

# GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

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Epitaphs of New Fairfield Connecticut  
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The following record of epitaphs was carefully transcribed from physical inspection of the five New Fairfield cemeteries. Most of the Partially illegible inscriptions were filled in by previously published and private sources. Some tombstones which were previously recorded are now missing altogether. This book is an attempt to help reserve part of the history and people of New Fairfield so that they may be "Gone but not forgotten".

## **TOWN CENTER CEMETERY (names A through O)**

The oldest existing cemetery in town is the Town Center Cemetery. It is located on the east side of Brush Hill Road (Route 39) across from the Town Hall and the former location of the Congregational Church.

There are several stones dating back to the 1700's. The oldest legible one is that of HANNAH BRUSH who died April 3, 1774. Numerous fieldstones and illegible stones remain in the cemetery. Since the last recording of this cemetery in 1934, 13 stones are now missing, destroyed or totally illegible.

A primitive art from unique to New England exists in the carved designs on the ancient tombstones. The Stone of BENJAMIN BEARFS who died March 8, 1802 and his wife Abigail who died March 14, 1802 have two death's heads carved into it. Several others have the willow and urn designs, which were one of the most popular mortuary decorations.

Buried here among the families of the town is PHILLIS, a slave of MARTIN KELLOGG who died April 30, 1810 in the 46th year of her age.

The original Congregational Church was located near the site of the present Consolidated School. It remained there from its beginning in 1742 until 1836/7 when a new church was built next to the Town Hall across from the Town Cemetery. The church remained here until a new one was built and dedicated in 1957 at the present site of Meeting House Hill Road. Supposedly there was an ancient burying ground located near the original parsonage on Meeting House Hill. It was reported in 1885 that the graves were marked with small natural stones.

## **Legend**

// /-----/words contained on one line/  
/next line on stone/

**Tombstone missing, information filled in from other sources**

\*G\*-----from Gerow Cemetery records

\*H\*-----from Ct. Library records, Hartford, Ct.

\*N\*-----from Cyrus Booth Library, Newtown, Ct.

book by Josephine C. Frost.

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## Town Center Cemetery tombstone listings

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### BAILEY

Adah / wife of / Hezekiah Bailey / died /  
Jan. 31, 1861 aged 68 yrs. 2 mos. & 5 dys. /

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### BALL

Sarah Am Ball / wife of / Joseph B. Ball /  
died Jan. 1, 1844 aged 21 yrs. 2 mos. & 19 dys. /

*(stone broken & turned over)*

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### BARNUM

\*H\* Abel died May 26, 1799, aged 80 years.

In memory of / Abigail / wife of / Samuel T. Banum Esq. /  
who died / July 31, 1848 / age 67 yrs. /

Alice / wife of Samuel T. Barnum / died /  
Dec. 20, 1838 / AE 66 yrs. 6 mos. /

In memory of / Anis / wife of Samuel T. Barnum /  
who died / May 25, 1851 / age 69 yrs. /

In memory of / Erza Barnum / died / March 28, 1808 /  
age 32 yrs. /

\*H\* Ruth Barnum, wife of Abel, died Oct. 31, 1788, age 72 yrs.

In memory of / Ruth Barnum / daughter of / Abel & Ruth  
Barnum / who died / Nov. 25, 1802 / in the 55th year  
of her age. /

Honorable / Samuel T. Barnum / died / Jan. 15, 1839 /  
age 89 yrs. & 2 mos. /

Barnum / Dea. / Seelye Barnum / died / Apr. 10, 1856 /  
aged 64 yrs. /

Louisa Rogers / wife of / Dea. / Seelye Barnum /  
Oct 14, 1888 / aged 96 yrs. & 7 mos. /

In memory of / Sylvia / wife of / Wyllis Barnum /  
who died / Feb. 4, 1835 / a ged 24 yrs. & 11 mos. /

In memory of / Sylvia / Daughter of / Wyllis &  
Sylvia / Barnum / who died / June 12, 1856  
aged 21 yrs. & 4 mos. /

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## BATES

In memory of / Isaac Bates / who died / Oct. 26, 1811 /  
in the 49th year / of his age /

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## BEARDSLEY

In memory of / Gideon Beardsley / who died /  
March 7, 1823 / age 64 yrs. 1 mo. & 7 dys. /

*(Stone Broken)*

In memory of / Hulduh wife of / Gideon Beardsley /  
who died / Aug. 29, 1833 / aged 68 yrs. 2 mos. &  
17 dys.

In memory of / John Beardsley / who died /  
Feb. 23, 1812 / age 69 years /

In memory of / Josiah Beardsley / who died /  
May 17, 1807 / age 67 years /

*(White stone erected in 19--)*

Josiah Beardsley / Pvt. / Whitings regt. /  
Conn. Militia / Rev. War / May 17, 1807

Josiah Beardsley / died / April 21, 1865 /  
aged 85 yrs. 1 mo. /

**\*H\*** Julia Beardsley, wife of Walter, died Aug. 31, 1830,  
age 22 yrs.

Kate / wife of / Josiah Beardsley / died / Dec. 26, 1839 / aged 55 yrs. 9 mos. & 18 dys. /

In memory of / Widow Martha Beardsley / died /  
Feb. 5, 1797 / aged 88 yrs. /

In memory of / Colonel Nehemiah Beardsley /  
who died / March 31, 1811 / aged 79 yrs. & 4 mos. /

*(white stone erected in 19--)*

Nehemiah Beardsley / 5 Conn. Regt. / Rev. War /  
March 31, 1811 /

In memory of / Nehemiah son of / Gideon & Huldah /  
Beardfly who died / June 21, 1802 / in the 18th  
year / of his age /

In memory of / Deacon Phineas Beardsley /  
who died / Jan. 30. 1812 / in the 78th year/  
of his age /

*(white stone erected in 19 )*

Phineas Beardsley / Capt. / 7 Conn. Regt. /  
Rev. War / Jan. 30. 1812 /

In memory of / Mrs. Sarah wife of / Col. Nehem.  
Beardsley / who died / Feb. 1, 1805 / in the  
69th year / of her age /

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**BEARFS**  
**(BEARSS)**

In memory of / Benjamin Bearfs / who died /  
March 8, 1802 / in the 66th year/ of his age /

Abigail his wife died/ March 14, 1802 / in the  
68th year / of her age /

*(Double skull design on tombstone)*

In memory of / Jemima wife of / Joseph Bearse /  
who died/ April 27, 1833 / in the 74th year /  
of her age /

Joseph Bearse, died Nov. 4, 1834, age 79 yrs.

(Broken)

*(white stone erected in 19 )*

Joseph Bearse / Sgt. / Conn. Line / Rev. War /  
Jan. 8, 1756 . Nov. 4, 1834 /

In memory of / Laura dau. of / Benjamin & Ruth  
Bearss / who died / March 11, 1808 / age 5 years /

Mary Bearss / wife of Benjamin Bearss / dau. of  
Mercy & Martin Kellogg / departed this life /  
March 25/ AD 1792 in the 20th-----/

In memory of / Newcomb Beafs / who died / July 13,  
1804/ in the 45th year / of his age /

In memory of / Thomas Bearfs / who died /  
/ Dec. 29, 1814 / in the 86th year / of his age /

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**BEEBE**

In memory of / Benjamin Beebe / son of John /  
& Anna Beebe / who died / Nov. 14, 1801 /  
in the 8th year / of his age /

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## **BIGELOW**

In memory of / Benjamin Bigelow / who died /  
Jan. 14, 1849 / aged 84 years /

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## **BRONSON**

Daniel Bronson / who died / Nov. 11, 1862 /

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## **BROOKS**

Charles Brooks / died / March 8, 1864 /  
AE 58 yrs. & 3 mos. /

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Edward J. / son of / Charles & Lucy / Brooks /  
died / April 5, 1858 / aged 18 yrs. 5 mos. & /  
26 dys. /

*Weep not for me. I'm happy now  
my sufferings all are over  
At Jesus footstool humbly now  
Prepare to meet me on that blessed shore.*

Lucy Brooks / wife of / Charles Brooks /  
Sept. 11, 1868 / ae 55 yrs. 10 mos. & 11 days. /

Mary A. / dau. of / Charles & / Lucy Brooks /  
died / Feb. 9, 1849 / age 1 yr. & 3 mos. /

Polly / wife of / John H. Brooks / died /  
Sept. 19, 1811 / age 71 yrs. 2 mos. & 15 days. /

*(broken)*

Theodore L. / son of / Charles & Lucy / Brooks /  
died / Mar. 23, 1856 / age 20 yrs. & 4 mos. /  
13 dys. /

In memory of / Thomas Irwin / son of / Charles &  
Lucy Brooks / who died / July 17, 1839 /  
age 5 yrs. & 4 mos. /

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## **BRUSH**

Alexander Brush / 1829 - 1920 /

Mary Louisa Mead / his wife / 1853- 1938 /

Alexander A. Brush / 1875- 1958 /

In memory of / Almon son of / Amos & Aurilla /  
Brush who died / July 26, 1830 / age 1 yr. & 12 days. /

\*H\* Amos Brush, Esquire, died July 5, 1813, aged 60 yrs.

In memory of / Amos Brush / who died /  
May 14, 1839 / aged 48 years /

Anna Louise Brush / 1878 - 1963 /

In memory of / Armidah / daughter of / Amos &  
Hannah / Brush / who died / Oct. 29, 1816 / aged /  
20 years /

In memory of / Aurilla Brush / who died/  
Dec 13, 1847 / aged 51 yrs. /

Ella Mead Brush / 1876 - 1931 /

Ely Brush / died / Feb. 13, 1868 / AE 69 yrs.  
5mos. & 20 days. /

Emma Rilla Bursh / 1881 - 1938 /

George M. Brush / 1885 - 1961 (metel Marker)

Grace McLean / wife of / Alexander A. Brush /  
1876 - 1947 /

In memory of / Hannah wife of / Amos Brush /  
who died / March 9, 1849 / aged 91 yrs. & 4 mos. /

In memory of / Hannah wife of / Eliphalet Brush /  
who died / April 3, 1774 / in the 20th year / of her age/  
her age /

In memory of / Lucy wife of / Thomas Brush /  
who died / June 25, 1811 / aged 91 years. /

Mary dau. of Amos / & Aurilla Brush / died /  
Feb. 19, 1836 / AE 3 mos. /

Mary E. Brush / 1887 - 1917 /

In memory of / Rilla / wife of / Ely Brush /  
who died / April 19, 1855 / AE 49 yrs. /

Thomas Brush / died / Nov. 1, 1802 / aged 87 years /

*(stone down & mostly illegible)*

In memory of / Julia Ann / wife of / Obediah  
Chase / who died / July 5, 1823 / aged 16 years /

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## COLE

Charles / son of / Lyman F. & / Mary cole /  
died / April 19, 1862 / aged 5 yrs. 3 mos. / & 20 dys. /

*This little lad  
We loved so well  
Has gone to Heaven  
With Christ to Dwell.*

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## COON

In memory of / Laura wife of Abraham / Coon &  
daughter of Elijah / & Elizabeth Bearfs / who  
died March 9, 1803 / in the 20th year of her age. /

*The Almighty spoke and she is gone  
Eternity now reigns alone  
If you would dwell with God on high  
Learn O'ye living how to die*

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## COUCH

Sarah Couch / died / Jan. 17, 1883 / in the 81st  
year / of her age. /

*(broken off completely, behind building)*

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## CROCKER

In memory of / the Rev. / Daniel Crocker /  
who died / March 31, 1834 / aged 74 yrs. /

*(tree design on stone)*

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## CROFUT

In memory of / Polly Crofut / wife of Nathan B. /  
who died / July 30, 1845 / age 39 yrs /  
7 mos. & 27 dys. /

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## DISBROW

In memory of / Jesse Disbrow / who died /  
May 9, 1855 / AE 74 yrs. 1 mos. & 2 ds. /

In memory of / Nancy / dau. of / Jesse & Rhoda /  
Disbrow / who died / Sept. 23, 1837 / age 29 yrs. /

Platt Disbrow / died / Aug. 27, 1868 / in the  
66th year / of her age. /

In memory of / Rhoda wife of / Jesse Disbrow /  
who died / May 2, 1852 / in the 75th year / of her age /

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## **GASCOIGNE**

Sylvester / 1860 - 1946 /

Estelle / 1858 - 1943 /

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## **HAWLEY**

Mary T. / wife of / who died / . b. Hawley / died /  
Feb. 16, 1894 / aged 85 yrs. / (William )

*At rest from her labor.*

Monson Hawley / died / June 20, 1895 / aged 65 yrs. /

Sarah R. Hawley / wife of Monson / who died /  
Nov. 22, 1863 / AE 34 yrs. /

*(broken in half)*

William B. Hawley / died / Sept. 4, 1874 /  
age 71 yrs. /

*(broken in half)*

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## **HODGE**

In memory of / Abel Hodge / who died April 25 /  
Ad 1802 aged 72 /

In memory of / Anne Hodge who died / Mar. 24, 1831 /  
AE 69 yrs. /

## **HOPKINS**

\*H\* Sarah Hopkins, wife of John hopkins, (Former wife of  
Elanthan Hall) died Nov. 7, 1826, age 77 yrs.

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## **HUBELL**

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Cleo Dianthi, wife of Gideon Hubbell, died Mar. 24  
1834, age 70 yrs.

\*H\* Gideon Hubbell, died, April 11, 1838, age 77 yrs.

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## KELLOGG

In memory of / Marey Kellogg / wife of Martin  
Kellogg / who died / April 8, 1811 / in the  
69th year / of her age /

In memory of / Martin Kellogg / who died /  
Sept 1, 1824 / age 84 yrs /.

In memory of / PHILLIS a slave / of Martin  
kellogg / who died / April 30, 1810 / in the  
46th year / of her age. /

In memory of / Martin Kellogg / who died /  
Sept. 1, 1824 / age 84 yrs. /

In memory of / Zadok Kellogg / who died /  
Feb. 27, 1796 / in the 26th year / of his life /

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## KNAPP

In memory of / Amy / wife of / Doct. Isaac Knapp /  
who died / Feb. 27, 1848 / aged 67 yrs. /

*(tree design on stone)*

Charlotte L. Knapp / 1851 - 1937 /

Knapp / Deacon Enock Knapp / May 29, 1805  
Dec. 2, 1887 /

his wife / Rachel Aurilla, dau. of / Dea. Seelye  
& Louisa Barnum / July 14, 1819 March 8, 1904 /

Husband / Ezra B. Knapp / died / Mar. 24, 1888 /  
aged 71 yrs. / & 6 mos. /

Flora Whiton Knapp / wife of / Isaac S. Knapp/  
1874 - 1948

Frederick E. Knapp / 1859 - 1937

his wife / Fanny N. Taylor / 1860 - 1914

In memory of / Isaac Knapp / who died /  
March 5, 1838 / age 68 yrs. / (Doctor)

Isacc Seelye / Knapp / son of Enock S. /  
Rachel A. Knapp / died Sept. 21, 1855 / age 2 yrs. 2 mos. /

Isaac Seelye Knapp / son of / Enock & Rachel Knapp /  
Nov. 26, 1856 Apr. 4, 1952 /