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## Burials at the Belknap County Farm Cemetery, Laconia, New Hampshire, after 1872

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In 1853, the county of Belknap in New Hampshire purchased 148 acres of land from Mary E. Boynton and Betsey S. Boynton, the sole heirs of Stephen Boynton. This property had been the homestead farm of Stephen Boynton, the father of Mary E. and the husband of Betsey S.<sup>1</sup> Shortly thereafter, the property became the site of the Belknap County poorhouse and jail. The poorhouse or poor farm provided housing, care, and work for paupers in the county. There was also a cemetery for the interment of residents who died at the farm but apparently had no one to claim them for burial elsewhere.

At the time of the sale of the Boynton property, it was in the town of Meredith in Belknap County. However, in 1855, a portion of Meredith became part of Laconia, which lies just to the southeast in the same county.<sup>2</sup> In the 1860 Laconia census, Warren and Ann Sanborn, superintendent and matron of the county poorhouse, were enumerated along with 19 paupers in residence and one person in jail for larceny.<sup>3</sup> On 23 November 1871, the buildings of the Belknap County Farm were destroyed by fire, leaving only

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© 2022 Virginia Hansen, who manages Bayside Cemetery and Union Cemetery in Laconia. She thanks Rick Pickwick and David Hough for documenting the Belknap County Farm Cemetery on Find A Grave, as well as Patrick Tierney for introducing her to the cemetery and inspiring her to discover the names of those buried in the graves that only contain numbers.

<sup>1</sup> Belknap Co., NH, Deeds, 20:507, Mary T. Boynton and Betsey S. Boynton to County of Belknap, 12 Jan. 1853 (date signed), 22 Feb. 1853 (date recorded); FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3HY-494D-R>), Land records, 1841-1901; index to land records, 1841-1915 > Land records v. 18-21(p.1-140) 1852-1853 > Image 892 of 1036.

<sup>2</sup> Michael J. Leclerc, ed., *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research*, 5th ed. (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2012), 240–241, 270–271.

<sup>3</sup> 1860 US Census, Belknap County, New Hampshire, population schedule, Laconia, p. 440, lines 17–38, County Poorhouse and Jail; National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm M653, roll 666. Enumerated 25 June.

the land.<sup>4</sup> The following year, the county approved \$10,000 for rebuilding<sup>5</sup> and purchased additional land from Thomas Ladd.<sup>6</sup>

In 1873, the Belknap County Farm laid out a new cemetery, “the old cemetery at the farm being nearly full and inconveniently located.”<sup>7</sup> This “new” cemetery is the topic of the present article. Today, this cemetery is located in an industrial park in Laconia and has been abandoned.<sup>8</sup> The location of the old cemetery is unknown.

The earliest stone markers in the “new” cemetery (44 in number) are engraved with names and dates, representing deaths from between 1873 and 1892. There are also 60 simple stone markers engraved only with a number (numbers 1–60). These presumably date from after 1892, but records from before 1903 that are specific for this cemetery have not been found. The Belknap County and City of Laconia annual reports list deaths at the Belknap County Farm.<sup>9</sup> However, not everyone who died there was buried

<sup>4</sup> Belknap County, New Hampshire, Commissioners, *Annual Report of the Commissioners of the County of Belknap, Together with the Reports of the County Treasurer, and Superintendent of the County Farm for the Year Ending December 31, 1898* (Laconia, NH: Press of News and Critic, 1899), 69.

<sup>5</sup> Belknap County, New Hampshire, Commissioners, *Report of the Commissioners of the County of Belknap for the Year Ending March 1, 1873* (Laconia, NH: The Democrat, 1873), 12; FamilySearch Books, Title no. 1470390\_3 (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/135141/?offset=&return=1-page=1&viewer=picture&o=&n=0&q=>).

<sup>6</sup> Belknap Co., NH, Deeds, 55:136, Thomas E. Ladd to County of Belknap, 9 Sept. 1872 (date signed), 24 Sept. 1872 (date recorded); FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3HY-QS4X-4>), Land records, 1841-1901; index to land records, 1841-1915 > Land records v. 54(p.200-end)-57(p.1-200) 1872-1873 > Image 299 of 976. Emma E. Ladd, wife of Thomas, relinquished her dower rights. The parcel contained about 75 acres.

<sup>7</sup> Belknap County, New Hampshire, Commissioners, *Annual Report of the Commissioners of the County of Belknap, Together with the Reports of the County Treasurer, and Superintendent of the County Farm, for the year ending March 1, 1875* (Laconia, NH: The Democrat Office, 1875), 18; FamilySearch Books, Title annualreport00belk (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/viewer/137472/?offset=&return=1-page=1&viewer=picture&o=&n=0&q=>).

<sup>8</sup> Primrose Cemetery, Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2476391/primrose-cemetery>).

<sup>9</sup> Laconia Town Representatives, *The Third Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the City of Laconia, for the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1896, Together with Other Annual Reports and Papers Relating to the Affairs of the City* (Laconia,

in the Farm Cemetery, making it difficult to determine the identities of those buried in the numbered graves. Fortunately, New Hampshire vital records provide the clues needed to make this determination. New Hampshire death records from after 1892 in Laconia—those that show the place of death as “Laconia, Belknap County Farm” or “County Farm” and the place of burial as “County Farm Cemetery” or “Belknap County Farm Cemetery”—identify individuals buried in the numbered graves.

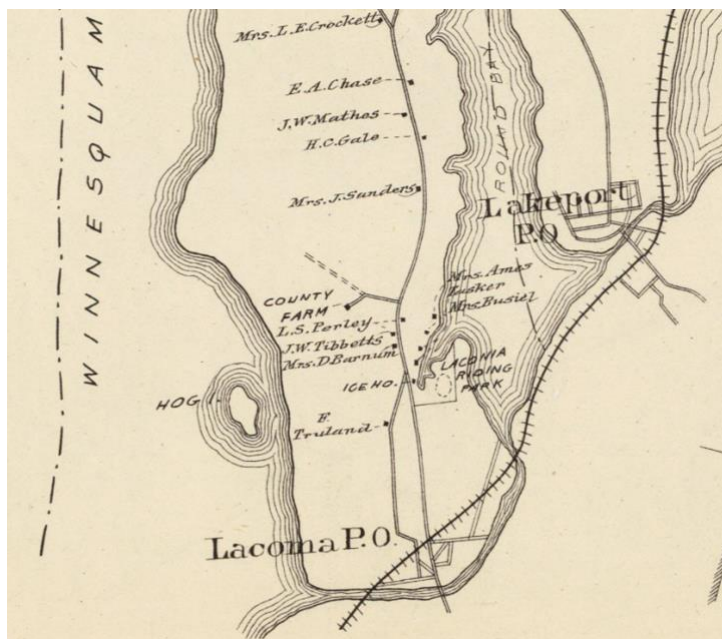


Figure 1. Map Showing the Belknap County Farm.

“Laconia, Belknap County, The Weirs, Town of Laconia, Belknap Co.,” detail, *Town and City Atlas of the State of New Hampshire, Compiled from Government Surveys, County Records and Personal Investigations* (D. H. Hurd, Boston. 1892), 256; David Rumsey Map Collection (<https://www.davidrumsey.com/>).

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NH: Press of Weeks Brothers, 1896), 191ff (unpaginated); University of New Hampshire Library (<https://library.unh.edu>), Find: > Digital Collections > All Categories > NH Cities & Towns > Laconia, NH Annual Reports. Vital Statistics are at the end of the report and the last listings are for “Deaths Occurring at the Belknap County Farm.” The collection also contains reports for other years.

Abstracted below are the 44 gravestones with names and dates, followed by 62 New Hampshire death records for individuals who were buried in the cemetery after 1892.<sup>10</sup>

Belknap County Farm Cemetery: Inscriptions on 44 Stone Markers  
from 1873 to 1892<sup>11</sup>

**Joseph Avery** died June 7, 1884 Æ 77<sup>12</sup>

**John W. Bradbury** died Apr. 26, 1882 Æ 81<sup>13</sup>

**Mahalah Brown** died Feb. 2, 1881 Æ 15<sup>14</sup>

**Eliza Burleigh** died Jan. 26, 1892 Æ 70<sup>15</sup>

**Walter Butterfield** died Dec. 24, 1891 Æ 60<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> “Laconia, New Hampshire records of marriages, births, and deaths, 1858-1915,” FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-899K-5937>); film # 005511459 digitizing Family History Library microfilm 2,258,902. Many of these individuals are listed in Laconia town death records.

<sup>11</sup> Primrose Cemetery, Find A Grave. The inscriptions were viewed and recorded by the author. Some stones were buried or damaged, such that the death date or age was difficult to read.

<sup>12</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104650155/joseph-avery>), memorial page for Joseph Avery (1807–7 Jul 1884), memorial ID 104650155, citing Primrose Cemetery, Laconia, Belknap County, New Hampshire; maintained by rick pickwick (contributor 47208861).

<sup>13</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104648107/john-w-bradbury>), memorial page for John W Bradbury (1801–26 Apr 1882), memorial ID 104648107, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>14</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104649740/mahalah-brown>), memorial page for Mahalah Brown (1866–2 Feb 1881), memorial ID 104649740, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>15</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/87175499/eliza-burleigh>), memorial page for Eliza Burleigh (1822–26 Jan 1892), memorial ID 87175499, citing Primrose Cemetery, Laconia, Belknap County, New Hampshire; maintained by David Hough (contributor 47426659).

<sup>16</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101960785/walter-butterfield>), memorial page for Walter Butterfield (1831–24 Dec 1891), memorial ID 101960785, citing Primrose Cemetery, Laconia, Belknap County, New Hampshire; maintained by rick pickwick (contributor 47208861).

**Richard Calef** died Oct. 12, 1879 Æ 89<sup>17</sup>  
**Jeremiah Conner** died Oct. 23, 1879<sup>18</sup>  
**Harriett Crockett** died Oct. 5, 1890 Æ 80<sup>19</sup>  
**George Dockham** died May 21, 1889 Æ 64<sup>20</sup>  
**Patrick Dolan** died Jul. 7, 1877 Æ 81<sup>21</sup>  
**George Edgerly** died Nov. 30, 1889 Æ 69<sup>22</sup>  
**Sarah Edwards** died Apr. 8, 1890 Æ 75<sup>23</sup>  
**Olive Farrar** died Aug. 20, 1876 Æ 90<sup>24</sup>  
**Benj. F. Follins** died Feb. 13, 1873 Æ 68<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104648360/richard-calef>), memorial page for Richard Calef (1790–12 Dec 1879 [*sic*]), memorial ID 104648360, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>18</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/115536400/jeremiah-conner>), memorial page for Jeremiah Conner (1803–23 Oct 1879), Memorial ID 115536400, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>19</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101960779/harriett-crockett>), memorial page for Harriet Crockett (1810–5 Oct 1890), memorial ID 101960779, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>20</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104670611/george-dockham>), memorial page for George Dockham (1825–21 May 1889), memorial ID 104670611, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>21</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101960747/patrick-dolan>), memorial page for Patrick Dolan (1796–7 Jul 1877), memorial ID 101960747, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>22</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104670673/george-edgerly>), memorial page for George Edgerly (1820–30 Nov 1889), memorial ID 104670673, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>23</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104670735/sarah-edwards>), memorial page for Sarah Edwards (1815–8 Apr 1890), memorial ID 104670735, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>24</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104645692/olive-farrar>), memorial page for Olive Farrar (1786–2 Aug 1876), memorial ID 104645692, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>25</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101960727/benjamin-f-follins>), memorial page for Benjamin F Follins (1805–13 Feb 1873), memorial ID 101960727, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

**Ezekiel Gilman** died 1883 Æ 56<sup>26</sup> [The County Commissioner's report gives his death date as 4 Mar. 1883, his age as 63, and the cause of death as consumption.<sup>27</sup>]

**Olive Hill** died Feb. 17, 1877 Æ 57<sup>28</sup>

**Albert Hillsgrove** died 1880 Æ 21<sup>29</sup>

**George Hoyt** died Dec. 31, 1891 Æ 30<sup>30</sup>

**Susan Hoyt** died Sept. 20, 1888<sup>31</sup>

**Timothy Kimball** died Apr. 19, 1887<sup>32</sup>

**Cordelia Lamprey** died Jul. 16, 1891 Æ 80<sup>33</sup>

<sup>26</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101960764/ezekiel-gilman>), memorial page for Ezekiel Gilman (unknown–4 Mar 1883), memorial ID 101960764, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>27</sup> Belknap County, New Hampshire, Commissioners, *Annual Report of the Commissioners of the County of Belknap, Together with the Reports of the Superintendent of the County Farm, County Treasurer, Sheriff, Jailer, Physician, Clerk of the Courts, and County Solicitor for the year ending May 1, 1883* (Laconia, NH: Lewis, Vaughn, 1883), Physician's Report (unpaginated); FamilySearch Books, Title no. 1470390\_1 (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/560609-annual-report-1883?offset=>), Image 24 of 32.

<sup>28</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104645895/olive-hill>), memorial page for Olive Hill (1820–17 Feb 1877), memorial ID 104645895, citing Primrose Cemetery, Laconia, Belknap County, New Hampshire; maintained by rick pickwick (contributor 47208861).

<sup>29</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104649838/albert-hillsgrove>), memorial page for Albert Hillsgrove (1859–1880), memorial ID 104649838, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>30</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101960791/george-hoyt>), memorial page for George Hoyt (1861–31 Dec 1891), memorial ID 101960791, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>31</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104670822/susan-hoyt>), memorial page for Susan Hoyt (unknown–20 Sep 1888), memorial ID 104670822, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>32</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/115536509/timothy-kimball>), memorial page for Timothy Kimball (unknown–19 Apr 1887), memorial ID 115536509, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>33</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104670878/cordelia-lamprey>), memorial page for Cordelia Lamprey (1811–16 Jul 1891), memorial ID 104670878, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

**John Leslie** died Dec. 5, 1886 Æ 73<sup>34</sup>

**Susan Locke** died Feb. 7, 1888<sup>35</sup>

**Mary Lord** died Feb. 1875 Æ 44<sup>36</sup>

**Margaret A. Marsh** died Apr. 12, 1891 Æ 71<sup>37</sup>

**John McKenzie** died Mar. 5, 1888 Æ 13<sup>38</sup>

**Emily Merrill** died Sept. 22, 1890 Æ 29<sup>39</sup>

**Moses Mitchell** died Dec. 20, 1875<sup>40</sup>

**Julia A. Moody** died Oct. 8, 1883 Æ 17<sup>41</sup>

**Poly Morse** died Sept. 22, 1875 Æ 89<sup>42</sup>

**Hiram W. Odiorne** died Dec. 18, 1888<sup>43</sup>

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<sup>34</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104648611/john-leslie>), memorial page for John Leslie (1813–5 Dec 1886), memorial ID 104648611, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid.*

<sup>35</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104670918/susan-locke>), memorial page for Susan Locke (unknown–17 Feb 1888), memorial ID 104670918, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid.*

<sup>36</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104645953/mary-lord>), memorial page for Mary Lord (1831–Feb 1875), memorial ID 104645953, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid.*

<sup>37</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101960798/margaret-a-marsh>), memorial page for Margaret A Marsh (1820–12 Apr 1891), memorial ID 101960798, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid.*

<sup>38</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104671038/john-mckenzie>), memorial page for John McKenzie (1875–5 Mar 1888), memorial ID 104671038, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid.*

<sup>39</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104671096/emily-merrill>), memorial page for Emily Merrill (1861–22 Sep 1890), memorial ID 104671096, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid.*

<sup>40</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104671128/moses-mitchell>), memorial page for Moses Mitchell (unknown–20 Dec 1875), memorial ID 104671128, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid.*

<sup>41</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104649456/julia-a-moody>), memorial page for Julia A Moody (1866–8 Oct 1883), memorial ID 104649456, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid.*

<sup>42</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104646037/polly-morse>), memorial page for Polly Morse (1786–22 Sep 1875), memorial ID 104646037, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid.*

<sup>43</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/203322892/hiram-w-odiorne>), memorial page for Hiram W. Odiorne (unknown–18 Dec 1888), memorial

**Sally Pervear** died May 9, 1878<sup>44</sup>

**Chase Pike** died 1880 *Æ* 55<sup>45</sup> [Charles Pike is recorded in Laconia town records as having died 20 Feb. 1880 at age 85.<sup>46</sup>]

**James Quimby** died 1878 *Æ* 75<sup>47</sup>

**John Quimby** died Aug. 21 1881 *Æ* 78<sup>48</sup>

**Hannah Roberts** died Nov. 22, 1875<sup>49</sup>

**Joseph Shannon** died Mar. 10, 1881 *Æ* 75<sup>50</sup>

**Henry B. Sherman** died Dec. 4, 1877 *Æ* 22<sup>51</sup>

ID 203322892, citing Primrose Cemetery, Laconia, Belknap County, New Hampshire; maintained by Virginia Hansen (contributor 49576118).

<sup>44</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/115536567/sally-pervear>), memorial page for Sally Pervear (unknown–9 May 1878), memorial ID 115536567, citing Primrose Cemetery, Laconia, Belknap County, New Hampshire, maintained by rick pickwick (contributor 115536567).

<sup>45</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101960753/chase-pike>), memorial page for Chase Pike (1825–1880), memorial ID 101960753, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid.*

<sup>46</sup> “Laconia, New Hampshire records of marriages, births, and deaths, 1858–1915,” FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-899K-5VP>), Deaths, 1858–1915 > Image 38 of 696, death 29, Charles Pike; imaging Deaths, 7/11/1858 to 3/31/1894, p. 10.

<sup>47</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101960756/james-quimby>), memorial page for James Quimby (1803–1878), memorial ID 101960756, citing Primrose Cemetery, Laconia, Belknap County, New Hampshire; maintained by rick pickwick (contributor 47208861).

<sup>48</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104649543/john-quimby>), memorial page for John Quimby (1803–21 Aug 1881), memorial ID 104649543, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid.*

<sup>49</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104646101/hannah-roberts>), memorial page for Hannah Roberts (unknown–22 Nov 1875), memorial ID 104646101, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid.*

<sup>50</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101960807/joseph-shannon>), memorial page for Joseph Shannon (1806–10 Mar 1891), memorial ID 101960807, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid.*

<sup>51</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101960673/henry-b-sherman>), memorial page for Henry B Sherman (1855–4 Dec 1877), memorial ID 101960673, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid.*

**Hannah Smith** died Nov. 20, 1878 Æ 82<sup>52</sup>

**Harriett Smith** died Oct. 20, 1882 Æ 79<sup>53</sup>

**Henry I. Smith** died Mar. 13, 1887 Æ 44<sup>54</sup>

**Isaac Smith** died 1876<sup>55</sup>

**Stephen B. Smith** died Oct. 24 1885 Æ 85<sup>56</sup>

**Morris Stevens** died Aug. 14, 1888 Æ 3 mos.<sup>57</sup>

Belknap County Farm Cemetery: 62 Burials from after 1892<sup>58</sup>

**Walter Ballyntine Alexander**, b. Tilton, Belknap Co., NH, 19 July 1899 (calc), son of Belle Alexander; d. at Laconia 6 Nov. 1899, age 3 months, 18 days, of cholera infantum. He was white.<sup>59</sup>

**Wallace F. Baker**, b. Portsmouth, Rockingham Co., NH, ca. 1852 (calc), son of Franklin Baker and Adeline W. Spinney; d. at Laconia 13 Jan. 1895 age 43 of apoplexy; m. at Bridgewater, Grafton Co., NH, 11 June 1871

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<sup>52</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/115536650/hannah-smith>), memorial page for Hannah Smith (1796–20 Nov 1878), memorial ID 115536650, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>53</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104649330/harriett-smith>), memorial page for Harriet Smith (1803–20 Oct 1882), memorial ID 104649330, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>54</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104671247/henry-i-smith>), memorial page for Henry I Smith (1843–13 Mar 1887), memorial ID 104671247, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>55</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/101960740/isaac-smith>), memorial page for Isaac Smith (unknown–1876), memorial ID 101960740, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>56</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104648738/stephen-b-smith>), memorial page for Stephen B Smith (1800–24 Oct 1885), memorial ID 104648738, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>57</sup> Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/104648517/morris-stevens>), memorial page for Morris Stevens (Feb 1888–14 Aug 1888), memorial ID 104648517, citing Primrose Cemetery, *ibid*.

<sup>58</sup> Poor farm residents who died after 1892 and were buried at the County Farm were likely buried with numbered stone markers. Unless otherwise indicated all deaths occurred at the Belknap County Farm.

<sup>59</sup> “New Hampshire, U.S., Death and Disinterment Records, 1754–1947,” Ancestry ([https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/5242/images/141267\\_309339-03787](https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/5242/images/141267_309339-03787)), Deaths > Index to deaths, early to 1900 > Abah–Ash > Image 3756 of 5030, Walter Ballyntine, 6 Nov. 1899.

Betsey Wiser, b. Holderness ca. 1848, dau. of John R. Wiser. Wallace was white and a molder.<sup>60</sup>

**Israel Bartlett**, b. Upper Gilmanton, Belknap Co., NH, ca. 1811 (calc); d. at Laconia 1 May 1897 age 86 of old age. He was white and a farmer.<sup>61</sup>

**John F. Batchelder**, b. Meredith, Belknap Co., NH, 29 Dec. 1851, son of John Batchelder and Caroline Folsom; d. at Laconia 29 Sept. 1926 age 74 of apoplexy; m. **Abbie E. Bartlett**, b. Epsom, Merrimack Co., NH, 19 Aug. 1859, dau. of Stephen D. Bartlett and Sarah Saturley. She d. at Concord, Merrimack Co., NH, 23 Jan. 1927. He was disinterred in 1927 and reinterred in Blossom Hill Cemetery, Concord, NH, with his wife. He had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for 1 year, 11 months, and 15 days.<sup>62</sup>

**Rosa Bickford**, b. Barnstead, Belknap Co., NH, ca. 1881 (calc); d. at Laconia 22 June 1900 age 19 of paralysis. She was white and “idiotic.”<sup>63</sup>

**George Bodreau**, b. North Haverhill, Grafton Co., NH, ca. 1884 (calc), son of Joseph O. Bodreau and Georgianna Hamel; d. at Laconia 22 Apr.

<sup>60</sup> “New Hampshire Death Records, 1654-1947,” FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSKH-N4F>), 004243484 > Image 2619 of 5038, Wallace F Baker, 13 Jan. 1895. “New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637–1947,” FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FL6R-7R3>), 004242889 > Image 1123 of 5020, Wallace F. Baker and Betsey Wiser, 11 June 1871.

<sup>61</sup> “New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947,” FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSKD-SL4>), 004243486 > Image 3746 of 5088, Israel Bartlett, 1 May 1897.

<sup>62</sup> “New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947,” FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSVY-P8Q>), 004242328 > Image 2823 of 3386, John F. Batchelder, 29 Sept. 1926. “New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947,” FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSVY-LJD>), 004242328 > Image 2301 of 3386, Abbie E. Batchelder, 23 Jan. 1927. “New Hampshire Death Records, 1654-1947,” FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSVY-PZQ>), 04242328 > Image 2803 of 3386, John F. Batchelder, 26 Aug. 1927. Find A Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/191364384/john-fred-batchelder>), memorial page for John Fred Batchelder (1851–29 Sep 1926), memorial ID 191364384, citing Blossom Hill Cemetery, Concord, Merrimack County, New Hampshire, maintained by Randy Cummings (contributor 47512450).

<sup>63</sup> “New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947,” FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSKW-18H>), 004243483 > Image 3333 of 5068, Rosa Bickford, 22 June 1900.

1899 age 15 of epilepsy. He was white. His father was a millwright born in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada, and his mother was born in Westfield, Orleans Co., VT.<sup>64</sup>

**Robert Briggs**, b. Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England, ca. 1840 (calc), son of Robert Briggs and Ann Elston; d. at Laconia 16 Dec. 1915 age 75 of alcoholism; m. (2) at Laconia 31 Oct. 1898 **Margaret “Maggie” Elizabeth [Carson] Buswell**, b. Down County, Ireland, ca. 1857 (calc), dau. of Samuel Carson and Margaret Cosgrove. She d. at Laconia 3 May 1904. Robert was white. He was from Laconia and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for two and a half years.<sup>65</sup>

**John F. Campbell**, b. Wakefield, Carroll Co., NH, ca. 1851 (calc); d. at Laconia 28 Jan. 1907 age 56. He was white and a farmer.<sup>66</sup>

**John Clark**, b. Berwick, York Co., Maine, ca. 1828 (calc); d. at Laconia 3 Oct. 1913 age 85 of senility; widowed. He was white, and a minister.<sup>67</sup>

**Sarah Collins**, d. at Laconia 5 July 1899 of old age; widowed. She was white.<sup>68</sup>

**John H. Cook**, b. ca. 1844 (calc); d. at Laconia 18 May 1914 age 70 of paralysis; widowed. He was white. He had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for nine months.<sup>69</sup>

**Mahala L. Cota**, b. Bangor, Penobscot Co., Maine, 21 Oct. 1864, dau. of John Brooks and Rachel Lawrence; d. at Laconia 31 July 1933 age 68 of

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<sup>64</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSK4-H5V>), 004243483 > Image 4121 of 5068, George Bodreau, 22 Apr. 1899.

<sup>65</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSNX-K4T>), 004243386 > Image 1584 of 3418, Robert Briggs, 16 Dec. 1915. “New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637–1947,” FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FL81-W2H>), 004242888 > Image 4648 of 4976, Robert Briggs and Maggie Elizabeth Buswell, 31 Oct. 1898. “New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947,” FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSNX-VBJ>), 004243386 > Image 1548 of 3418, Margaret Briggs, 3 May 1904.

<sup>66</sup> “New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947,” FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSVC-F7H>), 004242864 > Image 860 of 3448, John F. Campbell, 28 Jan. 1907.

<sup>67</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSV5-XH7>), 004242807 > Image 1464 of 3445, John Clark, 3 Oct. 1913.

<sup>68</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSKV-W2Z>), 004243491 > Image 2225 of 5116, Sarah Collins, 5 July 1899.

<sup>69</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSV7-2F6>), 004242893 > Image 1644 of 3431, John H. Cook, 18 May 1914.

cardiac insufficiency; m. at Hillsborough, Hillsborough Co., NH, 8 Apr. 1890 **Joseph D. Cota**, b. Northfield, Merrimack Co., NH, ca. 1861 (calc), son of Dennis Cota and Sarah Derry. She divorced Joseph at Grafton Co. 13 Nov. 1896. She had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for five years.<sup>70</sup>

**Saubour Courcy**, b. Canada 13 May 1871; d. at Laconia 1 May 1931 age 59 of arteriosclerosis. He had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for one week.<sup>71</sup>

**Frank Davis**, b. ca. 1853 (calc); d. at Laconia 17 Feb. 1917 age 64 of scrofulosis. He was white and from Laconia.<sup>72</sup>

**Moody Davis**, b. Canterbury, Merrimack Co., NH, ca. 1829 (calc); d. at Laconia 28 Jan. 1899 age 70 of paralysis; widowed. He was white and a laborer.<sup>73</sup>

**Thomas J. Denning**, b. Vermont ca. 1853 (calc), son of James Denning; d. at Laconia 21 Dec. 1924 age 71 of chronic nephritis. He was white. He was from Laconia and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for 9 months.<sup>74</sup>

**Edward Dillingham**, b. Maine, ca. 1859 (calc), d. at Laconia 25 June 1901 age 42 of tuberculosis; unmarried. He was white and a laborer.<sup>75</sup>

<sup>70</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSJM-ZZ8>), 004242898 > Image 1379 of 3599, Mahala L. Cota, 31 Jul 1933. “New Hampshire Marriage Records, 1637–1947,” FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FL6M-QPS>), 004242902 > Image 948 of 4997, Joe D. Cota and Mahala E. Brooke, 8 Apr. 1890. “New Hampshire, U.S., Divorce Certificates, 1850–1969,” Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61835/>), 1850–1937 > Colman–Demerse > Image 955 of 3546, Mahala L. Cota and Joseph D. Cota, 13 Nov. 1896.

<sup>71</sup> “New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947,” FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSVY-1HN>), 004242903 > Image 1096 of 3455, Saubour Courcy, 1 May 1931.

<sup>72</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSFB-G27>), 004242950 > Image 306 of 3429, Frank Davis, 17 Feb. 1917.

<sup>73</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSKY-H9B>), 004243588 > Image 396 of 5108, Moody Davis, 28 Jan. 1899.

<sup>74</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSFG-W6R>), 004242918 > Image 2674 of 3458, Thomas J. Denning, 21 Dec. 1924.

<sup>75</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSN3-KRJ>), 004242917 > Image 1437 of 3469, Edward Dillingham, 25 June 1901.

**Louisa Dockham**, b. ca. 1812 (calc); d. at Laconia 7 Apr. 1896 age 84 of old age (consumption); widowed. She was white and a housekeeper.<sup>76</sup>

**Samuel Dolloff**, b. Center Harbor, Belknap Co., NH, ca. 1826; d. at Laconia 12 Dec. 1905 age 79 of old age; married. He was white and a farmer. He had previously resided in Meredith and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for two months.<sup>77</sup>

**Henry Eaton**, b. Winterport, Waldo Co., Maine, 25 Apr. 1855, son of Henry Eaton and Mary \_\_\_\_\_; d. at Laconia 12 May 1934 age 79 of chronic interstitial nephritis; married. He was white and a painter. He had previously resided in Belmont, Belknap Co., NH, and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for two months.<sup>78</sup>

**George Elliott**, b. Nova Scotia, Canada, ca. 1850; d. at Laconia 29 Dec. 1903 age 53 of Brights disease; unmarried. He was white and a farmer. He had previously resided in Sanbornton, Belknap Co., NH, and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for nine months.<sup>79</sup>

**Horace Elliott**, b. ca. 1835; d. at Laconia 16 Dec. 1915 age 80 of paralysis. He was white and from Gilmanton.<sup>80</sup>

**Joseph Ellis**, b. Farmington, Strafford Co., NH, ca. 1846, son of Joseph Ellis; d. at Laconia 18 July 1906 age 60 of dropsy; widowed. He was white and a laborer. He had previously resided in Alton, Belknap Co., NH, and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for one year.<sup>81</sup>

**Caroline Dora Evans**, b. Laconia 15 Apr. 1896 (calc), dau. of Edward Evans and Eva D. Gillis; d. at Laconia 2 Oct. 1897 age 1 year, 5 months, 17 days of congestion of the brain. She was white.<sup>82</sup>

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<sup>76</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSKP-LHQ>), 004243585 > Image 4241 of 5107, Louisa Dockham, 7 Apr. 1896.

<sup>77</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSN3-5H1>), 004242917 > Image 2069 of 3469, Samuel Dolloff, 12 Dec. 1905.

<sup>78</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSJZ-586>), 004242967 > Image 3396 of 3462, Henry Eaton, 12 May 1934.

<sup>79</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSJZ-7PK>), 004242966 > Image 2563 of 3452, George Elliott, 29 Dec. 1903.

<sup>80</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSJZ-WM6>), 004242966 > Image 2663 of 3452, Horace Elliott, 16 Dec. 1915.

<sup>81</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSJZ-CM8>), 004242966 > Image 3390, Joseph Ellis, 18 July 1906.

<sup>82</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSKB-89V>), 004243588 > Image 4103 of 5108, Caroline Dora Evans, 2 Oct. 1897.

**Emma Fifield**, b. Northfield, Merrimack Co., NH, ca. 1850 (calc); d. at Laconia 12 Dec. 1895 age 45 of heart failure; unmarried. She was white.<sup>83</sup>

**William Fogg**, d. at Laconia 22 July 1917 of “Paralysis (Agitatus)” (*sic*);<sup>84</sup> widowed. He was white and had previously resided in Belmont.<sup>85</sup>

**Viola Goodale**, b. Laconia 20 May 1914, dau. of Bessie Goodale; d. at Laconia 4 Sept. 1914 age 3 months and 14 days of malnutrition. She was white.<sup>86</sup>

**Lewis/Louis Guy**, b. Canada ca. 1836, son of Joseph Guy; d. at Laconia 18 Oct. 1910 age 74 of cancer of the head. He was white and a farmer. He had previously resided in Gilmanton and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for eighteen months.<sup>87</sup> Louis, his wife Sarah, and son Walter Guy resided at the Belknap County Farm in 1910.<sup>88</sup>

**Charles Hill**, b. Canada ca. 1854; d. at Laconia 10 Jan. 1908 age 54 of consumption; unmarried. He was white and a laborer. He had previously resided in Barnstead and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for four months.<sup>89</sup>

**Hannah Hilliard**, b. ca. 1856 (calc); d. 22 Nov. 1915 age 59 of “Cancer ON prismatic” (*sic*). She was from Gilmanton and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for 2 and a half years.<sup>90</sup>

<sup>83</sup> *Ibid.*, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FS29-DNY,004243590>) > Image 4028 of 5163, Emma Fifield, 12 Dec. 1895.

<sup>84</sup> *Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary*, 26th ed. (Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 1985), 964. Paralysis agitans is form of parkinsonism.

<sup>85</sup> “New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947,” FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSJV-96B>), 004242970 > Image 2194 of 3093, William Fogg, 22 July 1917.

<sup>86</sup> *Ibid.*, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSVB-PF7>), 004242145 > Image 1308 of 3440, Viola Goodale, 4 Sept. 1914.

<sup>87</sup> *Ibid.*, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSV8-PRK>), 004242146 > Image 2621 of 2946, Lewis Gerry [Louis Guy], 18 Oct. 1910.

<sup>88</sup> 1910 US Census, Belknap County, New Hampshire, population schedule, Laconia, p. 106A, ED 7, lines 31–33, Lewis Guy, Sarah Guy, Walter Guy; NARA microfilm T624, roll 860. Enumerated 4 May.

<sup>89</sup> “New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947,” FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSVK-XMH>), 004242152 > Image 2714 of 3195, Charles Hill, 10 Jan. 1908.

<sup>90</sup> *Ibid.*, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSVN-DFJ>), 004242153 > Image 1132 of 3434, Hannah Hilliard, 22 Nov. 1915. Written beneath the typed cause of death are the words “Labia majora.”

**Dolly Jenness**, b. Meredith ca. 1836; d. at Laconia 24 July 1902 age 66 of insanity; m. Daniel Jenness. She was white and a housekeeper. She had previously resided in Moultonborough, Carroll Co., NH, and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for two years.<sup>91</sup>

**Ann Ladd**, b. Gilmanton (now Belmont) ca. 1840 (calc); d. at Laconia 25 Feb. 1900 age 60 of paralysis; unmarried. She was white.<sup>92</sup>

**James Lesor**, d. at Laconia 23 May 1926 of chronic nephritis. He was from Meredith and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for 1 week.<sup>93</sup>

**William A. Merrill**, b. Portland, Cumberland Co., Maine, Aug. 1858, son of William A. Merrill and Harriet West; d. at Laconia 18 Oct. 1931 age 73 of cardiac insufficiency; unmarried. He was white and a painter. He had previously resided in Boston, Suffolk Co., MA and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for 3 months, 8 days.<sup>94</sup>

**John Messer**, b. Laconia 30 June 1918, son of Clarence Tuttle and Jennie Messer; d. at Laconia 1 July 1918 age 1 day of malnutrition. He was white.<sup>95</sup>

**George M. Mudgett**, b. Sandwich, Carroll Co., NH, ca. 1847; d. at Laconia 21 Nov. 1906 age 59 of Brights disease; unmarried. He was white and a laborer. He had previously resided in Sandwich and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for seven weeks.<sup>96</sup>

**Rebecca Nutter**, b. ca. 1835; d. at Laconia 23 Nov. 1915 age 80 of paralysis. She was from Barnstead and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for fifty-two years.<sup>97</sup>

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<sup>91</sup> "New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947," FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSFR-CVC>), 004242221 > Image 1360 of 2435, Dolly Jenness, 27 July 1902.

<sup>92</sup> *Ibid.*, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FS2J-6M4>), 004243615 > Image 1170 of 5094, Ann Ladd, 25 Feb. 1900.

<sup>93</sup> *Ibid.*, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSFV-T8G>), 004242924 > Image 853 of 2708, James Lesor, 23 May 1926.

<sup>94</sup> *Ibid.*, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSJN-S3F>), 004243128 > Image 2674 of 2955, William A. Merrill, 18 Oct. 1931.

<sup>95</sup> *Ibid.*, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSN8-DH8>), 004243133 > Image 1535 of 2873, John Messer, 1 July 1918.

<sup>96</sup> *Ibid.*, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSNC-8QT>), 004243105 > Image 2166 of 2787, George M. Mudgett, 21 Nov. 1906.

<sup>97</sup> *Ibid.*, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSNT-KYT>), 004243138 > Image 250 of 2268, Rebecca Nutter, 23 Nov. 1915.

**Eben Osgood**, b. Andover, Merrimack Co., NH, ca. 1832, son of Chase Osgood and \_\_\_\_\_ Tucker; d. at Laconia 5 July 1918 age 85 of paralysis; widowed. He was white and a farmer from Sanbornton.<sup>98</sup>

**Eliza Parker**, b. Woburn, Middlesex Co., MA June 1834; d. at Laconia 3 Apr. 1912 age 78 of old age; unmarried. She was white and a housekeeper. She had previously resided in Sanbornton and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for thirteen years.<sup>99</sup>

**Emma Peavey**, b. ca. 1829 (calc); d. at Laconia 31 Mar. 1906 age 77 of syphilis. She was white and a housekeeper. She had previously resided in Alton and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for ten years.<sup>100</sup>

**Harry Perkins**, b. ca. 1841 (calc); d. at Laconia 3 June 1904 age 63 of paralysis; divorced. He was white and a laborer. He had resided in Laconia for 24 years and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for two years.<sup>101</sup>

**Joseph Pero**, b. Canada ca. 1840; d. at Laconia 5 Dec. 1907 age 67 of consumption; unmarried. He was white and a laborer. He had previously resided in Barnstead and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for six months.<sup>102</sup>

**Anna M. Pickering**, b. Meredith ca. 1882, dau. of Sylvester Pickering and Percilla Robinson; d. at Laconia 3 June 1902 age 20 of consumption; unmarried. She was white and a housekeeper. She had previously resided in Meredith and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for eight months.<sup>103</sup>

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<sup>98</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSVP-XZP>), 004243140 > Image 1228 of 2820, Eben Osgood, 5 July 1918.

<sup>99</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSNM-YMN>), 004243183 > Image 1218 of 2838, Eliza Parker, 3 Apr. 1912.

<sup>100</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSNG-XSH>), 004243172 > Image 1196 of 2868, Emma Peavey, 31 Mar. 1906.

<sup>101</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSV4-TP8>), 004243185 > Image 1748 of 2917, Harry Perkins, 3 June 1904.

<sup>102</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSV4-L59>), 004243185 > Image 724 of 2917, Joseph Pero, 5 Dec. 1907.

<sup>103</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSNK-HQQ>), 004243173 > Image 1070 of 2887, Anna M. Pickering, 3 June 1902.

**Curtis Pickering**, b. ca. 1869 (calc), son of Sylvester Pickering and Prescilla Robinson; d. at Laconia 2 Mar. 1913 age 44 of tuberculosis; unmarried. Curtis was the brother of Anna Pickering. He was white.<sup>104</sup>

**Valorie Powell**, b. ca. 1834 (calc); d. at Laconia 16 June 1894 age 60 of phthisis; widowed. He was white and a laborer.<sup>105</sup> [listed in town records as Valoris Powell.<sup>106</sup>]

**Frank I. Prescott**, b. Berkshire, Franklin Co., VT 19 Nov. 1854, son of John Prescott and Laura Copp; d. at Laconia 30 June 1935 age 80 of arteriosclerosis; widowed. He was white and a salesman. He had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm since 6 Sept. 1925.<sup>107</sup>

**John W. Price**, b. Bangor ca. 1871 (calc); d. at Laconia 10 June 1926 age 55 of paralysis. He was white. He had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for 6 months and 19 days.<sup>108</sup>

**Sarah O. Rand**, b. Alton ca. 1842, dau. of Charles Rand; d. at Laconia 12 June 1912 age 70 of paralysis; unmarried. She was white. She had previously resided in Alton and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for eleven years.<sup>109</sup>

**Jessie H. Reynolds**, b. Northwood, Rockingham Co., NH, ca. 1875 (calc); d. at Laconia 8 Oct. 1900 age 25 of syphilis; m. Mertie \_\_\_\_\_. He was white and a molder. He had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for six months.<sup>110</sup>

**William S. Rogers**, b. Meredith ca. 1828; d. at Laconia 5 Apr. 1903 age 75 of old age; unmarried. He was white and a farmer. He had previously

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<sup>104</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSNK-HZN,004243173>) > Image 1120 of 2887, Curtis Pickering, 2 Mar. 1913.

<sup>105</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSLQ-3YW,004243770>) > Image 4661 of 5088, Valorie Powell, 16 June 1894.

<sup>106</sup> "Laconia, New Hampshire records of marriages, births, and deaths, 1858-1915," FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L99K-P9QL-9>), Deaths, 1858-1915 > Image 108 of 696, Valoris Powell, 16 June 1894.

<sup>107</sup> "New Hampshire Death Records, 1654-1947," FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSV1-WHS,004243175>) > Image 939 of 2354, Frank I. Prescott, 30 June 1935.

<sup>108</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSVD-L2P,004243176>) > Image 824 of 2860, John W. Price, 10 June 1926.

<sup>109</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSJD-M5L,004243196>) > Image 85 of 2825, Sarah O. Rand, 12 June 1912.

<sup>110</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSLH-QMR,004243773>) > Image 3999 of 5073, Jessie H Reynolds, 8 Oct. 1900.

resided in Meredith and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for twenty-six years.<sup>111</sup>

**Arthur J. Salisbury**, b. Bar Harbor, Hancock Co., ME, ca. 1834, son of Methuel Salisbury; d. at Laconia 19 Aug. 1912 age 75 of carditis; widowed. He was white. He had previously resided in Maine and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for three months.<sup>112</sup>

**Caleb M. Smith**, b. Wilmot, Merrimack Co., NH, 23 Aug. 1875, son of Joseph B. L. Smith and Ida Chestina; d. at Laconia 30 Sept. 1918 age 43 of heart disease; married. He was white and a laborer. He had previously resided in Franklin, Merrimack Co., NH.<sup>113</sup>

**Joseph B. F. Smith**, b. Franklin 1 Jan. 1849, son of Joseph Smith and Mary Glines; d. at Laconia 18 June 1918 age 69 of chronic morphine; widowed. He had previously resided in Tilton.<sup>114</sup> It is not clear whether this man corresponds to the Joseph B. L. Smith mentioned in the record of Caleb M. Smith (directly above).

**Emma Snow**, b. ca. 1837 (calc), dau. of David Hadley; d. at Laconia 16 Dec. 1896 age 59 of jaundice; widowed. She was white.<sup>115</sup>

**Laura Stackpole**, b. Dover, Strafford Co., NH, ca. 1827; d. at Laconia 21 Feb. 1902 age 75 of dropsy; widowed. She was white and a housekeeper. She had previously resided in Meredith and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for ten years.<sup>116</sup>

**William Straw**, b. ca. 1849; d. at Laconia 3 Mar. 1910 age 61 of Brights disease; unmarried. He was white and a farm laborer. He had previously resided in Barnstead and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for one week.<sup>117</sup>

<sup>111</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSN7-MFW>), 004243193 > Image 1394 of 2863, William S. Rogers, 5 Apr. 1903.

<sup>112</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSVR-ZX4>), 004243261 > Image 648 of 2876, Arthur J. Salisbury, 19 Aug. 1918.

<sup>113</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSVH-CVG>), 004243258 > Image 1700 of 2857, Caleb M. Smith, 30 Sept. 1918.

<sup>114</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSNY-C9S>), 004243259 > Image 1371 of 2838, Joseph B. F. Smith, 18 June 1918.

<sup>115</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSLR-QYB>), 004244240 > Image 4657 of 5063, Emma Snow, 16 Dec. 1896.

<sup>116</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSVR-4GM>), 004243225 > Image 2557 of 2837, Laura Stackpole, 21 Feb. 1902.

<sup>117</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSVX-Q49>), 004243366 > Image 429 of 2853, William Straw, 3 Mar. 1910.

**Benjamin Thompson**, b. Ossipee, Carroll Co., NH, ca. 1832, son of John Thompson; d. at Laconia 30 June 1901 age 69 of syphilis; widowed. He was white and a farmer. He had previously resided in Alton and had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for eight years.<sup>118</sup>

**Versile Tilton**, b. ca. 1833 (calc); d. at Laconia 28 Apr. 1897 age 64 of insanity. He was white and a farmer.<sup>119</sup>

**John Tobin**, b. ca. 1873 (calc); d. at Laconia 6 Nov. 1895 age 22 of consumption; unmarried. He was white.<sup>120</sup>

**Charles Warren**, d. at Laconia 13 Aug. 1920 of chronic nephritis. He was white.<sup>121</sup>

**John Weeks**, b. Meredith ca. 1826; d. at Laconia 31 Jan. 1912 age 86 of paresis;<sup>122</sup> unmarried. He was white and a laborer. He had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for nine years.<sup>123</sup>

**George Wyman**, b. Maine ca. 1864; d. at Laconia 5 May 1907 age 43 of consumption; divorced. He was white and a laborer. He had been an inmate at the Belknap County Farm for four weeks.<sup>124</sup>

The last interment in the cemetery occurred in 1965, long after the Belknap County Farm had ceased to exist and had been replaced by the Belknap County Nursing Home. The deceased was Walter J. Guy who died in Laconia on 24 February 1965. He was born 27 March 1884 and his parents were Louis and Sarah Guy, both born in Canada.<sup>125</sup> In 1900, Walter

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<sup>118</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSV3-G2Q>), 004243392 > Image 556 of 2862, Benjamin Thompson, 30 June 1901.

<sup>119</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSLG-XMP>), 004244242 > Image 4603 of 5108, Versile Tilton, 28 Apr. 1897.

<sup>120</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSLY-Y8B>), 004244242 > Image 1755 of 5108, John Tobin, 6 Nov. 1895.

<sup>121</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSVY-HZK>), 004243436 > Image 1011 of 2896, Charles Warren, 13 Aug 1920.

<sup>122</sup> *Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary*, 26th ed., 355, 970. Progressive dementia and paralysis resulting from syphilis.

<sup>123</sup> "New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947," FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSKM-6VR>), 004243424 > Image 1459 of 2834, John Weeks, 31 Jan 1912.

<sup>124</sup> Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSV2-VHW>), 004243434 > Image 156 of 3102, George Wyman, 5 May 1907.

<sup>125</sup> Laconia, New Hampshire, death certificate, #1965001128, Walter J. Guy, 1965; City Clerk's office, City of Laconia. Find A Grave (<https://www>

Guy lived with his parents in Gilmanton.<sup>126</sup> By 1910, Louis, Sarah, and Walter were resident inmates at the Belknap County Farm.<sup>127</sup> Louis Guy died 18 October 1910 and was buried in the Belknap County Farm Cemetery as noted above.<sup>128</sup> Sarah Guy died at the Belknap County Farm 3 March 1912 but was buried in Oakland Cemetery, Meredith.<sup>129</sup> Walter Guy never married and resided at the Belknap County Farm and the Nursing Home until his death in 1965, having been a resident for fifty-five years.<sup>130</sup>

The above findings show that 60 stones in the cemetery contain only numbers, and that 63 individuals were buried there after 1892. One individual was disinterred and moved to another cemetery,<sup>131</sup> and it is not known whether his gravesite was reused. Four burials involved infants (Walter Ballyntine Alexander, Caroline Dora Evans, Viola Goodale, and John Messer), who might have been buried in unmarked graves or in a different part of the cemetery. Many individuals who died at the farm were buried in other cemeteries, but some death records do not indicate where the

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.findagrave.com/memorial/104645772/walter-j-guy), memorial page for Walter J. Guy (27 Mar 1884–24 Feb 1965), memorial ID 104645772, citing Primrose Cemetery, Laconia, Belknap County, New Hampshire; maintained by rick pickwick (contributor 47208861).

<sup>126</sup> 1900 US Census, Belknap County, New Hampshire, population schedule, Gilmanton, p. 67A, dwelling 1, family 1, Lewis Guy, Sarah A. Guy, Walter J. Guy; NARA microfilm T623, ED 6, enumerated 1 June.

<sup>127</sup> 1910 US Census, Belknap County, New Hampshire, Laconia, Lewis Guy, Sarah Guy, Walter J. Guy.

<sup>128</sup> “New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947,” FamilySearch, Lewis Gerry [Louis Guy], 18 Oct. 1910.

<sup>129</sup> “Ibid., FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FSJQ-RVT>), 004242148 > Image 2655 of 3422, Sarah A. Guy, 13 Mar. 1912.

<sup>130</sup> 1920 US Census, Belknap County, New Hampshire, population schedule, Laconia, p. 66B, ED 7, line 65, Walter Guy; NARA microfilm T625, roll 1006, enumerated 9 Jan. 1930 US Census, Belknap County, New Hampshire, population schedule, Laconia, p. 63A, ED 7, line 22, Walter Guy; NARA microfilm T626, enumerated 10 Apr. 1940 US Census, Belknap County, New Hampshire, population schedule, Laconia, p. 86A, ED 10, line 35; NARA microfilm T0627, roll 02283, enumerated 16 Apr. “U.S., City Directories, 1822–1995,” Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469/>), New Hampshire > Laconia > 1911–1964.

<sup>131</sup> “New Hampshire Death Records, 1654–1947,” FamilySearch, John F. Batchelder, 26 Aug. 1927.

individuals were interred.<sup>132</sup> Thus, there may have been additional unknown burials at the Belknap County Farm Cemetery. However, the number is probably very few given the close concordance between the number of stones without names, and the number of burials after 1892.

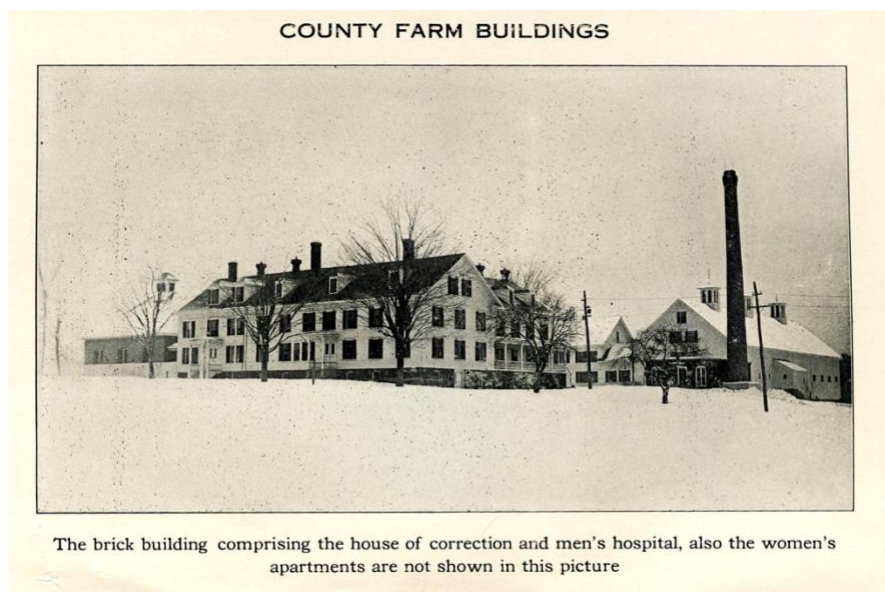


Figure 2. The Belknap County Farm.

Belknap County, New Hampshire, Commissioners, *Annual Report of the Commissioners of the County of Belknap, Together with the Reports of the Superintendent of the County Farm, Sheriff, County Treasurer, Jailer, Physician, Chaplain, Clerk of the Court, County Solicitor and Auditors, for the year ending December 31, 1913* (Laconia, NH: Press of the News and Critic, 1914); FamilySearch Books, Title no. 1470390\_2 (<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/133153-annual-report-1913?offset=>), Image 1 of 56.

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<sup>132</sup> “Laconia, New Hampshire records of marriages, births, and deaths, 1858-1915” FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L99K-59MC>), Deaths, 1903-1915 — NOTE: Belknap County Farm [Item 5] > Images 661–693 of 696; film # 005511459 digitizing Family History Library microfilm no. 5,511,459.