** Cemetery
Owner Harding Cemetery Association
Neighborhood Harding Plant Area, East Brunswick
of stones 281 - (3 Larger Monuments, 206 traditional upright, 72 flat.
First stone 1830 **Last stone** 2000, still in use
Public Access? Yes
Maintained? Yes - Mowed, fence in good repair, and recently trees cleared for expansion.
Description This cemetery is on a rise overlooking Thompson's Brook to the rear, a chainlink enclosed Verizon utility area to the right, a small wooded lot to the left, and Bath road along the frontage. The cemetery is higher than the road. It is across the road from Harding Plant and is in a commercial area. There is a heavy wire fence across the front and to the right of the kind common in the thirty's (a scallop design along the top and across the middle rather than just straight) and it is held up by metal posts. There is a white sign with black letters that states: Harding Cemetery, est. c. 1800. There are pines to the rear and left.
Expansion Land has been cleared on the left side for expansion.
Resources PHS, MOCA Wheeler's History of Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell
Comments There may be other names for this cemetery (will need to compare cemetery transcriptions at PHS to be sure) It is also known as Thompson's Brook, Harding's Rest, and Harding Station Yard.

Site Name Hartwell Little Yard Cemetery
Map Number 22
Address River Rd.
Map 16 **Lot** 21
Contact name Henry Baribeau, Jr., 12 Fairway Dri
Contact title **Contact telephone** 729-3333 (W), 729-3491 (H)
Size .3 ac **Type Name** Cemetery
Owner Henry Baribeau, Jr.
Neighborhood River Road
of stones 44 headstones, 11 footers
First stone 1832 **Last stone** 1910
Public Access? Yes

Maintained? There is a pressure treated post and rail fence along the front with a sign over the entrance that says "Hartwell and Little Yard", the letters are carved and painted. Lots of trees (pine, birch, possibly elm) growing inside yard. Looks as though the back has been plowed over the embankment as there are concrete markers(?) in the dirt over the edge.

Description Hartwell Little Yard is on River Road just past the I-95 overpass, just past the CMP easement. The cemetery is set a little back from the road, with enough frontage to park easily. Looking at the front of the cemetery, the CMP easement is to the right, houses to the left. The site is wooded, fenced only at the front, and drops off at the rear. The rear third of the lot appears empty. The neighbors' yards are easily seen through the woods. The trees make the lot rather dark. Some stones have fallen, others are broken. There are 5 slate headstones, rest marble or limestone? About 3 years ago a Boy Scout Troop cleared the site and righted the stones. Since then, Dick Powers and Rick Powers have mowed the yard weekly and continue to remove dead trees and generally improve the yard.

Expansion The rear third of the lot appears empty.

Resources Should call Henry Baribeau, MOCA, PHS, VFW, American Legion
 Helene Bisson (helene@netquarters.net) is great-granddaughter of Hartwell Little, see Other Information

Comments According to Wheelers' History of Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell, Hartwell Little was Brunswick's Legislative Representative in 1874. According to Helene Bisson, Hartwell Little is buried in King's Mills Cemetery in Whitefield, next to his first wife, Lavesta King.

One of the graves is that of Hugh Dunlap who was in the Curtis Company, Massachusetts Troops during the Revolutionary War. There was a small flag and military bronze marker at this grave. It may be that the VFW or American Legion decorates this cemetery for Veteran's or Memorial Day.

Site Name Heuston Burying Ground

Map Number 145

Address 1 Crooker Road

Map *Lot*

Contact name Marion and Harry Crooker

Contact title **Contact telephone** 725-2392

Size 900 sf **Type Name** Cemetery

Owner Marion and Harry Crooker

Neighborhood East Brunswick

of stones I was able to count 7 stones, but some may have been covered by leaves and pine needles. One stone had 4 names and dates on it

First stone 1851 **Last stone** 1926

Public Access? No

Maintained? Stones are sunken and fallen, in general, with one inside an old tree trunk (tree had grown behind and then partially over headstone. The Crookers have righted the stones 2 or 3 times, but they need professional restoration to stay righted. There is no fence or any signage. Brush is growing around the stones.

Description Cemetery is in pine woods behind the Crooker's barn on a wooded lot. Through the woods, not far from the burying ground and down a small slope is a mobile home (on Old Bath Road). There are a lot of discarded items visible and that general direction has an air of the old Maine yards where old, nonworking appliances, etc. were kept for parts - "just in case." Even closer to Old Bath Road and further from the burying ground is the Chapel of Our Savior, a small church. The actual Crooker property is wooded and attractive. Bay Bridge Mobile Home Park and Crooker Construction heavy machinery are adjacent to the Crooker property, which also borders the town's interpretive wetland.

Expansion None available

Resources Quite sure we will find more info at PHS and from Maine Old Cemetery Association. Also, Times Record and Portland Press Herald and Detective Inez Dudley's police report regarding body dug up in area in fall of 2000. Should check with long-time area residents Millie Stewart (442-8909) and Nellie Hamilton (442-8890)

Comments I spoke with Det. Dudley (11/24/2000). According to her research, which I confirmed with a phone call to PHS the same day, Henderson Farm and Hill Farm were side by side and both had burying grounds. Henderson Farm is listed at PHS as being at the Chapel of Our Savior, containing "30 colored people and 16 white." Their records also list it as "Nigger Cemetery". The years of use are listed as 1829 - 1926. A search in the fall of 2000 by a sonar specialist found no bodies at either Ham Hill Cemetery or Heuston. According to Theodore Crooker, Marion and Harry's son who grew up in the neighborhood, Ham Hill Cemetery was vandalized in the 1950's or 60's. Det. Dudley speculated that the markers now at Heuston may not have all been there originally and may have been moved from their original resting places.

Marion Crooker's grandson, Michael Mulligan (729-1065, mother is Pat Crooker Mulligan) is contemplating restoring the cemetery as his Eagle Scout project. He plans to clean out the brush, right the stones, and perhaps build a fence to enclose the area. Harry Crooker would like to know if there are state funds to pay for the fencing materials.

Site Name	Lunt Memorial Cemetery		
Map Number	16		
Address	74-104 Lunt Rd.		
Map	3	Lot	43
Contact name	Louis Marsteller		
Contact title		Contact telephone	865-1017 (H), 865-4201 (W)
Size	5.0 ac	Type Name	Cemetery
Owner	Louis Marsteller		
Neighborhood	Brunswick/Durham Line		
# of stones	339 Total, 196 Upright type, 141 flat, 2 monument type, plus 7 footers, 39 boundary markers		
First stone	1835	Last stone	2000
Public Access?	Yes		
Maintained?	Yes, looks well maintained		
Description	<p>This cemetery is on rural Lunt Road. It is on a little rise, pine woods on the sides and back, a house just through the woods on the right. The adjacent lot to the rear and left is classified as open space, bordering Durham at the back line. There is a chain link fence with openings for cars across the front of the cemetery. A large sign, white background, black and grey letters, proclaims "Lunt Memorial Cemetery." The oldest graves (Goddards & Lunts) are along the wooded area to the right. The day I visited was a sunny Sunday during hunting season. A large huskie from a neighboring home accompanied me on my rounds. The sounds of youngsters playing was very clear form the house to the right. A dog at that home barked most of the time the huskie and I were in the cemetery. Three vehicles drove into the cemetery at different points, watched me for a bit, then drove away. Gunshots sounded a couple times from nearby woods (hunting season.)</p>		
Expansion	It looks as though easily a third of the cemetery (the left side) is available, but will need to check with management to be sure.		
Resources	The card listings for the Marsh Cemetery and Melcher Cemetery list the Lunt Road as their address. It is clear that the address for this cemetery has been entered in error. PHS is looking into the matter.		
Comments	One headstone lists "Lowell Foss, 1845-1921, So. Durham Poet" It might be interesting to research this person		

Site Name Maquoit Cemetery

Map Number 38

Address 138-152 Maquoit Rd.

Map 26 **Lot** 38

Contact name Edgar Fickett

Contact title **Contact telephone** 725-6557

Size 2.29 ac **Type Name** Cemetery

Owner Maquoit Cemetery Association

Neighborhood Maquoit

of stones Approximately 334 headstones and 61 footers in the old section, 4 headstones in the newer section

First stone 1794 **Last stone** 2000

Public Access? Yes

Maintained? Yes, the grass is mowed, fence and signage in good repair. There is a small family plot with broken (and missing) stones set off by a deteriorating iron fence. The stones are a mix of slate, limestone(?) and granite. Many of the old slate stones are broken and fallen, but probably not due to lack of care of the cemetery. Maine weather, time, and vandals are more likely the causes.

Description This cemetery is at the site of the Baptist Meeting House and the First Baptist Church (1799). The area was formerly farmland. Currently, in 2001, the cemetery abuts Town property on two sides, the northwest and northeast borders (rear and right.) The High School is visible to the west, a trailer park to the east. The surrounding area was a blueberry field in the recent past and the immediate area retains an open, field-like feeling. The usual mixed pine and deciduous woods evident in other areas of Brunswick are more evident across the road from the cemetery than around the cemetery itself, although mixed trees do buffer the cemetery from the abutting properties at the borders, with a small woods on the west boundary. Deciduous trees dot the cemetery proper. A fieldstone wall forms the rear boundary, chainlink fence forms the others. The older part of the cemetery is set off from a small newer area to the west by an impressive fieldstone wall and specimen trees. The cemetery is set well back from the road, more than twenty feet, all of which is mowed. If this frontage is owned by the cemetery association, then there is more room for burial (if the soil types are right.) Perhaps this is where the meeting house was. The frontage may well be the Town right-of-way. The chainlink fence has car-wide chainlink gates, as well as pedestrian openings. The mown grass roadways are ample for cars. The newer graves tend to be towards the front.

The area is very pleasant. If one looks in the right direction the impression is of being alone on a vast plain - quite a different feeling than the other older cemeteries provide in their wooded settings. The cold, windy December, 2000 day that I was there a woman drove her SUV along the dirt road to the new section of cemetery, parked in front of the gate, and spent a good twenty minutes looking out over the plain towards the High School

Expansion Yes - We need to talk with cemetery management to determine. Looks as though there is space in both the new and old sections.

Resources Wheelers' History of Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell p 341 "The two following epitaphs are from stones in the old Baptist Burying-Ground at Maquoit. This graveyard was first used as such about 1794.
 "The first epitaph reads thus: --
 "To be much lov'd in life much mourn'd in death,
 A widow'd husband of a wife bereft,
 With tears inscribes this monumental stone,
 Which holds her ashes and expects his own."
 "The second is evidently that of a man accustomed to serious and deep thought. It runs thus: --
 "This languishing head is at rest, Its thinking and aching are o'er.""

Wheelers' p 1 "The Anasagunticooks were, at the first advent of Europeans, a very numerous, powerful, and warlike tribe. The Pejepscoot Indians were, in all probability, a sub-tribe of the Anasagunticooks. They had customary places of resort, if not permanent places of residence, at the Brunswick Falls, at Maquoit, and at Mair Point. It is now considered probable, from the remains and relics found there, that the latter was the place of one of their villages in the sixteenth century."

Wheelers' p 5 MAQUOIT means the 'bear-place' or 'bear-bay.'
 Wheelers' p 6 "The Indians, in their travels from place to place, went by water whenever possible. The places where they

were obliged to leave the water, either to go around falls and rapids or to cross from the salt water to the fresh, or from stream to stream, were called carrying places, because at these places they were obliged to carry their canoes. The paths they made from one carrying-place to another were called trails....In Brunswick, the chief carrying-places were: THE UPPER CARRYING-PLACE. This was at the bend of the river above the falls, and was the place where the Indians left the river on their way to Maquoit. The name was given to distinguish it from the lower or STEVEN'S CARRYING-PLACE...".

Wheeler's p 18 "The following individuals are known to have been settled about this time [1670's], certainly prior to 1700, within the limits of what was afterward called the Pejepscot Purchase:....at Maquoit Bay, John Swaine, Thomas Kimball, of Charleston, who settled on Hoeg Island in 1658, John Sears, Thomas Warton, Samuel Libby, who subsequently resided in Scarborough, Henry Webb, Edward Creet (or Creek), and Robert Jordan..."

Wheeler's pp 51-2, 54, 56-7, 62, 66, 68-9 : accounts of battles and skirmishes at Maquoit in the Indian Wars

Wheeler's p 88, great account of Samuel Stanwood's meeting with a wolf in 1792. Several Stanwoods in Maquoit Cemetery - perhaps one is Samuel.

Wheeler's p 98: "The best farms were formerly (and probably are now) at Middle Bay and Maquoit. The land is said, however, to have been much more fertile in former times than at present." published in 1878

Wheeler's p 205: "The early settlers...between New Meadows and Maquoit, who constituted a majority of the inhabitants of Brunswick, were Irish. They were usually called 'wild Irish' by the native New-Englanders. It is said of these early settlers that 'they used to peek out through a crack or partly opened door, to see whether their callers were friends or foes, and that the same habit of peering out through a half-open door to see whom their callers may be, is noticed to this day in their descendants.' These settlers were nearly all poor, and often suffered for the necessaries of life. They had to work hard for their living, and dress in the plainest manner. Those, however, who came into this vicinity later, somewhere about 1750, were in better circumstances, and the appearance of their rich and fashionable apparel, especially the hoop in the dresses of the ladies, whenever they went to church or showed themselves abroad, drew forth the gaze and wonder of the earlier and more rustic settlers."

Wheeler's p 380 "[1799.] A small number of persons having been led to embrace 'Believers' Baptism,' thought it might conduce to the glory of God and their comfort to be embodied together in church order. They therefore applied to the church in North Yarmouth and the church in Harpswell, of the Baptist order, for their assistance. Agreeably with this request the elders and messengers from those churches, together with Elder Williams, met at the Baptist meeting-house at Maquoit, on the second week in September, 1799. Elder Woodward preached a sermon in the forenoon on the nature of church order." (note from BD: many names in the rest of the passage - perhaps a candidate for biography.)

Comments

Site Name	New Meadows Burying Ground		
Map Number	150		
Address	End of Shore Road		
Map		Lot	
Contact name			
Contact title		Contact telephone	
Size	Type Name	Cemetery	
Owner	Mark Lamarre		
Neighborhood	E. Brunswick, Shore Rd.		
# of stones	4 visible head stones		
First stone	1751	Last stone	
Public Access?	No		
Maintained?	No		
Description	At the end of Shore Road past mixed woods overlooking the New Meadows, almost absorbed by the ground and leaves are three boulders with names and dates shiseled but now illegible. Without signage of fencing it would be easy for these stones to be lost.		
Expansion	No		
Resources	Wheeler's History of Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell - Purington's Meadowsweet should check with PHS and Maine Historical Society and Maine Old Cemetery Association also should check with assessor to pinpoint location and ownership.		
Comments	Wheeler's History of Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell, pp 346-347 "One of the oldest graveyards in town is that at New Meadows in the woods near Bartlett Adams's, where rest the remains of several members of the Thompson family." Purington's Meadowsweet, p 6, " Capt. James Thompson married Reliance Hinkley April 13, 1732, making him a son-in-law to Deacon Samuel Hincley. We know of eleven children born through this union. Reliance died May 23, 1751, and she is buried down near the shore, with one of the children who died young."		

Site Name New Meadows Cemetery

Map Number 63

Address End of Purinton Road -

Map 38 **Lot** 43

Contact name Barbara Coffin

Contact title **Contact telephone** 207-725-7436 (H) 207-725-7383 (

Size 1.77 ac **Type Name** Cemetery

Owner New Meadows Cemetery Assoc.

Neighborhood

of stones 588 Total - (138 Flat Stones, 423 Upright Stones, 24 Larger Monuments, 102 Footers, 20 Stone Boundary Markers, 3 temp. metal markers)

First stone 1792 **Last stone** 2000 Still in Use

Public Access? Yes

Maintained? Cemetery is maintained by New Meadows Cemetery Assoc. I have also observed individuals raking and performing maintenance at their own plots.

Description This cemetery is on the righthand side of Purinton Road. There is a low chainlink fence with openings for access along the road (west side). It is bordered on the north and east edges by a tall chainlink fence separating it from the Naval Air Station. There are woods on the Navy property that somewhat screen the view of the base. The south side also is bordered by a Navy-issue chainlink fence. The base outdoor recreation area is along that side.

The cemetery itself has mature shade trees along the entrances, as well as clumps of arborvitae at one gravesite and possibly elms at another. There are two water pumps which must be primed before using. The roads within the cemetery are dirt, as is usual in Brunswick cemeteries. The graves are visited regularly. I visited this site at least 4 times and people drove in and tended their family plots each time. There is a flagpole which did not have a flag when I visited. There is a metal plaque at the foot that says Dedicated to our veterans by the grateful citizens of Brunswick. A white sign with black lettering says "New Meadows Cemetery."

Expansion Yes there is space, but the plots are pretty well sold and how much room there is really depends on whether urns or caskets are interred.

Resources Should talk with Wilbur Printon, Barbara or Robert Coffin. Also check with PHS, MOCA. There is a transcription of headstones to approximately 1889 in the possession of the Pejepscot Historical Society.

Comments This cemetery is called New Meadows because the entire area was known as New Meadows at the time it was established. Those interred are mainly New Meadows-area farmers and their descendants. The farms, Getchell mill, and the Prince's Point one room schoolhouse no longer exist, having been destroyed for the Naval Air Station, but descendants still live here in Brunswick (including this writer.). Wilbur Purinton is currently working on a plot plan for the cemetery. He has also written a biography of his father, Charles I. Purinton, who is interred at New Meadows. This biography also describes the former New Meadows neighborhood and daily life there.

Site Name	Pennell Burying Ground		
Map Number	144		
Address	152 Pennellville Rd.		
Map	24	Lot	12
Contact name	Benjamin Hemberger		
Contact title		Contact telephone	729-8545
Size	1.0 ac	Type Name	Cemetery
Owner	Benjamin Hemberger		
Neighborhood	Pennellville		
# of stones	8 - 10 stones visible, possibly more buried. Stones are deteriorating rapidly, in disarray, broken, and moss-covered.		
First stone	Unknown	Last stone	Unknown
Public Access?	No		
Maintained?	Not Maintained		
Description	Partially overgrown with scrub fir and sapling hardwoods. Has been vandalized.		
Expansion	No more spaces for graves		
Resources	<p>Capt. Abby & Capt. John by Robert P. Tristram Coffin, copyright 1939, for history of Pennells of Pennellville.</p> <p>Pejepscot Historical Society (M, Misc, 6/15, 1953) Burial Records: List of veterans (1775-1941) buried in Brunswick cemeteries: Harry Hubbard. (M, Misc, 6/15, 1775-1969) Burial Records, Records of locations of graves of soldiers and sailors buried in Bruns/Tops, 1775-1969.: Mrs. E. Purinton (Panphlet, 281) Leather notebook containing mss. records of locations of veterans' graves Bruns. area, 1771-1924. Mrs. E. Purinton. (A, Misc, vol. 72) Veterans: Notebook w. ms. and typed lists, verans, B/T/H. 1771-1924. (M, Misc, 6/15, 1941) Brunswick - Cemeteries, Soldiers/Sailors, 1755-1866, comp. 1941, B/T/H, xerox</p>		
Comments	<p>Cemetery was established by Thomas Pennell III on his farm. He died Nov. 1812 & his body was later moved, with its stone marker, to Brunswick. (see p 33, Capt. Abby & Capt. John by Robert P. Tristram Coffin.)</p> <p>One of the men buried there, Jacob Pennell, was a private in the War of 1812. I (Jeanne Johnson) think that the town may have some responsibility regarding this cemetery because of Jacob. See Title 13 M.R.S.A., section 1101</p>		

Site Name Pine Grove Cemetery

Map Number 96

Address Bath Rd. and Pine St.

Map U35 **Lot** 43B

Contact name Same

Contact title **Contact telephone** 725-4835

Size 5.0 ac **Type Name** Cemetery

Owner Irving Stetson

Neighborhood Bowdoin College

of stones approx. 2005. approx. 20 broken stones, approx. 167 monuments, 3 mausoleums

First stone 1820 **Last stone** 1999

Public Access? Yes

Maintained? Yes, 2 fences need repairing, but one would be better as a gate.

Description Chain link fences on outside, brick entryways. Large trees scattered. Woods on three sides. Abuts Bowdoin football field.

Expansion 3 slots only for people who are related to people already interred there.

Resources Bowdoin College
PHS
Curtis Memorial Library

Comments Joshua Chamberlain, former governor of Maine and Civil War General, is buried here. The ornamental gate to this cemetery now resides at the PHS.

Wheeler's History of Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell p 341,342 " Pine Grove Cemetery, in the village of Brunswick, a short distance east of the colleges, was laid out in the year 1825. The land originally was a part of the college grounds, but in 1821 it was deeded, by vote of the trustees, to Robert Eastman, Nahum Houghton, Abner Bourne, 'and their associates, heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns,' so long as it should be used for the interment of the dead, and if not so used, to revert to the college. The amount of land thus deeded was two acres, which was bounded as follows, 'Beginning at the southwesterly side of the old County Road leading to Bath, at a stake and stone at or near the angle which it makes with the Bath turnpike, and running by said turnpike west 20 degrees, north 12 rods, thence south 20 degrees, east 26 2/3 rods to the first boundary.' The trustees also reserved the exclusive right at all times to hold as a place of interment for the dead 'that part of the premises extending from said turnpike road on the westerly line of said lot, eighteen rods in length, and one and a half rods in breadth,' subject only to such general regulations as should be binding upon other owners of lots. "This cemetery is pleasantly situated, with handsome grounds and walks, which are kept in good order; it is enclosed with a neat and ornamental fence, and contains many handsome monuments and memorial tablets. Major Lemuel Swift was the first person buried here. Among the monuments and headstones to be seen there are those of Presidents McKean and Appleton; Professors Cleaveland, Upham, and Smyth; and Governor Dunlap."

(Note from BD: The Wheelers go on to describe the locations and descriptions of the monuments of the above named men.)

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"WILLIAM SWIFT was an early settler on Cape Cod. He d. in Sandwich in 1642. His descendants are very numerous. "MAJOR LEMUEL SWIFT, probably a descendant of William of Sandwich, came from New Bedford, and settled in Brunswick in 1790. He was a hatter by trade, and a major in the militia. He d. June 30, 1820, and was the first person buried in Pine Grove Cemetery (the village burying ground). Ch. were: - Dean, b. Feb. 16, 1791, d. Nov. 1877; Mary Jane, b. Sept. 19, 1810; John Lufkin, b. Jan. 1, 1813; Swan Dincen, b. Mch. 3, 1815."

Phebe Ann Jacobs, former slave, buried there (A Small College in Maine by Charles C. Calhoun pg. 162), A Women's History Walking Trail, Pejepsot Historical Society pg. 4).

Site Name Riverside Cemetery
Map Number 136
Address E/S River Rd.
Map U23 **Lot** 94
Contact name Christopher Stilkey
Contact title **Contact telephone** 865-6007
Size 11.5 ac **Type Name** Cemetery
Owner Riverside Cemetery Association
Neighborhood Corner of Pleasant St./River Road
of stones 739 upright , 660 flat, 44 monuments, total 1443 (I may well have missed flat stones as the ground was covered with leaves.) (plus 39 boundary stones)
First stone 1825 **Last stone** 2000
Public Access? Yes
Maintained? Yes. This is a perpetual care cemetery maintained by a father and son team, Christopher Stilkey and Donald Stilkey, who care for more than 15 cemeteries in the Freeport area. (info from funeral director Anthony Purinton)
Description This cemetery is in a commercial district, on a corner lot overlooking busy Pleasant Street and River Road on two sides and the Androscoggin River along the entire rear of the lot . There are well-spaced trees and shrubs throughout the lot. It is surrounded by a well-maintained chain link fence on the road frontage and woods on the river frontage. The woods obscure the river view. On this day a mailbox for pamphlets adjacent to the signage is empty. Labeled boundary markers at the edges of the cemetery roads foster a sense of organization. There are two well-maintained outbuildings on the property, one to the left of the entrance (River Road) and one at the rear overlooking the river. Trash receptacles are located near the outbuildings. There are at least fifteen water spigots as of 11/18/2000. A notice posted at the cemetery states that the water system is not working and needs to be replaced. Several days later a backhoe dug up the roadway at the main entrance presumably to redo the Water System.
The edge of the cemetery perpendicular to River Road, past the first and smaller outbuilding, is on a rise. This is where most of the oldest graves are. Going onto the rise and into the woods brings a view of the river and Mill Street on the other bank. There is a dropoff with a pond (that may be used for watering) and the ground slopes past the pond down to the river. The mixed woods may not have been there when the lot was first used for burial, in which case there would have been a view downriver towards the falls.
Expansion Yes
Resources Should call Christopher Stilkey, 865-6007 for information (including details on water system.)
Comments Several of the oldest graves are of Jacksons. It would be interesting to find out if the lot was at one time their farm or how it came to be a cemetery.
Also, have seen reference to Southwest Bend Cemetery and suspect that the bend may refer to the river, making this a possible candidate as Southwest Bend Cemetery.

Site Name Simpson Cemetery
Map Number 7
Address Rear River Rd.
Map 8 **Lot** 9
Contact name Timothy Taylor
Contact title **Contact telephone** 729-1358
Size 1.3 ac **Type Name** Cemetery
Owner Simpson Cemetery Association
Neighborhood River Rd./Toward Freeport
of stones 32
First stone 1815 **Last stone** 1997
Public Access? With permission: The cemetery is to the right of the road to Pejepscoot Fishing Park, to the rear of Timothy & Susan Taylor's lot. There are "Keep Out" signs near the cemetery turnoff
Maintained? Lawn and fence well maintained.
Description This cemetery is on River Rd. on the rear of the property just before the Town's Pejepscoot Bank Fishing Site. Although visible from the road, it is not accessible to the public. This well-cared for cemetery is on a ridge over-looking farmland and a CMP ROW on the River Road. The road leading to the cemetery is mowed grass and passes by an old apple tree and between several oaks. The cemetery yard is mowed and is set within a mowed field, with woods beyond, parallel to River Road. It is surrounded by a perfectly maintained post and rail fence. Planters are near some graves and a brand new American flag flies at the grave of Mr. Boucher.
On this day, Nov. 24th, 2000, the temperature is 24 degrees farenheit. The wind rushes over the ridge where the cemetery is located. Tom Farrell, who lived nearby in the past, was told by neighbors that the location was selected because it overlooked the farm.
Expansion It appears that only one third of the cemtery is used. The rest of the lots may already be spoken for.
Resources Tim Taylor believes the cemetery was started in the late 1800's. (Note: there is a stone for Capt. Simpson dated 1815) Mr. Taylor suggests we call Simpson Cemetery Assn. secretary, Bea Douglas, Summer St. 729-3003 Wheeler's History of Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell pg 851
Comments

Site Name	St. John's Cemetery		
Map Number	93		
Address	E/S Pine St. & SW/S Bath Rd.		
Map	U3	Lot	129
Contact name			
Contact title		Contact telephone	725-8756
Size	8.29 ac	Type Name	Cemetery
Owner	Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland, ME		
Neighborhood	West of Bowdoin College		
# of stones			
First stone		Last stone	Cemetery still in use.
Public Access?	Yes		
Maintained?	Yes, perpetual care. The new section (seen from Bath Road) displays several large monuments which were adorned with evergreen wreaths and red bows for Christmas season. Other than these carefully placed and designed monuments, only flat markers are now allowed to help make maintenance easier.		
Description	Next to Varney, chain link fence, trees on one side where adjoins base. Mausoleum at entry, another in center. Some trees in grave yard. Bath Road view - trees to left/Vet clinic borders, some brick pillars.		
Expansion	added by BD: according to Anthony Purinton, owner of Stetson's Funeral Home, the popularity of cremation and the use of areas bordering the roadway should extend use of the cemetery at least another 20 years.		
Resources	added by BD: there is a history of St. John's Church available at PHS that should prove useful.		
Comments	added by BD: This cemetery reflects the French Canadian immigrants who found both St. John's Church and its cemetery. The names on the earlier gravestones reflect 19th century French given names such as "Theophile" and "Alphonsine." These names were in use until the coming of the "baby boomer" generation, whose parents wanted to fit into Brunswick's white anglo-saxon society. The statuary in the cemetery reflects the statuary of the church, with the Virgin Mary and Jesus on the Cross being the popular subjects. There is a "baby" section along the fence bordering the Naval Air Station. Roman Catholics in general were willing to provide space for indigent church members and there are many cases where families offered the use of their plot to relatives in need. The cemetery is located on a hill overlooking what was one of three roads that headed towards the New Meadows part of town in the 1800's and early 1900's. The site was (and is) backed by a mainly pine forest, now on Naval Air Station property. The cemetery plots owned by Franco mill workers often represented their only real property as most lived in tenements provided by the mill owners. As Catholics were supposed to be buried in consecrated ground, Irish Catholics from St. Charles Borromeo Church also use (and still use) this cemetery.		

Site Name Varney Cemetery
Map Number 94
Address N/S Pine St.
Map U3 **Lot** 128
Contact name Robert Ormsby
Contact title **Contact telephone** 865-6308(W), 865-3340 (H)

Size 4.81 ac **Type Name** Cemetery

Owner Robert Ormsby

Neighborhood Just West of Bowdoin College

of stones To come in spring.

First stone 1812 **Last stone** Nov 2000

Public Access? Yes

Maintained? Yes, Perpetual Care.

Description Can see from Bath Rd., behind China Rose, Car Wash, and Sagadahoc Stove building
 9 openings with concrete pillars on Pine St. side, chain fence between pillars, some trees, abuts St. John's Cemetery,
 originally had inexpensive flagpole provided by Town. Varney Cemetery Corp. bought a nicer one, granite base. No
 artificial flowers or in-fraud plantings allowed. The Corp. considers the cemetery a place for respect, not for walking
 dog, stones not to be disturbed according to law.

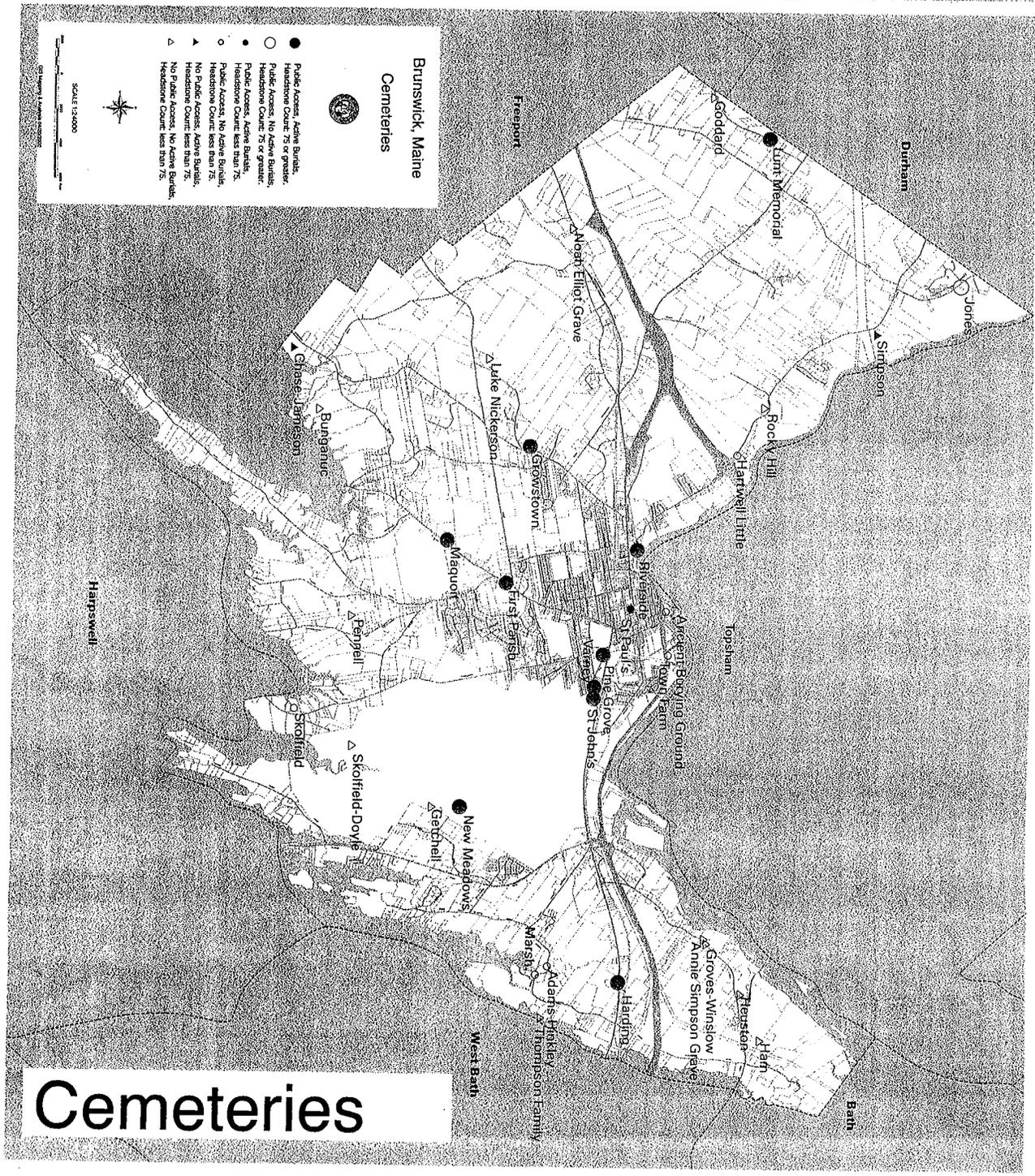
Expansion Yes, a house owned by the Corp., 2 unit apt. at 9 Pine Street will be removed. 20 Yards remain in main section, 50
 years due to new section and cremations: There are about 600 x 4 stones to a lot/50 lots not used. 8 cremations in 1
 burials spot/several 100 cremation lots.

Resources Ripley's Believe it or Not: George Cobb, First 7th Day Adventist, epitaph: "Born Died, Born Died". wanted to repair
 granite slab in back of it.

Comments The property was originally a private cemetery owned by the Viola Varney Phipps family. In 1913 she left the cemetery
 to the lot owners. In 1960 a house between Varney and St. John's was bought and removed. The west side of avenue 9
 was built in the 1970's.

Interesting grave site: "Grand Army of the Republic" lot of "The Earl of Ormsby." (Earl Ormsby was a civically active
 citizen of Brunswick who lived on nearby McLellan St.)

added by BD: MOCA notes there is a veterans' section.
 several Civil War veterans, including Edward W. Forbes (1842 - 1922)

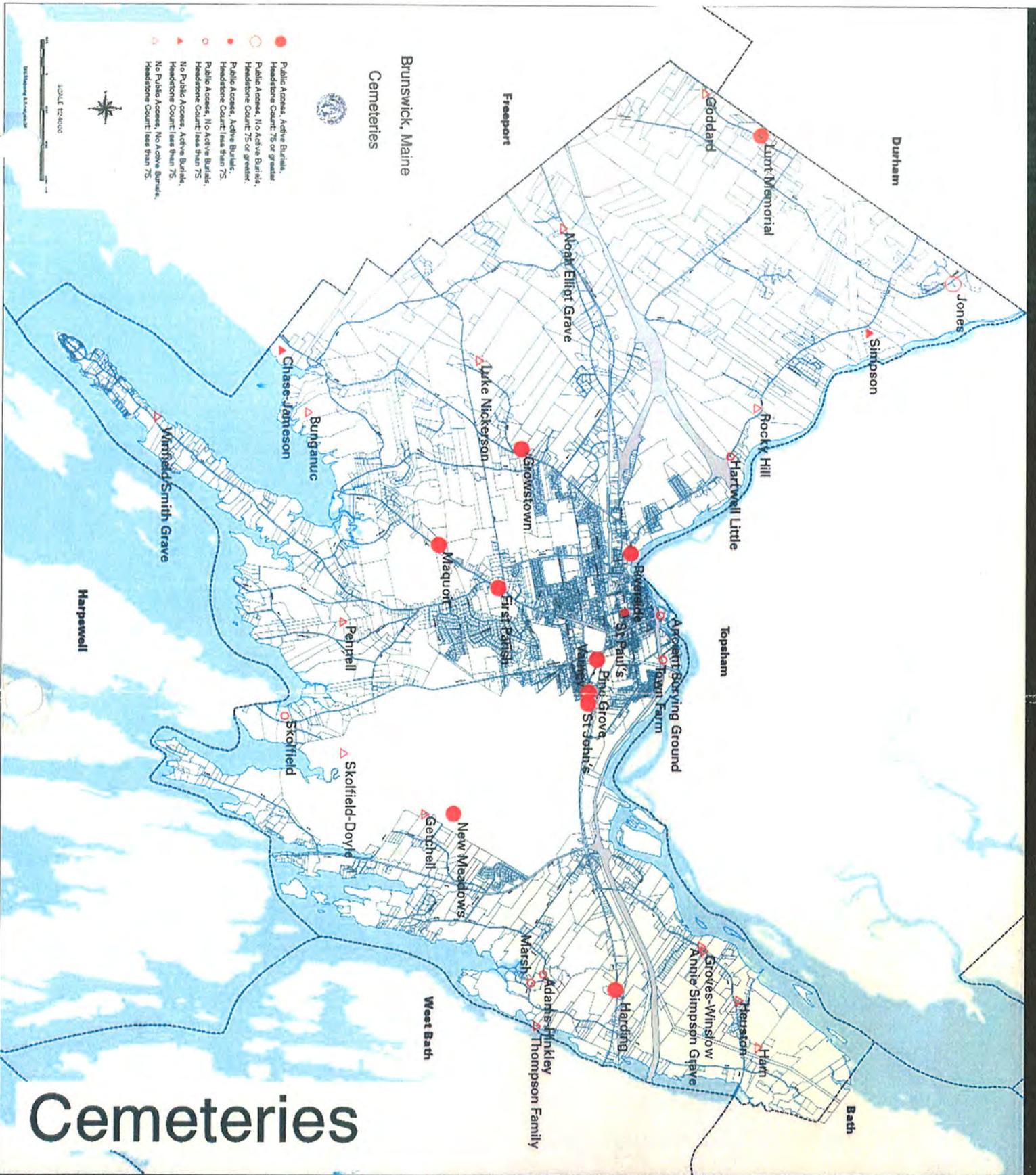


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