

**West Neck Cemetery Association: Reclamation Project**  
**Abandoned/Unused Lot Assessment Sheet for Web Posting**  
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**Summary Chart of Lots, Purchaser(s), Probable Purchase Date,**

Prospect #	Lot #	Purchased	Purchaser
1	3	1853	Elisha H. Crandall
2	4	1853	Wm. B. Haynes
3	12	1853	Lester T. Rogers
4	13N	1853	Horace Champlin
5	13S	1853	Elias B. Champlin
6	54	1853	David Rogers 2 <sup>nd</sup>
7	55	1853	Lewis Milson
8	56	1853	Charles Chappell
9	61	1853	David P. Rogers
10	62	1853	Thomas S. Greenman
11	64	1853	David Rogers
12	65	1853	David Rogers
13	47	1900-04	Frances Gavitt
14	66	1911	Joseph Fitch
15	42	1933	Mrs. Frank Maijala
16	26	1943	Freeman-Beebe
17	38	1960	June Rice

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**Prospect #1**

**Lot 3: Purchaser—Elisha H. Crandall\***

**Probable purchase date = 1853 (2<sup>nd</sup> sold lot on the list)**

**Size: 21'x16'—one memorial, two interments**

- 1-Elisha H. Crandall Jr., (memorial—lost off Sandy Hook, 1828-1/12/1853);
- 2-Eliza (Fowler\*) Crandall (1803-1870); Headstone & footstone
- 3-Elisha H. Crandall (1804-1881). Headstone & footstone

**Cemetery Connections and Research Notes:**

*Cemetery Connections: these three were related to those in Lots 1, 2, and probably 57.*

*Lot 1:* Elisha and Eliza Crandall were almost certainly the g-grandparents of **Loren W. Brown** (1878-1919) and **George A. Brown** (1880-1918-flu epidemic), both in Lot 1—burial records name them as sons of Arthur Brown, who married their granddaughter, Hattie A. Lester.

*Lot 2:* **Eliza Ann (Crandall\*) Lester (1832-1889)**, d. of Elisha and Eliza (Fowler) Crandall and brother of Elisha H. Crandall, Jr.—married **William H. Lester\*** (Lot 2); known children of Eliza & Wm. = **Anderson E. Lester** (1854-1869) and **Hattie A. (Lester\*) Brown** (1857-1936), who married **Arthur A. Brown** (1856-1912). Arthur and Hattie were parents of twins **Freddie and Annie**—both died at 7 weeks. Also parents of **Loren** and **George** (Lot 1).

*Lot 57:* **Anderson W. Lester** (1817-1/12/1853-lost off Sandy Hook w/**Elisha Crandall, Jr.** and **Thomas L. Beebe** [Lot 11]), probable brother of **William Lester** (Lot 2) and namesake of nephew, **Anderson E. Lester** (Lot 2).

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Misc. Additional Info: Elisha Jr. and Eliza Ann (Crandall) Lester were same-level 3<sup>rd</sup> cousins with Sarah Frances (Crandall\*) Gavitt (Lot 47). Also, their children, Anderson W. Lester and Harriet Emma (Gavitt\*) Brooks (Lot 74), were 4<sup>th</sup> cousins via Crandall lineage. Further, Anderson W. Lester was an uncle of Burtus Anderson Brooks\* via his aunt Hannah Rogers (Brooks\*) Lester (Lot 57)—both Bert and the younger Anderson Lester were born within a year after the elder Anderson was lost at sea, and were probably given “Anderson” in his honor.

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**Prospect #2**

**Lot 4: Purchaser – William B. Haynes\***

**Probable purchase date = 1853 (3<sup>rd</sup> sold lot on the list-“Fox” on map)**

**Size: 21’x16’-two interments**

- 1-Samuel Fox Haynes (1844-1849 [11/30/1853-removal]); Headstone & footstone
- 2-Freddy Haynes (1856-1857). Headstone & footstone

**Cemetery Connections and Research Notes:**

*Samuel and Freddy* were sons of William B. Haynes\* (1820-1880+) and Sarah “Sally” (Champlin\*) Haynes (1824-1880+), who had three other children, per web: Mary (Haynes\*) Hatch (b. 1853), Mertie\* (b. 1858), and George\* (b. 1863); None of these are recorded as interred in WNC.

**Lot 13 connection:** Sally (Champlin\*) Haynes is the daughter of Elias B. Champlin\* & *Hester D. (Fox\*) Champlin*, (1798-1865) so is a sister of *Charles James Champlin* (1828-1844) (both in Lot 13); Elias Champlin\* moved permanently to Mystic/Greenmanville as did Sally and William Haynes\*; Hester and Elias had another son, Horace Champlin\* (1819-1906), married a Susan Barber\* in 1841 and had one known child, Lucy\*; Horace also married an Abigail Rogers\* (1825-1880+ and –gg-granddaughter of Jonathan Jr. via Nathan-Davis-Amos) and moved to Illinois, leaving one known child, Lilly\*.

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**Prospect #3**

**Lot 12: Purchaser – Lester T. Rogers\***

**Probable purchase date = 1853 (5<sup>th</sup> sold lot on the list)**

**Size: 21’x16’-two (?) interments**

- 1-Elizabeth (Miller\*) Rogers (1824-1848) [10/25/1853-removal]; Headstone & footstone
- 2-James Lester Rogers\* (1846-1849) [10/25/1853-removal]. Headstone & footstone

**Cemetery Connections and Research Notes:**

Elizabeth is the 1<sup>st</sup> wife of Lester Tinker Rogers II; James is their son. Lester T. Rogers\* was born in Waterford 11/8/1821 and died in Milton Junction on 2/15/1905; he lived there with his second wife, Sarah Melissa Coon\*, and had two daughters and a son, Benedict Westcote Rogers\*, all of whom stayed in Wisconsin. Benedict became a doctor, served as such in WWI at a TB center. Afterwards he oversaw several VA centers.

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**Prospect #4**

**Lot 13N: Purchaser—Horace Champlin\***

Probable purchase date = 1853 (6<sup>th</sup> sold lot on the list-“Fox” on map)

Size: 10’ 6”x 16’- no interments

**Cemetery Connections and Research Notes:**

Horace Champlin\* (1819-1880+) was the only recorded son of Elias; he married Susan Barber\*, had a daughter Lucy\* with her, then married Abigail Rogers\*, descendant of Nathan (brother of Jonathan and David), had a daughter Lilly\* (b. 1856) and he moved to—and died in—Illinois.

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**Prospect #5**

**Lot 13S: Purchaser—Elias B. Champlin**

Probable purchase date = 1853 (6<sup>th</sup> sold lot on the list-“Fox” on map)

Size: 10’6” x 16’-two interments

1-Charles James Champlin (1828-1844) [11/30/1853-removal]; Headstone & footstone

2-Hester D. (Fox) Champlin (1798-1865). Headstone & footstone

**Cemetery Connections and Research Notes:**

The interred are the son and wife of Elias Champlin: Elias was born in Hopkinton, Rhode Island, then lived in Waterford till the mid-1850’s, when he moved to “Mystic Bridge, (Greenmanville).” The obituary mentions he left his son, Horace, of Illinois, and a daughter, Mrs. Wm. B. Haynes, of “Mystic Bridge.”

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**Prospect #6**

**Lot 54: Purchaser—David Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Probable purchase date = 1853 (21<sup>st</sup> sold lot on the list)

Size: 21’x16’-one interment

1-Welcome Stillman Wells\* (1815-1843 [9/30/1855-removal]); Headstone & footstone.

**Cemetery Connections and Research Notes:**

Mr. Wells of DeRuyter, NY; died at the house of Dea. David Rogers\* (Lots 64 & 65) while on a trip east; the Record book notes a removal to WNC on 9/30/1855, and though originally interred in the Old Rogers Cemetery, the stone in WNC reads “In Memory of.” (His parents were originally from Hopkinton, so maybe it was OK to let him stay “close to home”?)

Also, David Rogers II has the adjacent lot, #45, so this one may have been what became an unused “spare”?

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**Prospect #7**

**Lot 55: Purchaser—Lewis Millson (sic)**

Probable purchase date = 1853 (22<sup>nd</sup> sold lot on the list)

Size: 21'x16'-four known interments, one additional marker

- 1-Esther Milson (1811-1858); Husband/wife monument
- 2-Lewis Milson (1817-1880); Husband/wife monument
- 3-Thomas C. Beebe\* (1834-1897); Headstone—Military/Civil War
- 4-Griselda S. (Milson) Beebe (1840-1914); Headstone
- 5-M.E.G. (separate stone; unknown/unrecorded dates and no name in records to match initials); short, flat, initials only.

**Cemetery Connections and Research Notes:**

There is nothing on the Web regarding the Milsons, but there is for the probable son-in-law, Thomas Beebe. His father was Ezekiel T. Beebe\* (Lot 11: 1800-1866) and mother Mary (Crandall\*) Beebe (Lot 11: 1799-1881). His sister was Sally Ann (Beebe\*) Maxson, who is probably in Lot 44 with her husband Joshua Maxson\* , but though the interment is recorded, there is no stone.

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**Prospect #8**

**Lot 56: Purchaser—Charles Chapel (sic)**

Probable purchase date = 1853 (23<sup>rd</sup> sold lot on the list)

Size: 21'x16'-two known interments, one probable unmarked

- 1-Charles E. Chappell (1840-1918); Small headstone
- 2-Clarendon Chappell (1833-1919); Military/Civil War headstone
- 3-Augustus Chappell (1847-1930-no marker, interment probable).

**Cemetery Connections and Research Notes:**

There is nothing on the Web regarding these three, who are probably brothers who lived in the area. More research on the local Chappells is in order, since there were Chappells on the Strand through the death of Bob Chappell within the past ten years.

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**Prospect #9**

**Lot 61: Purchaser—David P. Rogers\***

Probable purchase date = 1853 (26<sup>th</sup> sold lot on the list)

Size: 18'x16'—three interments—two adult, one child)

- 1-Cynthia Albina Rogers\* (1843-1844) [10/30/1853-removal]; Headstone & footstone
- 2-David Potter Rogers\* (1808-1882); Headstone-large
- 3-Mary Ann (Rogers\*) Rogers (1808-1892); Headstone-large.

**Cemetery Connections and Research Notes:**

This is the David Rogers who is credited with building the wall around the cemetery. His father, the deacon David Rogers, is noted in Prospect #11, and his sister, Charlotte, married Thomas Greenman, Prospect #10. The stones for David and his wife are of-a-kind with those of his sister Charlotte in Elm Grove

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Cemetery, Mystic, which suggests that Mary Harkness, Charlotte's granddaughter and patron of the Greenman chapel in Elm Grove, most likely took care of ordering and placing them all.

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**Prospect #10**

**Lot 62: Purchaser—Thomas S. Greenman\***  
**Probable purchase date = 1853 (27<sup>th</sup> sold lot on the list)**  
**Size: 18'x16'—no known interments**

**Cemetery Connections and Research Notes:**

Thomas Greenman, a Seventh Day Baptist from Mystic, married Charlotte Rogers, daughter of Deacon David Rogers (Lots 64 & 65) and sister of David Potter Rogers (Lot 61). She moved to Mystic and he prospered in shipbuilding there with his two brothers. At the same time as they bought this lot, Thomas was involved in starting Elm Grove Cemetery in Mystic. They lost all but one child in childhood, and buried them there. That surviving daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth Greenman, married Thomas Edgar Stillman and had four daughters, one of whom, Mary Emma Stillman, wound up marrying Edward Harkness and split her time between the Harkness estate, which they bought about 1904, and New York.

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**Prospect #11**

**Lot 64: Purchaser—David Rogers\***  
**Probable purchase date = 1853 (28<sup>th</sup> sold lot on the list)**  
**Size: 18'x16'—two confirmed interments, one possible unmarked—  
two adult, one child**

- 1-Orton Ward Stillman (1852-1853—possible interment; no marker);
- 2-David Rogers (1786-1859); Headstone-large;
- 3-Mary (Potter) Rogers (1787-1876); Headstone-large.

**Cemetery Connections and Research Notes:**

David Rogers was a deacon of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, among the founders of the Cemetery, seller, with Oliver Maxson, of the Cemetery's acre, donor of the land for use by the Baptist Church in its current location, and, quite probably, that-time owner of what we currently call the O'Brien property.

Regarding what could be dubbed the Rogers quadrant, he is the owner of two of the four lots and father of the other two owners, so is key to the quadrant. Also, his heirs at law are the same as those identified in a quit-claim deed of the Church property to the Seventh Day Baptists, so the start on locating them can begin there: 1885.

There is an 1885 Quit-Claim Deed from the heirs of this David Rogers to the Seventh Day Baptist Church for the use of "about half an acre" along with the "house of worship" there per the wishes of David Rogers. They specifically say "so long as it should maintain its organization as a Seventh Day Baptist Church and carry on public worship on said premises as at present: and no longer," and name the following 16 descendants and spouses as "the heirs of said David Rogers":

Lydia R. S. Lyon of Waterford; Sarah Maxson and William Maxson her husband and Mary R. Berry all of Westerly, Rhode Island, William A. Rogers of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Julia M. Powers and George H. Powers her husband of New London Connecticut, Julia Amanda VanDusen of and Jonas VanDusen of Horsehead, New York, Laura E. Terhune and Joseph M.

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Terhune her husband of Brockton, Massachusetts, David D. Rogers and Lewis L. Rogers both of Daytona Florida, Hurbert Rogers of Alfred Center Allegheny County New York and Charlotte Elizabeth Stillman and her Thomas E. Stillman her husband of Brooklyn, New York.

The Web info on the children of David Rogers has this (1<sup>st</sup> level only, not all descendants):

- 1-David Potter Rogers (1808-1882-Lot 61-no noted living descendants);
- 2-Charles Rogers (1811-1811)
- 3-Sarah Rogers (1813-1885-married William Maxson—living descendants)
- 4-Daniel Babcock Rogers (1815-1884—married Mary Ann Titsworth—living descendants)
- 5-Mary Rogers (1818-1896—married Peleg Berry—had children, no noted living descendants)
- 6-Charlotte Rogers (1820-1879—married Thomas S. Greenman [lot 62]—probable living descents via two of her four granddaughters)
- 7-George Rogers (1821-1823)
- 8-Anna Maria Rogers (1823-1873-Lot 72) no noted or known descendants
- 9-Lydia A. Rogers (1825-1899)

So, the quitclaim list of heirs shakes out like this, when compared to the Web list of descendants: those highlighted are named in the list of heirs and arranged here to match their place within the family lineage (only children #1 and #8 are interred in WNC; no grandchildren noted here are in WNC):

1-David Potter Rogers (1808-1882: Lot 61)—named descendants/heir(s) at law:

Son: **William Augustus Rogers** (1808-1898) of Cambridge, Mass.;

Daughter: **Julia Maria Powers** (1834-1899) and her husband, **George H. Powers**, of New London;

3-**Sarah (Rogers) Maxson** (1813-1900) and her husband, **William Maxson** (1811-1900), of Westerly;

4-Daniel Babcock Rogers (1815-1884)—named descendants/heir(s) at law:

Daughter: **Julia Amanda Van Duzer** (b. 1845-d??) of Horseheads, New York;

Her son/husband (?), **Jonas Sayre Van Duzer** (b. ??-d??) of Horseheads, New York;

Son: **David Dunham Rogers** (b.1850-d. ??) of Daytona, Florida;

Daughter: **Laura E. Terhune** (b. 1856-d.??) and her husband, **Joseph Terhune** (B-1853-d.??) of Brockton, Mass.;

Son: **Lewis Titsworth Rogers** (b.1846-d.??) of Daytona, Florida;

Son: **Daniel Herbert Rogers** (1861-1927) of Alfred Center, New York;

5-**Mary (Rogers) Berry** (1818-1896) of Westerly;

6-Charlotte (Rogers) Greenman (1820-1879)

Daughter: **Charlotte Elizabeth (Greenman) Stillman** (1843-1901) and her husband, **Thomas Edgar Stillman** (1837-1906), of Brooklyn, New York;

9-**Lydia R. S. Lyon** (1825-1899) of Waterford (she was Eliphalet Lyon's wife after her sister, Anna Maria, yet was buried elsewhere, perhaps since she had three children with her first husband, Paul Stillman, and none with Eliphalet?);

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In its boundary description, the deed identifies Clark S. Rogers\* (1820-1893: Lot 53) as owning the land to the south, Lydia R. S. Rogers\* as owning land to the east and north (the more-recent O'Brien property), and Great Neck Road as the western boundary.

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**Prospect #12**

**Lot 65: Purchaser—David Rogers**

Probable purchase date = 1853 (29<sup>th</sup> sold lot on the list)

Size: 18'x16'—no known interments

**Cemetery Connections and Research Notes:**

*See above.*

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**Prospect #13**

**Lot 47: Purchaser—Frances Gavitt\***

*(map has "Francis" [sic]; record has 'e');*

Probable purchase date circa. 1900-4

Size: 21'x16'-three probable interments, no monuments

- 1-Edmund Gavitt (1867-9/1904); No marker
- 2-Russell Wells Gavitt (1832-11/1904); No marker
- 3-Sarah Frances "Fannie" (Crandall) Gavitt (1842-1911); No marker.

**Cemetery Connections and Research Notes:**

Sarah Frances "Fannie" (Crandall\*) Gavitt is the mother of Harriet Emma (Gavitt\*) Brooks (Lot 74), so is a great-great-grandmother to known local descendants. Her children include Munson Gavitt\* (lot 63), whose daughter, Sadie Gavitt, married Alonzo Beebe, and more who may be able to lay claim to unused spots.

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**Prospect #14**

**Lot 66: Purchaser—Joseph Fitch**

Probable purchase date circa. 1911

(listed between Olof Olofson, who passed 1910, and MacArthur, who passed in 1912)

Size: 18'x16'—two known interments, one monument

- 1-Joseph Fitch (1844-1921); Headstone-Short slant marker;
- 2-Annie Fitch (1847-1925); no marker.

**Cemetery Connections and Research Notes:**

There is no Web reference to any Fitch; more research is needed to clarify this couple.

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**Prospect #15**

**Lot 42: Purchaser—Mrs. Frank Maijala**

Probable purchase year = 1933

Size: 21'x16'—four known interments

- 1-Frank Oscar Maijala (1886-1933); Husband/wife monument
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- 2-Erofiina (Moskua) Maijala (1888-1934);
- 3-Toini Ellen (Tikka) Maijala (1910-1985); Husband/wife monument
- 4-Frank Oscar Maijala (1910-1991).

**Cemetery Connections and Research Notes:**

The Maijala family lived on Great Neck Road; no known descendants—Frank Jr's obit (1991) mentions a sister, Helen Edwards of Groton. Need to follow up on that. The elder Frank worked at Millstone when it was a quarry—one of the Finnish stone workers there.

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**Prospect #16**

**Lot 26: Purchaser(s): Freeman-Beebe**

**Probable purchase date circa. 1943 (After '42 [#25], before '45 [#50])**

**Size: 21'x16'-two markers, one interment[?]**

- 1-William Barber Beebe (1862-1949); Headstone only—short, slant marker
- 2-Nellie J. Beebe (1867-1955+) Headstone-no end-date.

**Cemetery Connections and Research Notes:**

Uncertain what William's connection is, though his birth year of 1862 make him possible sibling to Infant (1854), Marilla (1856-1862), Eva May Beebe (1865-1948), son of Elias (1822-1892) & Almira (1824-1887), and grandson of Robert Beebe (1789-1861) and Mahitabel (1787-1863), all in Lots 11, 23, and 27.

*Also, perhaps the middle name of Barber links him to George Barber Stillman (1843-1906-Lot 35), whose mother was Wealthy Barber\* (1813-1877) of Hopkinton and grandfather was John Barber\*? Or Horace Champlin\* (1819-1880+) via his marriage to Susan Barber\*?*

Meeting records of 4/21/1955 include "A letter from Superintendent of Masonic Home and Hospital about space on plot #26 for Mrs. Nellie Beebe was read."

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**Prospect #17**

**Lot 38: Purchaser—June Rice**

**Probable purchase date circa. 1960**

**Size: 21'x16'-no known/recorded interments**

**Cemetery Connections and Research Notes:**

June Rice, perhaps of the Pleasure Beach area, current location and disposition unknown.

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