

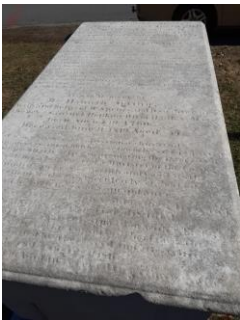
History of Highland Cemetery



Highland Cemetery (also known as New Hill Burying Ground) was established in 1800 and is located at Pond and Hill Streets in Newburyport behind Old Hill Burying Grounds.

The City of Newburyport purchased five acres of land from William Coffin Little to establish New Hill Cemetery. In 1848, an additional twelve acres was purchased from Anthony and William Davenport; and in 1870 additional land belonging to Susan B. Coffin and John Little was added.

The cemetery is located beside Old Hill Burying Ground, though separated from it by Pond Street, and is bounded by Hill Street and Route 1. It is owned by the City, and is cared for by the Department of Public Works. Consequently, the burial records are kept at the Department of Public Safety, with death records kept at the Newburyport City Hall. The Veterans' Graves Registrion Records are kept at the Newburyport Public Library. Unfortunately, glaring gaps have been revealed from recent research inquiries.



Two notable burials is the Rev. Samuel Spring, beloved minister at the Central Congregational Church and nationally known. He was the chaplain of the ill-fated Quebec Expedition led by Colonel Benedict Arnold.



Another is Newburyport's most notable citizen, Caleb Cushing, first mayor of Newburyport, prominent ambassador known for significant treaties with China, Japan and powerful court cases winning concessions from the United Kingdom over illegal privateer support during the Civil War.