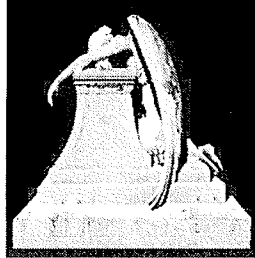


Key to Walking Map

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| <p>1. Thomas Barnes (1602-1672) - Oldest original gravestone.</p> <p>2. Early settlers' original and replicated gravestones. Circled on site of town's first fortification.</p> <p>3. Settlers' Monument - Erected by the town, 1839. Used on town seal.</p> <p>4. "Ministers' Tomb" - Containing remains of first three ministers of the First Parish:
 a. Rev. Peter Hobart (1604-1679)
 b. Rev. John Norton (1651-1716)
 c. Rev. Ebenezer Gay (1696-1787)</p> <p>5. Sarah Derby (1714-1790) - Founder of Derby Academy, oldest continuing coeducational day school in New England.</p> <p>6. Benjamin Lincoln (1733-1810) - Major General in the Revolutionary War; served with Washington and received the sword of Cornwallis in surrender at Yorktown; Secretary of War; Lt. Governor of Massachusetts.</p> <p>7. Original 19th century cast-iron gates.</p> <p>8. Adam Wallace Thaxter (1779-1858) - Hingham Cemetery founder and first president; Hingham benefactor.</p> | <p>9. Mary Revere Lincoln (1770-1853) - Daughter of Paul Revere.</p> <p>10. John A. Andrew (1818-1867) - Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1860-1865). Carrara marble statue erected, 1875, Thomas R. Gould, Sculptor.</p> <p>11. John Davis Long (1838-1915) - Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1880-1882); Representative from the Second Congressional District to the 48th, 49th, and 50th Congress of the United States.</p> <p>12. Soldiers' and Sailors' (Civil War Monument) Monument - Obelisk erected by the town, 1870.</p> <p>13. Peter Ourish (1845-1864) - Hingham's youngest volunteer in Civil War. Participated in 15 major battles, died of wounds in battle at age 19.</p> <p>14. Monument to six British seamen - Victims of the wreck of the bark Kadosh at Point Allerton, Hull, December 1872. Buried in lot donated by the cemetery.</p> <p>15. Zinc monuments - Popular for short time in the Victorian Era.</p> | <p>16. Cemetery Chapel - Gothic style, J. Sumner Fowler, Architect. Erected, 1886.</p> <p>17. Angel of Grief - William Wetmore Story, designer. Memorial to Maria Hooper, 1891.</p> <p>18. Veterans' Burial Ground - Established, 1994.</p> <p>Noteworthy plantings:</p> <p>A. Turkey Oak - "Quercus cerris" (Found primarily in arboretums)</p> <p>B. American Beech - "Fagus grandifolia"</p> <p>C. Weeping Beech - "Fagus pendula"</p> <p>D. European Beech - "Fagus sylvatica"</p> <p>E. Fernleaf Beech - "Fagus asplenifolia"</p> <p>F. Silver Maple - "Acer saccharinum"</p> <p>G. Red Maple - "Acer rubrum"</p> <p>H. Hedge Maple - "Acer campestre"</p> <p>I. Larch - "Larix decidua"</p> <p>J. Swiss Stone Pine - "Pinus cembra"</p> <p>K. Tulip Tree - "Liriodendron tulipifera"</p> <p>L. Japanese Maple - "Acer palmatum"</p> <p>M. Sugar Maple - "Acer saccharum"</p> <p>N. Pendant Silver Linden - "Tilia petiolaris"</p> |
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Established circa 1672

As was customary in England at the time, the early settlers of the 1600's buried their dead around the meeting house, which in this case was privately-owned farmland. In the next 200 years the property changed hands many times yet burials continued among the grazing farm animals. It wasn't until Adam Thaxter bought the property in 1838 that the Cemetery was incorporated under his direction, in order to perpetuate "those feelings of respect and gratitude...towards those distinguished ancestors whose remains are interred within its limits."

As more property was added, the Hingham Cemetery modelled its new grounds after the trend-setting Mt. Auburn Cemetery of Cambridge, MA (founded 7 years earlier) and was thus at the forefront of the American Garden Cemetery movement (forerunner to the American Park System). The concept of the Garden cemetery, which was to sweep the country throughout the next 75 years, turned rural burial grounds into park-like places for passive recreation, with walks, roadways, often ponds, and particularly arboretums (as seen in the Hingham Cemetery), as the Victorian appetite for horticulture from around the world grew strong.

Our emphasis today is not only the renewal of the old historical areas, especially replanting the dying 150-yr-old "exotic" trees, but also the incorporation of our recently-opened Water St. area with the older historical sections as well as planning for the future with the addition of scattering areas and columbariums.

Hingham Cemetery is a private (not town-owned), non-sectarian cemetery run by a board of directors with an extensive inventory of lots available in all sections. Please call our Superintendent for further information.