

West Pelham Burial Grounds

also known as Harkness Cemetary

At the left rear corner is the entrance and a stone- Harkness Cemetary
In the edge of the woods, at the front, lying at the base of a large
tree, by #1D, are two stones- J. C. W. with an A which would be underground,
and has no historical significance, and D. C.

ROW ONE

A Daniel Corbit/ died/ Aug 18, 1847/ Ag^d 66 yrs.

Death like an overflowing...??

B Hannah/ wife of/ Daniel Corbit/ died/ Jan 15, 1859,/ Æ 72

C Sumner Corbit/ died/ Feb. 25 1852

D Margaret King/ wife of/ Edmund Mirick/ born July 13, 1800,/died/ Aug.
15, 1875

E Edmund Mirick/ died/ Dec. 28. 1855/ Aged 58 yrs.

F Margaret Jane/ daughter of Henry/ & Jannett Green/ died/ July 17, 1849/
Æ. 12 yrs.

Weep not then ye bereaved and/ Stricken in heart/ The loved one, is
not dead/ but sleepeth in Jesus

G Ellen M.,/ wife of Wm L. Mirick/ died/ Sept 9, 1869,/ Aged 44 years
Our redeemer liveth

H Jennie E

Our sister

I Hattie. (short epitaph illegible)

J Nettie B./ Infant Daug of/ W & E Mirick/ died Aug 11, 1869

K Sina/ wife of/Silas Cook/ died Jan. 5. 1841/ aged 70. (epitaph ill.)

ROW TWO

A Jane C./ Wife of/ Silas Whitcomb/ & Daughter of/ Jason Corbit:/ died/
April 13, 1854/ Aged 22 years

B Julia M./ of such is the kingdom of heaven

(back) Daug. of/ C.R. & S.E. Dickinson/ died/ Mar. 10, 1860/ Æ 5 yrs

- C Lucas Bartlett/ died/ Dec. 6, 1874/ Aged 71 years
 D Lorancy,/ wife of Lucas Bartlett,/ died/ Oct 23, 1863/ Aged 60 years
 E Alvan S. Bartlett/ died/ Nov 28, 1861/ Aged 32 years

ROW THREE

- A (footstone) ??

ROW FOUR

- A Johnnie F./ son of/ O.B. & A. M. Hill/ died June 6, 1868/ Æ 2 yrs 3 mos
 B Achsa H./ wife of Chauncy Blair/ (rest of stone missing)
 C Maria L./ wife of/Chauncy Blair/ died/ July 23, 1878
 D Herbert W/ son of C. B. & M. L. Blair/ died Sept. 4, 1878/ Æ 4 mos

ROW FIVE

- A Frank E. Thornton/ 1860-1936
 B Mary H. / Daut. of/ E & L Thornton:/ died/ Jan. 14, 1858,/ Æ. 12
 yrs. & 9 ms.
 C Clyde C./ 1884-1951/ his wife/ Mary V./ 1889-1974/ Thornton
 D George Herbert/ son of/ P.P. & A.E. King/ died/ Feb. 13, 1862/ Aged
 5 months (epitaph illegible)
 E Riley Jillson/ Died/ Oct. 22, 1863./ Æ. 81 yrs./ Sylvia Jillson/ died/
 May 8, 1872
 F Mr./ Otis C. Jillson/ died/ Feb 27, 1837./ Aged 27 yrs.
 Forgive, blest shade, the tributary tear,/ that mourns thy exit from
 a world like this:/ Forgive the wish that would have kept thee here/
 And stay'd thy progress to the seats of bliss
 G Daniel Purington/ died Aug, 20, 1823/ Age 77
 H John Parmenter/ died/ Jan. 27, 1855./ Æ 73 y'rs
 "and we will come and lie down by your side"
 I Hannah D./ wife of/ John Parmenter,/ died April 18, 1862,/ Æ 70 yrs.
 Thine is a blessed sleep/ From which none ever wake to weep
 J (stone missing)

ROW SIX

- A (backwards) S. J. (footstone to # 5b)
- B O. C. J. (fs. to # 5C)
- C Charlotte J./ daughter of/ Albert & Elizabeth Newell,/ died/ Oct. 23, 1837/ Aged 1 yr &/ 8 mo.
- D Albert D. Newell/ died/ Nov. 15, 1879/ Aged 42 years
- E Oliver M./ son of/ S.A. & R.E./Newell/ died/ July 7. 1854/ ~~Æ~~ 2 y's & 10 mo.
- F (sideways) Levi Newell/ died/ Oct. 10, 1844/~~Æ~~ 73/ Caroline M/ his wife/ died/ May 26, 1846, ~~Æ~~ 72
- G L.N.
- H C.M.N. (footstones to the above)

ROW SEVEN

- A (backwards) In/ memory of/ Thankful./ Wife of/ Ellis Turner,/ died, Nov 4, 1842/ Aged 74
- B (backwards) In memory of/ Mr/ William Harkness/ who died/ Dec. 18, 1831,/ Aged 39 yrs
Farewellmy spouse and children dear/ I've left this world of pain;/ May virtue be your practice here/ Till we do meet again.
- C (backwards) Edward Harkness/ died Feb 17, 1839./ ~~Æ~~ 21/ Grove Harkness/ died Oct 11, 1842/~~Æ~~. 24./ son of Wm. & Abigail Harkness
- D Amy/ 2nd Wife of/ John Harkness./ died/ Aug 21, 1858./ Aged 72 yrs
- E Mr./ John Harkness/ died/ Jan, 14, 1844,/ Aged 56 Yrs./
" Be ye therefor ready also: for the Son of/ man cometh at an hour when ye think not"
- F Mrs. Esther/ wife of/ Mr John Harkness:/ died/ Nov 5, 1836./ Aged 48
Rest, worthy matron from thy toil/Thy God hath called thee home./ To recompence with future Joy./ The deeds which thou hast done
- G Adaline,/ Daught. of/ Mr. John& Mrs./ Esther Harkness/ died/ Sept 26, 1836./ Aged 23

Dearest sister, thou hast left us./ Here thy loss we deeply feel/ But 'tis God that hath bereft us,/ He can all our sorrow heal

H Amy,/ Daught of/ Mr John & Mrs/ Esther Harkness:/ died/ July 30, 1835,/ Aged 16

Yet again we hope to meet thee/ when the day of light is fled./ Then in heaven with Joy to greet thee/ where no farewell tear is shed

I Mr./ Ambrose Harkness/ died/ Feb 24, 1840, Aged 28 yrs

No Age from death can fly./ No friends but what must part/ Death Breaks the tenderest tie/ that formed within the heart

J Abigail,/ daughter of/ John & Esther/ Harkness/ died/ May 29, 1848/ Æ 20 yrs.

K Esther H./ wife of/ Alden Bicknell,/ died/ Feb 4, 1851,/ Aged 25

ROW EIGHT (all backwards, all footstones)

A W.H. (7B)

B E.H./ G.H. (7C)

C A.H. (7D)

D J.H. (7E)

E A.H. (7I)

F A.H. (7J)

ROW NINE

A (backwards) Miss/ Eliza Rankin/died/Dec. 10, 1837./ Aged 29 yrs.

B (backwards) In memory of/ Mr. Silas Rankin,/ who died/ May 22, 1834,/ Aged 22

Time like an ever roling stream/ Bears all its sons away./ They fly, forgotten, as a dream/ Dies at the opening day

C (backwards) Edwin, son of Mr. John/ H. & Mrs. Jane Y./Rankin;/ died May 14, 1834./ Aged 7 ms. & 7 Ds.

As falls the bud cut down/ before its bloom/ So sleeps this infant in its early tomb

D (backwards) John H. Rankin/ died/ Feb. 16, 1835/ Aged 28 years.

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E Jemima Abercrombie/ Born/ Jan 4, 1808/ died/ Oct. 28, 1878
F Margaret Abercrombie/ died/ Feb 17, 1885, /A. 79 yrs. 3 mos.
G (backwards) PARMENTER/ Charles O. Parmenter/ 1833-1913/ John N.
Parmenter 1815-1897/ Susan, his wife/ 1826-1898

ROW TEN (all footstones)

A (backwards) E.R. (9A)
B S.R. (9B)
C (backwards) E.R. (9C)
D (backwards) J.H.R. (9D)

On the wall, in the right rear corner, is an unmarked footstone.