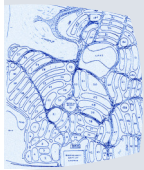




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SPECIAL ISSUE

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**WITHIN THE GATES**  
*Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery*  
*Incorporated in 1902*

# A legacy of lasting *Memorials*

HOW WE REMEMBER AND MEMORIALIZE THE LIVES OF OTHERS  
FROM THE PAST, IN THE PRESENT AND FOR THE FUTURE

*"Show me your cemeteries, and I will tell you what kind of people you have."*

*Benjamin Franklin (1706—1790)*

## From the Past

It is very fitting that our cemetery is named "Quidnessett" Memorial Cemetery, as many of its earliest settlers are now resting within its gates. Quidnessett is the land located between East Greenwich and Wickford, where from an Indian trail that later became the Queen's highway, and which is presently known as Post Road, one could skirt the bay far enough from the shore to avoid the inlets.<sup>1</sup> This is where the cemetery is located, directly off historic Post Road.

What makes Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery's history so compelling is that it is built upon many notable memorials and contributions made from people like you — its lot owners. Every structure, feature and special memorial have been

donated—from the land to its entrance gates, facilities, paved roads, flag poles, garage bays, landscape design, special gardens and touching memorials; all to benefit and serve the rest of us.

The following pages contain brief biographies of some of the people who have contributed to the beauty and functionality of the cemetery in the past. The cemetery's most important function and purpose being to create a tranquil surrounding that promotes beauty, peace and comfort as we lay to rest and honor our loved ones.

Through contributions of your own, you too could become a part of the cemetery's future legacy.



*Garden of Meditation and Prayer  
In Loving Memory of Our Mothers*

*For over 100 years, Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery has been well known for its beauty and serenity. Last summer, local historian, Tim Cranston, stated during his walking tour of the cemetery, "The Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery is the finest public park in North Kingstown."*



*A Memorial Site for Fathers—The Pond*

## IN THE PRESENT

Thanks to the generosity of those in the past, we now have the lovely backdrop and unique framework within which to memorialize and visit our loved ones. From your ability to easily access your own lot by a road to being able to transform it with monuments, markers and plantings of your own choosing, the cemetery was designed by its former lot owners to make this possible, and more...

<sup>1</sup>From RI Town Records gathered from the Aylesworth Family at [www.Aylesworth.net](http://www.Aylesworth.net).  
For more information on Quidnessett see Lyman Aylesworth's Memorial on Page 4..

See "For the Future", p. 5

# Donated Memorials and Features from Contributors

At the onset of WWII, the U.S. Government removed 14 old burial plots from farms in South Quidnessett in order to make room for what local historian, Anna Lawrence, called, “a bulwark of defense against the bitter war that ravages two continents” —the site of the former Quonset Naval Air Station. [Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery](#) was given the honor of opening and closing 265 graves and carefully setting more than 100 ancient headstones.



<sup>1</sup>Full article. North-East Independent, March 11, 2004, “South Quidnessett’s dead reburied to build Navy base”, by G. T. Cranston, Historian

► “The final resting place of South Quidnessett’s people containing some of North Kingstown’s oldest and most remarkable headstones”<sup>1</sup>:  
**ALLENS, SPINKS, DYERS, WESTCOTTS, GREENES, CLARKES, COREYS and ELDREDS**

**1600-1800’S EARLY SETTLERS**  
Including Revolutionary & Civil War Veterans.....[SECTION 29](#)



*Main Entrance on Post Road was widened to fit more than one vehicle in 1967, as pictured below.*



**GEORGE R. HANAFORD**  
**Donor of Main Gates in 1935**  
**(1874— 1948)**

An elected State Representative from 1910 to 1911, George R. Hanaford served as State Senator in 1912. “He was elected member of the Town Council (East Greenwich) in 1928, became its president in 1932 and remained in that position until 1944.”

In 1935 he donated the above pictured gates for the main entrance in memory of

► In Memory of  
William A. and Addie J.  
HANAFORD  
presented by  
Their son George R. Hanaford  
1935

1935 .....[MAIN ENTRANCE](#)

his parents and became the Cemetery’s Vice President of the Board of Directors in 1940.

“He loved East Greenwich dearly and remembered the town most generously in his will.” The George R. Hanaford Elementary School of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, was named in his honor.

*Used by permission.  
George R. Hanaford Elementary School*

One of two stones erected by the U.S. Government in 1941 in Memory of fifty-four unidentified bodies taken from South Quidnessett, also known as Quidnessett Neck, and moved to Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery. The stones are located on each end of the elongated section.

This truly symbolizes the dignity given to some of the earliest settlers of southern New England.



► **ERECTED A.D. 1941 TO MARK THE BURIAL IN THIS PLOT OF THE REMAINS OF FIFTY-FOUR UNIDENTIFIED BODIES MOVED HERE FROM OLD BURIAL PLOTS LOCATED ON LAND ACQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE SITE OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATION AT QUONSET POINT, R.I.**

1941 .....[SECTION 29](#)

Thanks to contributions made to the Cemetery, this tranquil and inviting Pond was created in 1950 under the direction of Wilber T. Reynolds, generous contributor and Superintendent of Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery at the time.



► **FUTURE DEDICATION**  
**“IN MEMORY OF OUR FATHERS”**  
1950 .....[THE POND](#)

*Imagine how nice it would be to have nearby benches to sit upon!*



**WILBER T. REYNOLDS**

**DONOR OF**

**North Entrance Gates in 1940**

**Garden of Prayer in 1956**

**Memorial for Little Children in 1963**

**(1882 — 1971)**

Wilber T. Reynolds, 1904 alumni of Brown University and retired chief engineer for the Crompton and Knowles Looms Works, was a significant contributor of Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery.

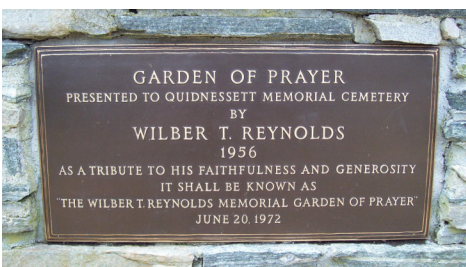
In addition to the major donations mentioned on this page, he also arranged for the removal and reburial of 265 bodies during the development of the Quonset Naval Air Station in 1941 and 1942. A task which involved massive genealogical efforts to benefit surviving family members.

A 50 year member of the Quidnessett Grange in which he served as Treasurer

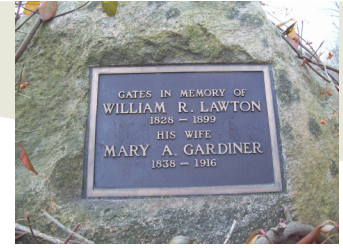
### Memorials to Wilber T. Reynolds



**Dedicated to Wilber T. Reynolds  
For 34 Years of Conscientious Service  
To Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery  
1967**

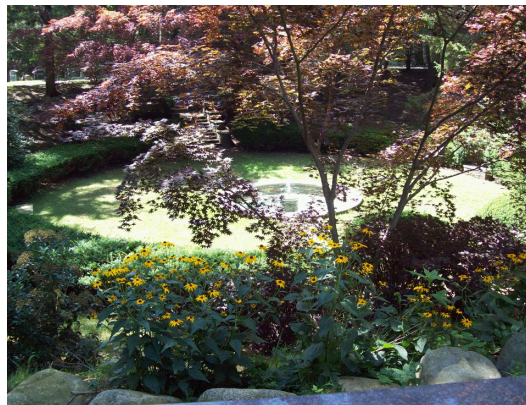


*The entrance used for funeral processions.*



**GATES IN MEMORY OF HIS AUNT AND UNCLE  
1940.....NORTH ENTRANCE GATES**

### THE GARDEN OF PRAYER FROM WINTER TO FALL



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR MOTHERS  
1956.....SECTION 31  
GARDEN OF PRAYER**

in 1918 and 1919, Wilber Reynolds later became Treasurer of Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery in 1933.

After four years as Treasurer, he became the Cemetery's Superintendent from 1937 to 1967, donating his design engineering and other talents toward the betterment of Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery for the token sum of \$1.00 a year.

He created this sunken garden and reflecting pool of beauty and tranquility, which was dedicated to all Mothers in 1956. Regardless of the time of year, the Garden of Meditation and Prayer offers interest and appreciative reflection on the lives of our lost loved ones.

*The first of  
two  
Memorials to  
Infants and  
Children  
given to the  
Cemetery.*



**MEMORIAL TO LITTLE CHILDREN :  
SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN  
TO COME UNTO ME  
AND FORBID THEM NOT  
FOR SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

**1963 .....SECTION 40**

Former Kent County chairperson for the American Cancer Society, Mrs. Francis McCallum donated the School Street gates in honor of the father who had adopted her, Fenwick G. Taggart, M.D.

Dr. Taggart was a local physician who had served as a Sergeant Major in the Medical Corps during the Spanish American War of 1898 and WWI. As First Vice-President of the Rhode Island Health Association, he dealt with issues such as better care for mothers and babies, the handicapped, poor and mentally ill.

For a glimpse of the challenges facing the medical field in 1938, see "News from the Field". <http://www.ajph.org/cgi/reprint/28/2/229.pdf>



**FRANCIS B. McCALLUM**  
Donor School Street Gates in 1962  
(1899 — 1974)

GATES IN MEMORY OF  
FENWICK G. TAGGART  
BELOVED PHYSICIAN  
AND FRIEND  
TO MANY IN THIS AREA  
1875—1962

Vice President of the Board of  
Directors of the Cemetery in 1958.

1962.....SCHOOL STREET GATES

This is the first flagpole erected near the Main Entrance. It was not actually a flagpole but a mast from a sailboat donated by Army Infantry WWI Veteran, Jesse Whaley, who had been blinded in France during the war in 1918.

As Chairman of the Flagpole Committee, he planned both flagpole and flag dedications. The first flag flown on this pole was one donated by the White House that he obtained through State Representative John E. Fogarty.

Jesse Whaley's wife, Bertha, served as the office secretary of the Cemetery from 1965 to 1972.

The wooden pole was later replaced with a donated aluminum flag pole after it split in half.



**JESSE ARNOLD WHALEY**  
Donor of First Flagpole in 1962  
(1888 — 1965)

IN MEMORY OF ALL VETERANS

1962 .....FIRST FLAGPOLE

*Jesse Whaley began the tradition that continues to this day of continually raising donated Veterans Flags of those resting within the gates of the Cemetery, as well as those previously flown over the White House. This is the tribute to a flag we received through the U.S. Senate in 1972.*

*"Long May the Flag Fly  
in the  
Winds of Freedom."*



~Claiborne Pell

Mrs. Marion Shippee served on the Board of Directors and was Secretary Emeritus of Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery for over 40 years and was very involved in its development. "Some of the plantings and facilities at the cemetery were made possible through her generosity."

An active member of the Nathanael Greene Chapter of DAR for 61 years, Mrs. Shippee donated the pictured aluminum flag pole in Memory of her grandfather, Lyman Aylesworth, A Civil War Veteran, in replacement of the former mast pole that had split in-two.

Used by Permission. RHODE ISLAND PENDULUM, August 21, 1974.

To see a 1717 Plat of Quidnessett showing not only the tracts of land owned by the Aylesworth's but also of several families mentioned at top on page 2 under, "The final resting place of South Quidnessett's people..."



**MARION ELWOOD SHIPPEE**  
Donor of New Flagpole in 1962  
(1890 — 1974)

This Flagpole erected May 20, 1962  
In Memory of  
Sgt. LYMAN AYLESWORTH  
Co. "A" First RI Cavalry  
Oct. 11, 1861—1864  
Dedicated  
TO VETERANS OF ALL WARS  
Resting within  
Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery

One of the Original Board Directors of  
the Cemetery in 1902, and Officer of  
Washington County Grange in 1905.

1962...MAIN ENTRANCE FLAGPOLE

go to [http://www.aylesworth.net/Confidence\\_family\\_DWT\\_CSS/rhode\\_island\\_town\\_records.htm](http://www.aylesworth.net/Confidence_family_DWT_CSS/rhode_island_town_records.htm)

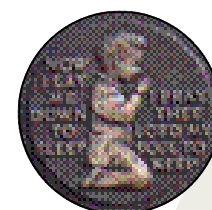
The Seavey's owned and operated a chicken farm and apple orchard in East Greenwich, Rhode Island.

Glenn Seavey served on the Board of Directors and his wife, Elizabeth, better known as "Pinky", was a homemaker.

In 1941 they suffered the loss of an infant. Commiserating with other parents having gone through the same painful ordeal, they generously donated funds to create a Baby Section within the Cemetery which was marked with a memorial boulder and plaque of a praying child.



**I. GLENN (1909 — 1984)  
ELIZABETH A.S. (1910 — 1996)  
SEAVEY**  
Donor of Infant Memorial in 1982



MEMORIAL TO INFANTS & CHILDREN

1982.....SECTION 44A  
BABYLAND

Using the below checklist, please indicate what you would like to see happen at Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery and ways you could contribute. Even if you do not make a donation at this time, as a Lot Owner of the Cemetery we always value your feedback and will also be pleased to acknowledge any labors of love contributed. All financial Gifts will be invested in the Endowment Fund. To receive information on Planned Giving, such as Gifts through Life Insurance, Trust and Wills, just give our office a call at (401) 884-7691 or check here: ☐ I AM INTERESTED IN PLANNED GIVING

### Memorial Features



- ☐ MEMORIAL FOR OUR FATHERS
- Grey granite benches to sit upon near the Pond*



- ☐ BELL TOWER
- A bell or chimes tower with memorial walkway in the center of the cemetery.*

☐ OTHER (Specify on separate page)

### Special Events



- ☐ MOTHERS DAY —Volunteer? \_\_\_\_yes
- ☐ FATHERS DAY —Volunteer? \_\_\_\_yes
- ☐ MEMORIAL DAY —Volunteer? \_\_\_\_yes
- ☐ OTHER (Specify below)

### Grounds Improvements



- ☐ ROAD PAVING
- The paving we have now was funded through a donation by past Board President, Marian Small.*



- ☐ SPECIAL LANDSCAPING AND FLOWER GARDENS
- Help with Planning? \_\_\_\_yes*
- Provide Resources? \_\_\_\_yes*
- Volunteer Gardening? \_\_\_\_yes*

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- |                                     |                           |                              |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend     | under \$500               | <input type="checkbox"/> yes |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Leader     | \$2,000 up to \$4,999     | <input type="checkbox"/> yes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partner    | over \$5,000              | <input type="checkbox"/> yes |
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Sustaining Member - Will Give Annually:

*Gifts "In Memory of" and "In Honor of" are always appreciated and will be formally acknowledged in writing to the designated individual or group. All contributions and gifts can be sent to:*

*Quidnessett Memorial Cemetery  
6365 Post Road  
North Kingstown, RI 02852-1826*

This donation is a memorial tribute to:

Please send an acknowledgement to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE LET US KNOW THE BEST WAY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU.**

Please complete and return the top portion along with your donation. Thank you for taking the time to inform us of your interests. Your donation is greatly appreciated!



We hope that the surroundings within the Cemetery will continue to make it a special place for you to visit. To that end, the cemetery is currently in the process of shaping its future projects and invites you to attend special memorials for Mothers and Fathers Days. (See page 6 for details)

## For the Future from Gifts in THE PRESENT

*The beautiful pictured crabapple trees and their vivid pink blossoms have since died. It would be nice to replace them, and perhaps add a willow tree.*

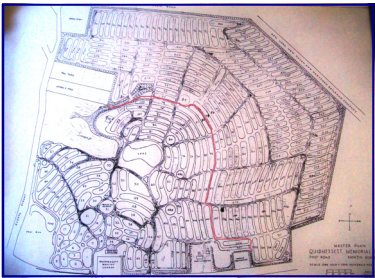
As the cemetery expands, it is evident that its features need to be broadened as well for continued beauty and flow in keeping with the rest of the grounds and past donations. For instance, while there are special memorials for Veterans, Mothers and Babies, and even for those Unidentified, there are none for our Fathers. We are suggesting a donation of sitting benches be placed near the Pond.

The pictured map (above right) shows that we have now reached midway at a certain

point into undeveloped land. This is where we would like to add a special feature, such as a bell tower, and perhaps a memorial brick pathway leading to it—at the center of the entire cemetery.

These ideas and more can only come to fruition with your help. If you have appreciated the generous contributions of those in the past and care about the cemetery's future, we encourage you to tell us your wishes by filling out the above checklist and making a donation today.

MASTER PLAN MAP OF THE CEMETERY. ACREAGE TO THE RIGHT OF THE RED LINE IS UNDEVELOPED LAND.



**Q:** I thought the cemetery is perpetual care —why are you asking me for donations?

**A:** Perpetual Care means that we have invested funds toward the ongoing care of your lot, and nothing more. Otherwise the cost to you for spaces would be considerably higher.

**As a not-for-profit we rely upon freewill contributions and bequests for which we are deeply grateful.**



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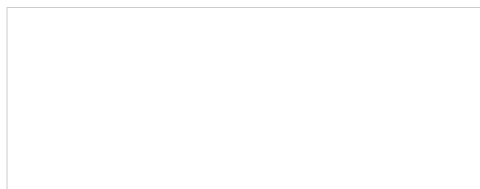
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Plan a Spring Visit  
to the Cemetery  
and the Mothers  
Memorial Garden.

On Mothers' Day, a short  
music program will  
include selections by

Alyssa Kniering,  
a gifted flutist  
from  
Connecticut.

Manny Morales  
and his trumpet  
will provide  
memorial music  
for Fathers Day.

Anyone is Welcome to Participate and Volunteer!

ANNUAL LOT OWNERS MEETING HELD EVERY THIRD TUESDAY IN JUNE

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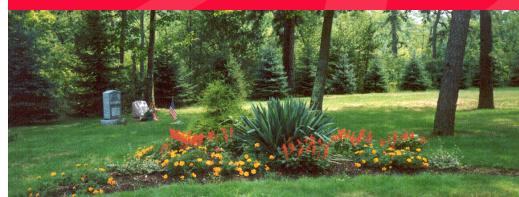
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## SAVE THE DATES

### Upcoming Events



May 10, 2009

MOTHERS DAY MEMORIAL

Featuring: Flutist Alyssa Kniering

Time: 3 pm—4pm

Where: Garden of Prayer

June 21, 2009

FATHERS DAY MEMORIAL

Featuring: Trumpeter Manny Morales

Time: 3 pm—4pm

Where: The Pond