

SELECTED EARLY AMERICAN RESIDENTS AT MAPLEWOOD

Everyone has a story to tell, those buried in the historical sections of Maplewood Cemetery are no exception. In this context, sections South 1 and West are considered historic although the northerly portion of the west section are still being used as a burial ground. The “old” records for Maplewood are long gone, the historical sketches below come from a walk through the cemetery and many sessions in – on – around genealogy websites. Some old style records written on paper have also been used to develop the biographies of some of the residents of Maplewood Cemetery.

As noted elsewhere on this website, some of Barre’s earliest residents shared family connections. Back in those less technological times, people didn’t necessarily move away from where they began life and with fewer distractions, family meant so much more to other family members. For example, many of the occupants of our oldest sections can be linked together through marriage and thereby blood. A few of those interrelationships are included in the paragraphs below. Use the schematics for Maplewood on the website to locate family lots for family names.

CHARLES NEWELL BARBER, SR. ... and JR.

Located in the West Section of Maplewood, it is easy to find the Barber lot, the large monument dominates the high point of the cemetery. There are actually more than one Barber lot, another is located across the driveway in Section South 1, Lot 61. The Barbers settled in Barre early on in its history. According to Child’s Washington County Gazetteer, Cyrus Barber and family left Warwick, Massachusetts and settled in Barre somewhere



about 1810 or 1812. He cleared three acres and established a small farm, a home also occupied for years by son Cyrus W. and then grandson Charles N. Barber. Cyrus, Sr., passed away in 1867 at age 83. He had been married twice, the first to Caroline Babcock, the couple had eight children. [The Cyrus Barber, Sr. family has a plot in an older section of Elmwood Cemetery in Barre City.] After Caroline passed, Cyrus remarried to Nancy Cook. Son Cyrus W., born June 19, 1823, married Elvira Willey, they had children Charles N., Edwin C., and Ella L. Barber. Cyrus lived in Barre his whole life with the exception of four years when he lived in Calais.¹

¹ Child, Hamilton, “Part First, Gazetteer of Washington County, VT., 1783-1889,” edited by William Adams, Syracuse, N.Y., April 1889

There are no known surviving records for the older sections of Maplewood, those in use before the town and city split up in 1895. After the split, the town began recording deeds in separate cemetery deed books. It is unknown who actually bought the family lot in the West Section of Maplewood, but Ida S. Barber, wife of Charles, Jr. purchased the small lot across the drive where she, Charles, Jr., and Caroline Barber now rest. Her deed is recorded in cemetery deed book 2, page 78, and dated 23 April, 1958. She apparently picked this lot as the one available in closest proximity to Charles, Sr.'s lot.

Charles Newell Barber, Sr., 1852 – 1915

The death record for Charles showed him born in Barre on April 12, 1852 to Cyrus Whitney Barber, born in Barre, and Elvira Willey, also born in Barre. He died February 15, 1915, the certificate showed him as a veterinary surgeon and his age at death to be 62 years, 10 months, and 2 days. Other records showed he married first, Ella L. Bancroft on February 27, 1881 and second to Bessie M. Morrill on February 24, 1897, both marriages taking place in Barre.

In his 1889 Gazetteer, Child had the following entry: BARBER CHARLES N., off r 12, veterinary surgeon, 14 cows, 11 head other cattle, 300 sugar trees, farmer 95, in Plainfield pasture land 40, and in E. Montpelier woodland 25, Justice of the Peace This entry infers he farmed 95 acres, had 40 acres of pasture, and 25 acres of woodland in East Montpelier. The r 12 indicates the road, but the map that would show where this road was did not get copied into the electronic file of Child's work.²

In addition to his work as a veterinary surgeon, Barber started his own medicine company. The following notice appeared in the Burlington Weekly Free Press: The Barber Medicine company of Barre, with Bessie M. Barber, Charles N. Barber, and C. N. Barber, Jr., all of Barre, has filed articles of association, the capital stock being \$50,000 divided into 5,000 shares.³

Dr. Barber made many products for his company to sell. The company applied for a trade mark, filing an application with the US Patent Office on July 31, 1911. Officials assigned a serial number of 57,944 and published the trade mark on May 28, 1912. Registration became official on August 6, 1912. Patent number 87,714 described the product as an antiseptic wash and blood tonic, the Barber Medicine Company, Barre, Vt.⁴

The St. Johnsbury Caledonian newspaper published a paragraph announcing the death of Dr. Barber in its March 3, 1915 edition: Dr. Charles N. Barber, a life-long resident of Barre, and a well-known veterinary, died Feb 15, age 62. He had held many town offices, represented the town in the legislature and was vice president of the Granite Mutual Insurance Company.⁵

² Child, Hamilton, "Part First, Gazetteer of Washington County, VT., 1783-1889," edited by William Adams, Syracuse, N.Y., April 1889.

³ Burlington Weekly Free Press, Sep 24, 1914.

⁴ Trade Marks Registered August 6, 1912, US Patent Office: 87,714

⁵ The St. Johnsbury Caledonian newspaper, March 3, 1915, Chronicling America website, UVM

Charles Newell Barber, Jr., 1884 - 1958

Death certificate: Charles Newell Barber, Jr., died Apr 22, 1958, , born Sep 8, 1884, age 73, retired treasurer of Norwich University, son of Charles N. and Ella Bancroft, married to Ida S. Barber, World War 1 veteran, buried in Maplewood Cemetery.

Charles attended Norwich University and graduated in 1908 with a degree in Civil Engineering. He stayed on campus after that and became a member of the faculty. A 1909 newspaper article reported he had been elected captain of Company F of the Vermont National Guard. The same article gave his occupation as an instructor of physics and drawing at Norwich.⁶

Barber became an important person in the history of the Barre Town Cemeteries. The town and the city split in 1895, after that time, the town records included a separate deed book for the cemeteries. C. N. Barber signed the first 99 deeds, he apparently represented the cemetery commission during that timeframe. One more deed with his signature could be found, making an even 100 deeds with his name. Additionally, Barber prepared a plan showing expansion of the Wilson Cemetery based on lands purchased for that purpose. For the most part, his lot layouts have carried through to the modern day Wilson Cemetery.

Another important aspect of Barber's life came from his service in the military. As noted above, Barber went from Norwich into the Vermont National Guard. Records show him entering the Signal Corps as a 1st Lieutenant in 1907 and then as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Infantry after graduation. Barber made captain in 1909, President Wilson called him to active duty in 1916 and again in 1917. In between assignments with the Quartermaster Corps and the Infantry, Barber rose to the rank of major. For many years he served as the US Property and Disbursing Officer, the third highest ranking officer in the National Guard, responsible for all government property and the payroll.⁷ At the same time, he continued to work at Norwich as the treasurer and buildings and grounds superintendent. Still an officer at the time of World War II, Colonel Barber retired due to his age but served Vermont as the state director of selective service.⁸

As mentioned, Barber received the call to active duty on two occasions. The first, in 1916, came from President Wilson in response to cross border raids by Poncho Villa of Mexico. The president called the entire National Guard, the Vermonters traveled to Eagle Pass, Texas during the summer of 1916, Barber as captain of the headquarters company. The operation, known as the Punitive Expedition, was commanded by General John "Black Jack" Pershing. He went to Texas the day after activation to make preparations for the arrival of his unit and went back to Vermont early to prepare for their return home.⁹ His second call to active duty came less than six months after his return to Vermont, this time President Wilson activated the troops for the First World War. Barber served in France with the 57th Pioneer Division as a captain and as the

⁶ St. Johnsbury Caledonian, Dec 15, 1909, Chronicling America website, UVM

⁷ From a list of National Guard officers as published in 1923 through 1939 referencing Barber

⁸ Guide to the Charles Newell Barber Records, Norwich University

⁹ Military records of the Vermont Army National Guard

regimental adjutant.¹⁰ Barber had retired in 1940, before the Second World War, but he re-enlisted in the Guard in 1941. The military retired him again in January of 1942, he then took over selective service in Vermont.¹¹

This portion of the Barber family are in two areas of Maplewood. There are seven individual markers in the west section, and three more directly across the driveway in the South 1 section are three more.

Other Barber family members at Maplewood

About seven lots to the south of Charles, Sr. is the family lot of Cyrus W. Barber, Charles's father. Cyrus W., son of Cyrus Barber and Caroline Babcock, born June 19, 1823, and has since resided in Barre with the exception of four years spent in Calais. Mr. Barber married Elvira Willey. Their children are Charles N., Edwin C, and Ella L., all of whom reside in Barre.¹²

In another section of Maplewood, South 2, is the grave of Josie Perrin Barber, 1888 – 1918. Her husband, George J. Barber purchased the lot in November of 1918. Josephine Lavin Perrin m. George Jackson Barber of Barre Town on Sep 11, 1912, he a 20 year old farmer born in Barre to Charles N. and Ella L. Bancroft Barber, married in Barre. George J. Barber, born Jan 19, 1892 in Barre to Charles N. Barber and Ella L. Granger.

George Barber married a second time after the death of Josie, to Margaret A. Durwaid on 22 Dec 1920 in Dover, NH. He died in Rochester, NH at age 54-8-2, a chiropractor, buried in the Rochester Cemetery. Died Sep 21, 1946 of heart disease, no record found for Josie's death.

Apparently George became a caretaker in the Maplewood Cemetery for a time. For example, in the 1918 Cemetery Commissioner's Report from the Town of Barre Annual Report, George Barber turned in money for lots sold at Maplewood and received pay for mowing and other labor in the cemetery. On the other hand, C. E. Perrin sold lots in the Wilson Cemetery and served as cemetery commission clerk; George's father-in-law perhaps?

The Barber family can be found in other lots, too. In the Wilbert Spear lot, Wilbert married into the Barber family when he wed Edwina Caroline Barber, sister of Charles, Sr. Another sister, Caroline, married Elias Orvis Persons, another family branch at Maplewood.

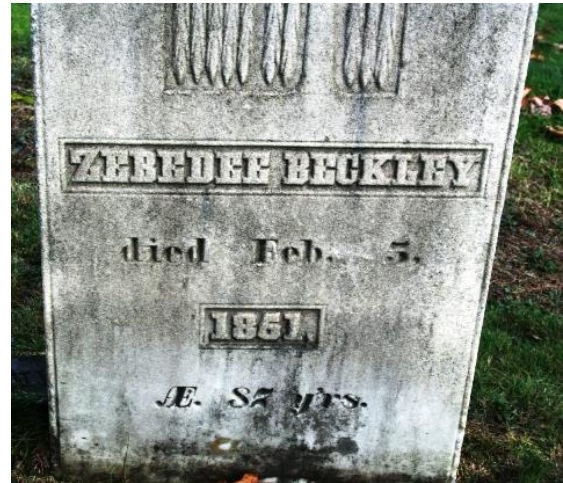
¹⁰ Vermont Adjutant General's Roster of World War 1

¹¹ Vermont Adjutant General's Roster of World War 2

¹² Child, Hamilton, "Part First, Gazetteer of Washington County, VT., 1783-1889," edited by William Adams, Syracuse, N.Y., April 1889

ZEBEDEE BECKLEY

In old Wethersfield, Connecticut, back before the Revolutionary War, Zebedee Beckley and his wife Hannah lived on a farm and raised their family there. But early in the Revolution, Zebedee died in battle in December of 1776. The tragedy brought another Zebedee to the surface, 14 year old Zebedee, Jr. took his father's place in the army. Zebedee enlisted at his very young age and served various times throughout the war. Somewhere around 1785, Zebedee, his wife Elizabeth, and their family, his sister Anna Dix and her husband headed north and settled in Wethersfield, Vermont. They moved farther north circa 1803 and settled in Barre.



As noted above, Zebedee, and his father, Zebedee, served during the American Revolution. Patriotic service did not end there, however. When searching for the name Beckley among the soldiers of the War of 1812, Zebedee appears again, this time as a teamster in Captain Warren Ellis's company. Two other names are on the list as well, Oramel and Horace, both sons of Zebedee. Each son eventually received a pension. Horace is buried at Maplewood, Oramel elsewhere. On to the Civil War, George Ira Beckley and Oran Beckley, Jr. both served. George, at Maplewood, served with the 8th Vermont Volunteer Regiment and the Veterans Reserve Corps. Eventually George received an invalid pension. Sergeant Oran Beckley, Jr. was wounded during the Battle of the Wilderness, became a prisoner, and died at Andersonville. He is buried elsewhere.

Zebedee Jr.'s children spread out into the community as they matured and married. Among his sons also at Maplewood, many of Horace, Oran, and Luther can be found. Nearby is his sister Anna and her husband Benjamin Dix. Also among the string of Beckley graves are Zebedee's granddaughters Adeline Chandler and husband Samuel, as well as Matilda, wife of William Richards, both daughters of Horace and Abigail Beckley.

Tragedy came to the family of Abel Beckley, son of Oran, son of Zebedee. Apparently 1868 brought a round of typhoid fever and the disease hit Abel's family hard. Looking through the vital records and the gravestones at Maplewood, the following timeline can be developed. First, 13 year old daughter Clara passed away of typhoid on August 22nd. Then, five days later, 15 year old son Charlie passed. Finally, on August 30th, Abel's wife Clarissa succumbed to typhoid at the age of 35. A few years later, typhoid again took Beckley family members, 67 year old Luther Beckley died from typhoid on the 1st of September, 1876 and his brother, Oran died from the same disease on the 3rd of September.

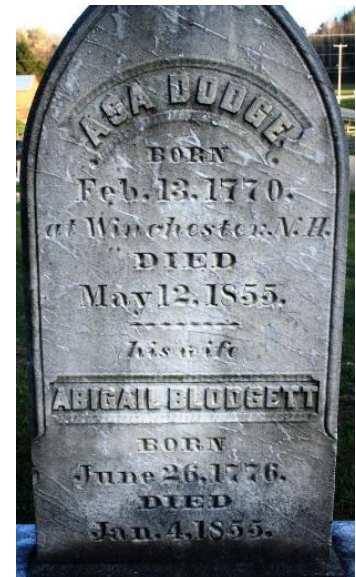
Other grandchildren can be found at Maplewood. Frederick David Beckley, son of Luther and found at the cemetery as F. D. Beckley has a family plot. Another of Luther's son, John L Beckley and his family are in the west section. Oran's son Chester has a lot in the Center Section.



Zebedee's great granddaughter, Lily May Beckley, wife of Hubbard Meaker, can be found in the Center Section of Maplewood. From her, the family tree continues to widen and spread out through the cemetery. The Beckley's expand into the Poulen's, Murray's and Sanborn's and the Mathiesons. Perhaps there is a tie-in between Abel Beckley's neighbors, the John Bassett family, in the cemetery's west section, there are several Bassett's in the Beckley family. Elsewhere, the extended family owned many of the farms in the northwest portion of Barre and the Beckley name defines Beckley Hill and Beckley Street.

ASA DODGE

The surname Dodge can be found in and around Barre and its history from the earliest time of the town's story. Back in 1791, the same year Vermont became a state, two brothers, John and Asa Dodge moved their family from their homes in Winchester, New Hampshire to their newly purchased lands in Barre. [Barre back then, had the name, Wildersburgh.]



Recently married, John and his bride Mary Cameron, had several children born to them in Barre, some of whom can be found at Maplewood Cemetery. John and family occupied a farm in the northern part of Barre and belonged to the local Congregational church. He served his fellow citizens in town government and in the state legislature in 1807 and 1808.

Asa married Abigail Blodgett in 1794, after coming to Barre. He and his wife had several children in Barre, a few at Maplewood Cemetery with their parents. Asa belonged to the Methodist church and supported the building of a church and paying a minister with monetary donations. Also in the household, Abigail's mother Abigail lived with the family. She supposedly has been buried at Maplewood, then known as the Farwell Cemetery, but no stone could be found in 2015.

More of Asa's descendants can be found at Maplewood. Heman Dodge, a son of Asa's son Daniel and his wife Roxana died at the age of 2 years old, he can be found in the

family plot. Son Joseph and his wife Catherine left a twelve – day old daughter behind at Maplewood as well. Two other sons, Wesley and Nathaniel Brown Dodge and their families bring the family at Maplewood farther forward in time.

Wesley married Irena Bullock, they owned a farm next to Asa's in Barre. They are also in the same section of Maplewood as Asa. Nearby is a lot occupied by the Lovell Bullock clan, Lovell being Irena's father. In addition to the Bullocks, Jerome L. Dow has a grave. He served in the Civil War briefly as a member of the New Hampshire infantry. No clear connection to the Dodge family could be found except that Jerome lived in the Wesley Dodge household, at least according to the 1850 US census.

Another son, Nathaniel B., has a lot for his family at Maplewood as well. The family monument has his name shown as N. B. Dodge. Nathaniel and wife Elizabeth Thompson lived and farmed in Barre until the death of his father, Asa, then the family moved to Glover. When Elizabeth passed, Nathaniel moved into the home of his daughter, Emma Benjamin. N. B. and Elizabeth and a few of their children are in Maplewood.

Family patriarch, Nathaniel Brown Dodge can be found buried at Maplewood between his sons John and Asa. Lydia Barber Dodge, mother of John and Asa, passed away in 1771, before the family came to Vermont, and is buried elsewhere. Nathaniel served in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War. He served on the Massachusetts line as a private for the year of 1776 and participated in an expedition to Canada from Fort Ticonderoga. He served again as a member of the New Hampshire militia in a relief expedition to Fort Ticonderoga. In 1795, Nathaniel and third wife, Tabitha, also came to Vermont, they settled on a farm on the grammar school lot in Barre. By 1818, the date of Nathaniel's war pension application, he had moved his family to Underhill, Vermont. Tabitha died in Underhill in 1818, Nathaniel then moved back to Barre and into the household of son. Asa. Nathaniel has a stone, a new granite monument to replace the old and crumbling slate marker set by his descendants, at the Maplewood Cemetery.

Another family of Dodges, that of Thomas Dodge, has a lot in the southern end of Section South1. No clear connection between Thomas and Nathaniel came to light. Thomas also served during the Revolutionary War. He served in three distinct terms, one in 1776, another in 1777, and lastly in 1778. Thomas lost two wives, both named Abigail, they have been laid to rest at Maplewood. The first Abigail passed in 1802, the family probably had not been in the Barre area for long. Thomas married a third time to Sarah Worth, she lived until the age of 92. Besides Thomas and his wives, three of Thomas's children are in the family plot.

STEPHEN EVERETT

One of the town's early citizens, Stephen Everett [b. 1774], and his family occupy an area at Maplewood. The family did not have an easy time, he and wife Susan Mirick Everett [b. 1774] lost several children including six under the age of 12. The children have some of the oldest stones still visible in the cemetery. Another son died at age 20, another before age 30, only their daughter Susan lived a full life, she married James Blanchard and lived until almost 80 years old. Nearby is a stone for the widow Ruth Mirick [b. 1742], the mother of Everett matriarch Susan.



Our Stephen, born Feb 2, 1774, to David and Susannah Rolfe Everett, in Princeton, Massachusetts. His father served in the army during the American Revolution and died while in the army on June 26, 1775. David fought at Bunker Hill. Stephen married Susan Mirick in Princeton on January 25, 1798, she the daughter of Josiah and Ruth Upham Mirick. Susan, born on January 26, 1774, died on October 1, 1852 in Barre. Ruth Mirick moved to Barre as well, her stone can be found in the same row with the Everett family. Stephen worked as a farmer, he and Susan had the following children:¹³

Susan: Jan 21, 1799 – Nov 1878
David, Mar 22, 1801 – Feb 13, 1812 [at Maplewood]
Josiah: b. Mar 22, 1803 – d. Apr 3, 1803 [at Maplewood]
Stephen: May 23, 1804 – Aug 29, 1840
Sophronia, Mar 25, 1806 – Oct 11, 1808 [at Maplewood]
Josiah Mirick: Oct 30, 1808, Mar 14, 1812 [at Maplewood]
Sophronia, May 25, 1811 – Apr 8, 1812 [at Maplewood]
Clark: Apr 10, 1814 – Oct 6, 1842 at Sparta, GA
John M.: Apr 13, 1819 – May 20, 1839 [at Maplewood]

REVEREND WILLIAM FARWELL (January 6, 1749-December 11, 1823)

The third child of Bethiah Eldredge and William Farwell, William was born in Mansfield, Connecticut. In 1771 he married Phebe Crosby and settled with her on a farm in North Charlestown. The Reverend William Farwell arrived in Barre in 1803. He had been in Barre before, he assisted in setting up the Universalist Church in town during a visit in 1796. After his arrival, he not only continued to serve the church, but also made frequent and long outbound trips to bring the church's



¹³ Everett, Edward F., "Descendants of Richard Everett of Dedham, MA," Boston, 1902

message to others. He became a well known and respected member of the Barre community. According to a Universalist Church webpage, local citizens paid for his tombstone some 30 years after his death, brought on by a fall on the ice. Today, in Maplewood, Farwell's tombstone is of modern granite, carved undoubtedly to resemble the old style slate stone it probably replaced. [the reverse side of Reverend Farwell's stone belongs to Phebe Farwell, his consort.]

At one end of the long line of Farwell gravestones, John Q. Davis can be found, and at the other end, a child, William Davis, and Rebecca Davis, wife of Osmand Dewey. One connection between the Farwell and Davis family can be found through Enos W. Farwell, son of Lemuel and Patience Walker Farwell, and his wife Catherine Davis, daughter of Jacob and Caty Taplin Davis. John Q. and Catherine are probably brother and sister. Rebecca Davis Dewey is yet another sister, she had been married to William Farwell, Jr. at one time and the Farwell child, also William, was the son of William and Rebecca. Rebecca, daughter of Jacob, Jr., and Katie (Taplin) Davis, who were the first couple married in Montpelier. "Mr. Farwell was a very successful teacher, a man of talents and promising usefulness." He died of a malignant abscess at the age of twenty-nine years. Also nearby, David D. Wing can be found, the son of Judge David Wing, Jr. and Hannah Davis Wing, a possible cousin of the Jacob and Caty line. David Wing married Cynthia Farwell, a daughter of Lemuel and Patience Farwell.

As part of the follow on generation, William's son Lemuel came to Barre with his father in 1803, married Patience Walker, [b.1780] and settled where his grandson, William Farwell, now lives. Patience Walker Farwell, wife of Col. Lemuel Farwell, both in Maplewood, reaches back to Wilson Cemetery as the daughter of Col. Benjamin Walker found in Old Yard 3.

JOSEPH GLIDDEN(s)

Joseph and wife Sarah Glidden have a lot in the South 1 section. Most of the stones are either gone or broken, but Joseph, a Revolutionary War veteran, and Sarah can still be found. Just north of this lot, Joseph, Junior and his wife Abigail have their lot. The lot is in much the same condition as parents, Joseph Senior and Sarah. Some sources show Abigail as Abigail Batchelder, Joseph Junior served during the War of 1812. Not so clear would be the lot holding Harriett Glidden, just to the west of Joseph, Senior. The stone for Emily and Helen proclaim them as daughters of Mark and Harriett Glidden. Sources suggest Mark to be the son of Joseph, Junior and Abigail. Mark spent his adult life between Barre and Danvers, Massachusetts. Harriet's stone has been broken and repaired. A center section of the stone is missing from the repair, we see "Harriet, wife of ... son of M. & H. Glidden, died April 6, 1850 ..." Harriett is Harriett Holden, married to Mark Glidden on June 2, 1842, she died in Barre on October 25, 1849 at 29 years. Some sources suggest the couple had a son, Elmer. Had he died in April of 1850 at seven months, his birth would have been in October of 1849. Perhaps Harriet died during the birth of Elmer, Harriett being home in Barre for the birth of their child, speculation of course. Mark passed away on March 27, 1898 in Salem, Mass.

WILLIAM GOLDSBURY

William GOLDSBURY, brother of John, the second settler of Barre, was also one of the pioneers of the town. January 28, 1794, he married Bathsheba WALKER, and at once settled on the farm now owned by his grandson, Joel W. GOLDSBURY, on road q. His first residence was a log cabin. A few years later the frame house now occupied by Joel W. was erected. The first glass window in their neighborhood was one of the adornments of this house, and is still sound and doing service. It was brought by Mrs. GOLDSBURY on horseback from Brookfield, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. GOLDSBURY were parents of four sons, --William, Joel, John, and Oliver. William died at the age of twenty-four years. Oliver was killed and entombed at once, and in an instant, when he was but five years old. He had accompanied his father to the woods. The father was busy cutting off the trunk of a prostrate tree, which had been turned out of the ground by the roots. The earth from a deep cavity in the ground adhered to the roots of the tree, and the ill-fated little child had stepped into this cavity. As soon as the unwitting father had severed the trunk of the tree from the stump, by its own great weight, as sudden as the spring of a trap, it sprung back into its original place, crushed, and buried the child. John was a merchant at Montpelier, and died at the age of thirty-two years, supposed to have been poisoned. December 9, 1819, Joel married Charlotte COLLYER. Their children were Maria, Bathsheba, Mandama, Orlantha, Julia, Charlotte, Annette, Joel W., John N., Ellen V., and William A., six of whom are now living.¹⁴



Death of Joel W. Goldsbury

Joel Walker Goldsbury, a direct descendant of the original settler of Barre, died yesterday at his home on the first farm cleared in this city, the old Goldsbury farm on Beckley hill. His grandfather, with his three sons, was the first settler to locate in Barre, clearing the Goldsbury farm, which has been in the possession of the family ever since. The cause of Mr. Goldsbury's death was pneumonia. He was 69 years old last September. Mr. Goldsbury leaves a wife, one brother, William Goldsbury of Chicago, and two sisters -- Mrs. J. C. Beede of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. A. G. Wheelock of this city.¹⁵

¹⁴ Child, Hamilton, "Part First, Gazetteer of Washington County, VT., 1783-1889," edited by William Adams, Syracuse, N.Y., April 1889

¹⁵ Barre Evening Telegram. (Barre, Vt.) 1898-19??, February 10, 1902 as found on the website Chronicling America as hosted by the University of Vermont.

LAWSON, NATHANIEL

The name Lawson, found in Maplewood, can be found in Wilson Cemetery as well. Nathaniel and Deborah Clark Lawson traveled to Barre from New Salem in Massachusetts. According to Child, they began the journey via ox cart on the 1st of January, 1800. The family settled in Barre and Nathaniel cleared two acres of land and built a log home. Stephen Everett and family provided the Lawsons with their nearest neighbor, the families continue to be neighbors as both are in Maplewood. Some of the Lawson couple's children can also be found in Maplewood. Young Nathaniel and wife Abigail Howland are there along with Elisha and his wife Lucy Freeman.



CARLETON, FRANCIS

The Carleton family has two lots at Maplewood, one lot in the South 1 section, the other in the West section. Francis and his wife Lovisa are in the south. The couple married in 1834, Francis listed as a deacon. Lovisa passed away at the age of 47, Francis married a second time to Hannah Bixby of Williamstown in 1864. The Carleton lot is near that of Joseph Glidden, Jr., he is Lovisa's father, she is shown as Louisa in the Glidden family genealogy. In addition to Lovisa's burial in the family lot, three of their children have been laid to rest there. Abbie, a school teacher who never married, lived her entire 81 year life in Williamstown, now she can be found in Barre Town. Son Alpheus, he passed away at age two, is in the family plot. Newell Carleton, Civil War soldier came home from Virginia after he died at Camp Griffin of typhoid fever. Newell served as a corporal in Company B of the 4th Vermont Infantry. He enlisted in August of 1861, reported for duty in September, he died in November of the same year. Francis, the son of Timothy and Polly Carleton, joined the family at Maplewood in 1896.



In the west section of Maplewood, Hiram Carleton owns a lot. He is also a son of Timothy and Polly and the younger brother of Francis. Their father, Timothy is in Hiram's lot, there is no indication where Polly is buried. Hiram married Lavina Waterman, she is in the family lot, along with their son John, he died at age 16. Hiram passed away before Lavina, he died at age 57.

BENJAMIN and ANNA DIX

Husband and wife, Benjamin and Anna Dix can be found side by side at the Maplewood Cemetery in the South 1 section. Benjamin, probably born in 1757 Hartford, Connecticut, married Anna Beckley, the daughter of nearby Maplewood lot holder, Zebedee and Hannah Beckley. Benjamin served during the American Revolution in his home state of Connecticut. Dix began as a private, but also became a corporal and listed in the non-commissioned officer ranks. Records show service in both the 3rd and the 9th Connecticut Regiments. While with the 3rd, Dix can be found as a corporal in a company directly under the control of the Marquis de la Fayette. Another record, from 1778, is an enlisted record for Dix, he signed on "for the duration of the war." Pension records for Benjamin and Anna can be found documenting his service. The Dix family moved north from Connecticut and settled in Wethersfield, Vermont. Sometime between 1781 and 1791, they finally settled on a farm in East Montpelier. Now the family can be found at Maplewood. Along with Benjamin and Anna, two of their sons, Leonard and Rheuben joined their parents at Maplewood. Rheuben made his living as a cooper, apparently unmarried, he can be found with Benjamin and Anna. Leonard, married to Betsey Sanborn, died at age 33, no other details about him came to light.

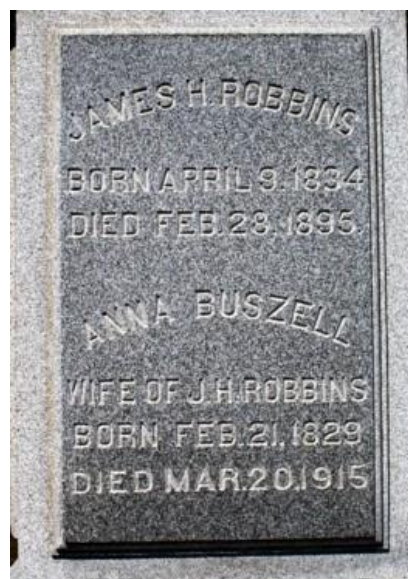


To the east, in Section South 2, M. Willard Dix and his family have a lot. Willard is the son of Gilbert and Sophia Willard Dix and is connected to Benjamin and Anna Dix. His father Gilbert is the son of Leonard and Betsey Sanborn Dix mentioned above. Also on the monument is Hattie Smith, wife of Willard, she came from Montpelier.

John H. Robbins

Although not original settlers of Barre, there are six generations of the Robbins family at Maplewood along with other extended family members and surnames. The top generation, James H. and Anna Buszell Robbins perhaps didn't arrive in Barre until the time of the Civil War. Apparently, the Buszell family already lived in East Montpelier. Joseph and Hannah had son Alonzo, he passed away at age 3 in the year 1839 and is buried at Maplewood. The family plot in the west section is shared by another son, J. Fred and his wife Minnie.

The Buszell, or Buzzell, family ties to the Robbins family at the beginning of the family tree branch presented here.



Anna Buzzell married James H. Robbins, she is the daughter of Joseph S. Buszell and wife Hannah Judd. Joseph has a lot in the west section as does his son George W. Buszell. Elsewhere at Maplewood, Anna's sister Angeline can be found with her husband George Howland, son of Esek and Laura Howland. Esek and Laura are at Maplewood as well. Joseph Buszell originally came from outside the Barre area, he is the son of John and Elizabeth Buzzell.

Also at Maplewood, J. Clarence, a grandson of James and Anna can be found along with several other members of his branch of the Robbins clan. Two more generations of the Robbins family are in the South 2 section. Robert R. Robbins, a great grandson of James and Anna owns a lot there. A family member of a great great grandson is also in the south 2 lot. Spread out within the cemetery borders are other extended family members and names including Gamble, Hayden, and Wylie.

There are of course, many other family ties at Maplewood. There are further family ties between Maplewood and the residents of the town's other cemeteries, Wilson and West Hill as well. Not all of the cross connections have been presented above, further research by other interested parties may uncover several that have been missed or not addressed here.

