

CAPEN CEMETERY - SOUTH CANAAN

This small cemetery is located about 725 feet westerly of Vermont Route 102 and on a small knoll northerly of Capen Brook. It was deeded to the Town of Canaan on 17 Sept. 1888 by Edmond A. and Mary E. Capen, for a consideration of \$20.00.

The deed and description is to be found in Book H, page 92 of Canaan Land Records.

"Being a certain plot or parcel of land on a knoll in the pasture of the premises now occupied by us, the said Edmond A. and Mary E. Capen about forty-four (44) rods back from the Main River Road and about five or six rods Southerly of John Gilman's line - said parcel of land being a Burying Ground so-called and on said knoll, with a stone post at each corner of said plot and Eight (8) Stone Posts in all, said Burying Plot being Sixteen (16) feet by Thirty-two (32), and there being some dozen or fifteen Graves already on said Plot which is not fenced out but is on the larger knoll in the pasture - said Stone Posts having been recently set around said Plot; provided that we impose no obligation upon said Town of Canaan to fence said plot of ground."

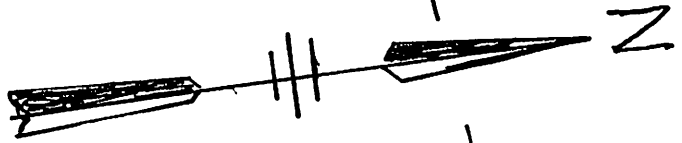
This Cemetery has not been surveyed. The corner posts mentioned in the deed were standing during the summer of 1998. The description is fairly easy to follow. The cemetery has been kept open, but is surrounded by brushy and wooded pasture.

There are several grave stones, only one with a legable inscription. This marks the grave of Andrew Wilson who died in July 1841 at age 45.

Area: 16 feet X 33 feet = 528 square feet = one-hundredth of an acre.

It can be reached by walking in on a farm road located just north of the former Pouliot farm house. the cemetery is almost directly behind this house.

This cemetery is named the "Wilson Cemetery" in Nancy French' book on the regional cemeteries, perhaps because of the single legable stone. However, a bit of research turned up the information that Andrew Wilson, from New Ipswich, NH, purchased Lots 10 and 11 in Div. 1 from Samuel Ingham on Nov. 5, 1838 for \$1150. Wilson mortgaged these lands for only \$200 only a year and a half later, on Feb. 5, 1840 and this was never discharged. I have found no deed out of Wilson. This cemetery is on Lot 11, Div.1. It may be that some of the Inghams are buried here, also.



CAPEN
or
WILSON
Cemetery

Coppan

Brook

SETTLER'S

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to Canaan Village

LOT
113

LOT
11 DIV. 1

VT

526 S
102

210.12' P

210.35' P

FROM TAX MAP R-12
Scale: 1" = 200'

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