

Notes About the Ridge Cemetery

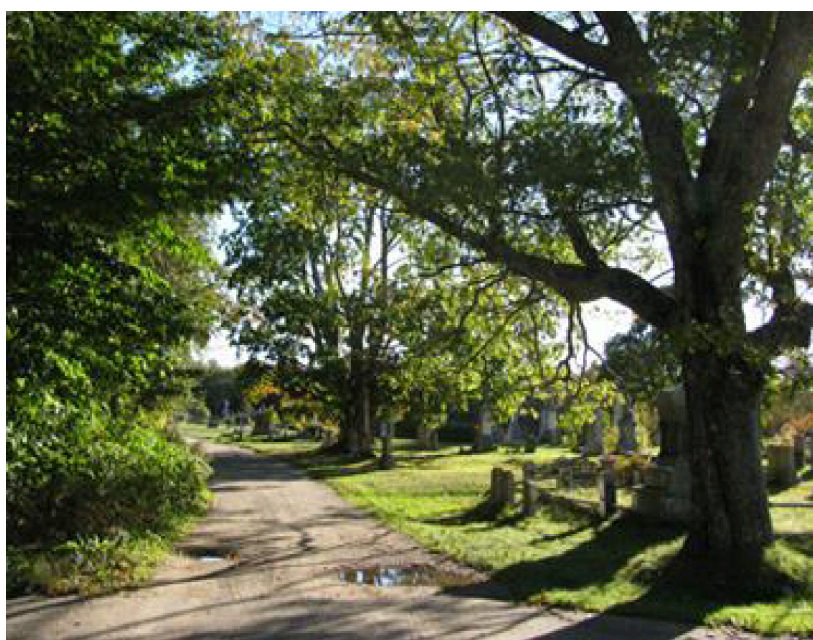
Also known as Ridge Church Cemetery, Second Parish Cemetery, South Parish Cemetery, and sometimes Glenmere Cemetery.

The Second Parish Church was formed in 1817, with services held in private homes until the first church was built in 1825.

The cemetery has been the primary burial grounds for people living in Port Clyde, Martinsville and Glenmere.

Some of the names that appear again and again in this cemetery and others in town are: Watts, Dizer, Seavey, Barter, Simmons, Marshall, Wilson, Henderson, Hupper, Hart, Davis, Teel, Bickmore, Meservey, Stone, Harris, Smalley, Cook, Wheeler and???? Can you name any more?

The oldest gravestones here belong to Richard Martin who the village Martinsville was named for and his wife, Sarah (Vickery) Martin. Sarah died in 1790, and Richard died in 1799. These stones, and probably a few others, were moved here from the Old Martin Yard that was located behind where the old Martinsville post office used to be located. Sarah's gravestone is the oldest dated gravestone in St. George. R410



A few lots back from the road, located right next to the church, is the minister's lot, reserved for the clergy serving the church.

Note the different types of stone used for gravestones; the intricate carvings; the interesting and inspirational epitaphs; and the manner by which the gravesites are marked – from the simplest gravestones to the decorative and large monuments.

John Hupper B 1810, son of John Hupper and Elizabeth Teel. Grandson

of Nathaniel Hupper and Susannah Loud who came from Berwick, Maine in the mid-1700s. A very tall monument. R542.

William Henry Holbrook B 1834 son of Daniel Holbrook and Elizabeth Hart. Both long standing families in St. George who were mostly mariners. R696, R15:6

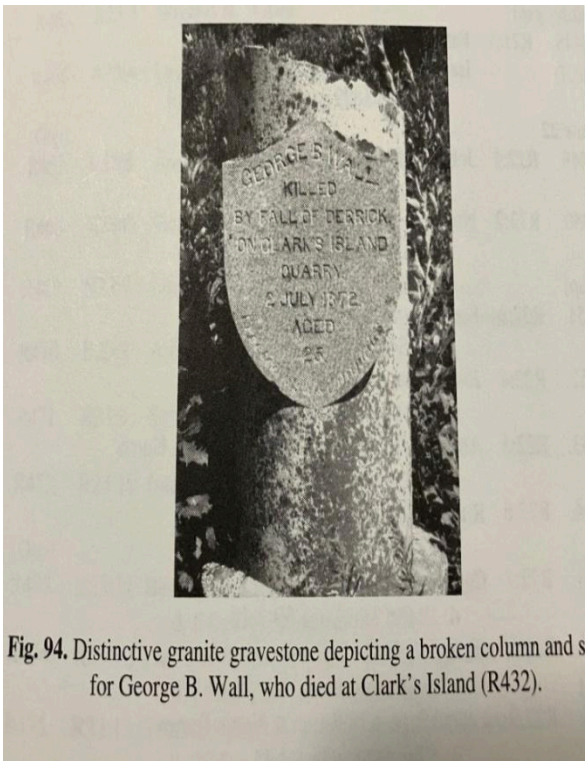
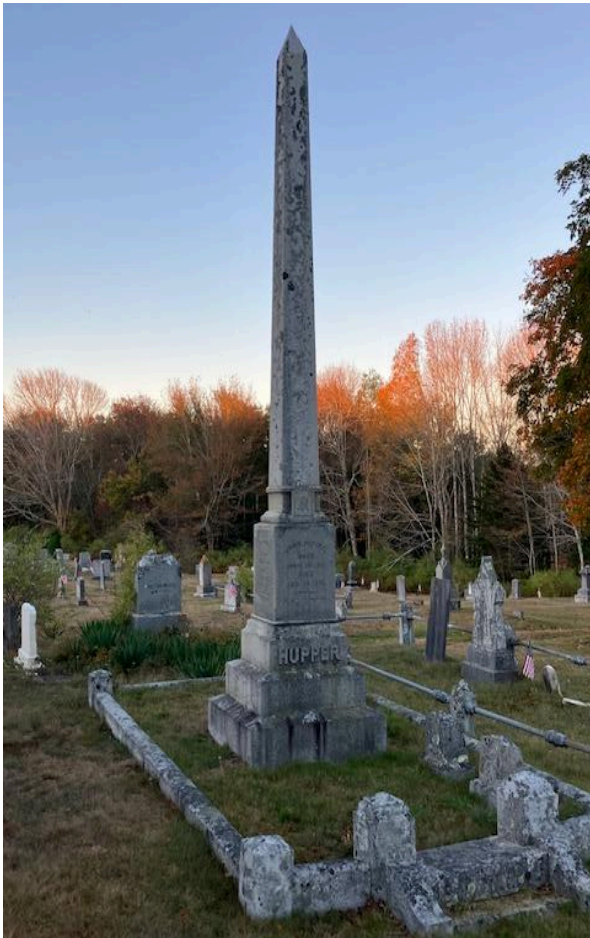
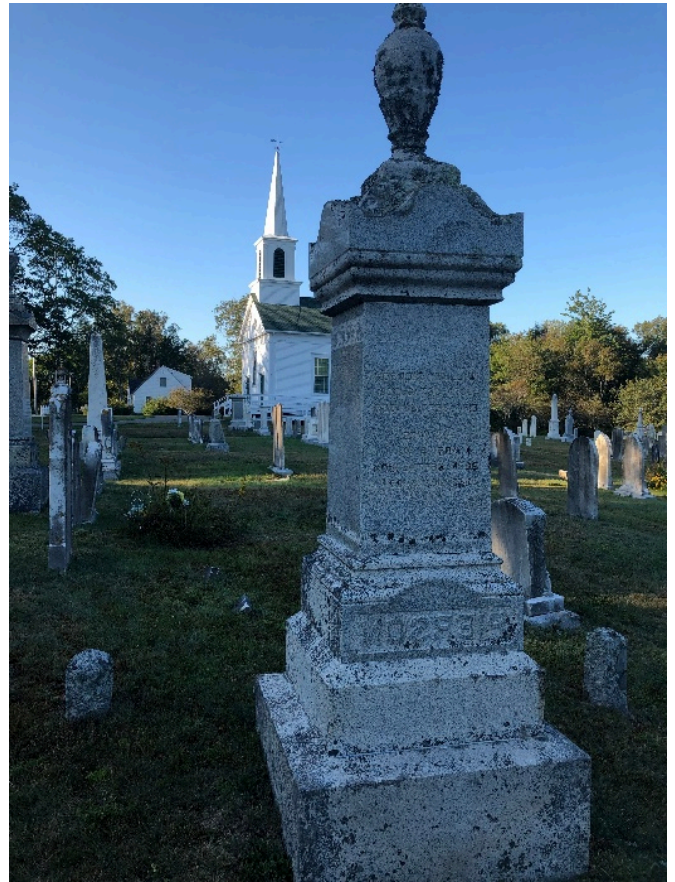


Fig. 94. Distinctive granite gravestone depicting a broken column and shi for George B. Wall, who died at Clark's Island (R432).

The gravestone of George B Wall, who died while working at Clark's Island Quarry in 1872 at the age of 25 years, thus the unfinished gravestone signifying being cut down in his youth supplied by his fellow quarrymen. R432

William Pierson, one of 6 sons of Richard Pierson of which were all seamen or Mast Mariners and one being lost at sea. R 249
Two each are buried at Ridge, North Parish and Seaside Cemeteries.

Fannie Maude 1892-1968, one of five children of Edward C McLlellan and Betsey C Maloney at least 4 of which were albinos. Are the other family members buried in the lot in unmarked graves? R700



Mary, wife of Adam Teel, died 30 Jul 1844 at the age of 101 yrs and 9 mos. Her epitaph says: "Though life be not in length of days, nor silvered locks, nor furrowed brow, but living to the Savior's praise, yet few have lived as long as Thou." That sure is correct in her case. She died at the age of 101. R 504



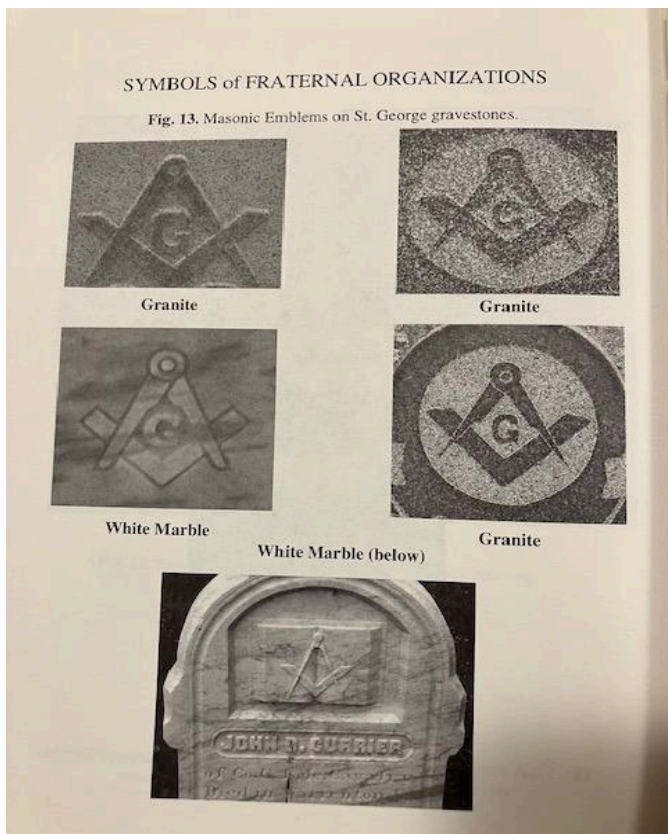
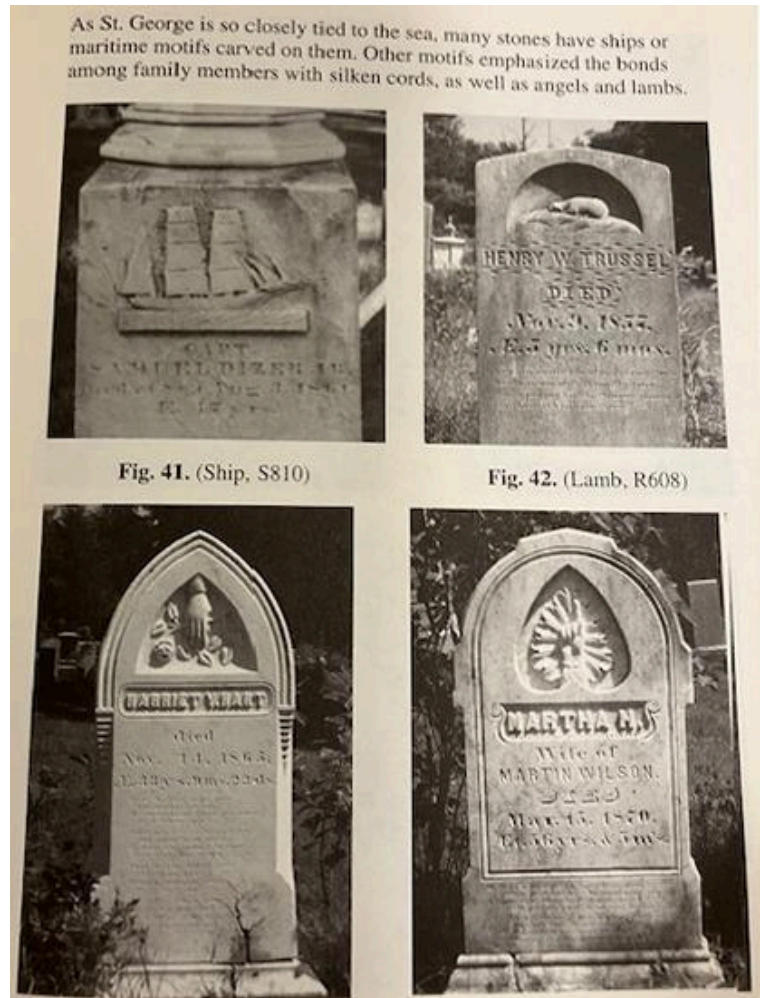
Fig. 95. Headstone of Mary, wife of Adam Teel, made of Thomaston marble (R504).

Receiving tomb – where bodies were stored until they could be buried due to winter or other problems.



Note the titles of Deacon, Capt., etc.; those who were lost at sea; and those who died in foreign ports often of diseases of our past.

A few of the symbols you will find here at the Ridge Cemetery.



Two books for further information, both available for searching at the Old Library Museum at 38 Main Street in Tenants Harbor:

“Cemetery Inscriptions and Burial Sites of St. George, Maine, and the Nearby Islands” compiled and edited by Steve Sullivan and Rob Welsch and

“Cemetery Stone Carvings – St. George, Maine” by Steve Jacobson

The St. George Historical Society has a designated fund for Cemetery stone repair. Please consider donating or volunteering at one of our cemetery gravestone cleanings.