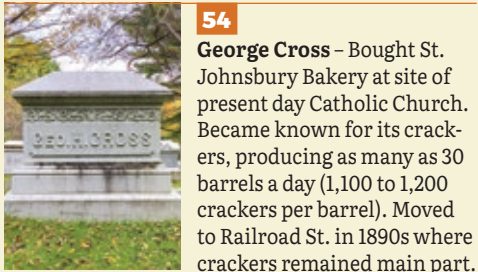




53 Hiram Turner – President of Board of Trade. Became assistant manager at E.&T. Fairbanks Scale Co. in 1891. Married Ellen Brewster of Whitefield, N.H., who gave beautiful Tiffany of N.Y. stained-glass window in Methodist Church in his memory.



54 George Cross – Bought St. Johnsbury Bakery at site of present day Catholic Church. Became known for its crackers, producing as many as 30 barrels a day (1,100 to 1,200 crackers per barrel). Moved to Railroad St. in 1890s where crackers remained main part.

Mount Pleasant Cemetery

THE ORIGINAL CEMETERY for the town is where the courthouse stands today. It had become unsightly and there was not enough room to expand. On May 20, 1851, the St. Johnsbury Cemetery Association was organized. James K. Colby served as the first President. In 1852, eight acres, including the area nearest the gate, were bought from Lambert Hastings for \$450. Additional land was bought from Ephraim Jewett and the next year additional land was again bought from Lambert Hastings. The cemetery is about 50 acres in total.



The grounds were laid out by J.H. Sackett, landscape architect of Springfield, Mass., in 1853. Dedication services were held June 2, 1853.

In 1870, a receiving vault and pavilion were constructed by E.&T. Fairbanks for the sum of \$2,955. In 1897, the cemetery association voted to build a house and barn for the superintendent of the cemetery. The design of the house was done by Lambert Packard. In 1922 the pavilion was being used as a chapel, doors and windows had been added. The first crematory in the state of Vermont was added in 1966. The grounds are the final resting place for some of the earliest settlers and continue with present day deaths, but old or new, every stone has a story.



The Walk

THIS WALK HAS been prepared with the idea of providing some of the stories behind the stones. Just remember that anyone that has a death date prior to 1853 has the distinction of being buried twice, having started out at what is now the courthouse. One should always look at the stones themselves as they may have symbols of death on them. In this cemetery one can find weeping willows, urns, finger pointing up, gates and epitaphs that are well worth the read. The skulls and crossbones, winged faces, etc., are seen on much earlier gravestones in New England.

The stories are mini capsules of their life but hopefully will give you pause as to the folks that made up the population of St. Johnsbury. Enjoy.



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55 Bertha Gates – “Shocking Accident” in 1889 Caledonian. While riding horse on Summer St., she was thrown, her foot was caught in the stirrup & she was dragged. Member Academy class of 1884, graduated from Wellesley College in 1889. Daughter of Rev. Matthew & Dency Louis Gates.



56 Mabel Shields – Director of the Fairbanks Museum from 1917-48. Began at Museum in 1908. Served during trying times of fuel shortages & Great Depression. Managed to keep Museum programs going and remained opened most of the time.



57 Soldier's Monument – Announced in March 1893 that Chamberlain Post of GAR was having a monument made by Carrick Brothers for its lot in cemetery. A granite six-foot figure of a soldier at rest standing on a six-foot base. The cost was around \$400.



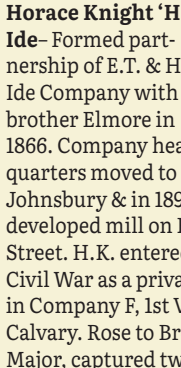
58 Ide Monument – St. Johnsbury's mini Washington monument! Consists of 35 tons of granite. The spire alone took 16 horses to pull it from the RR Depot to the cemetery.



59 Henry Clay Ide – Born in Passumpsic, Vt., graduated Dartmouth College in 1866. Headmaster at St. J. Academy 1867-68. Career in International diplomacy. Became friend of Robert Louis Stevenson in Samoa. Ide's daughter Annie complained to him that her birthday was on Christmas – Robert deeded his birthday to Annie!



61 Horace Knight 'H.K.' Ide – Formed partnership of E.T. & H.K. Ide Company with brother Elmore in 1866. Company headquarters moved to St. Johnsbury & in 1890 developed mill on Bay Street. H.K. entered Civil War as a private in Company F, 1st Vt. Calvary. Rose to Brevet Major, captured twice.



61 Elmore Timothy 'E.T.' Ide – Born Passumpsic, Vt. Educated at St. J. Academy. Proprietor of Passumpsic Mills from 1860-65. Director of Fair Ground Co. & director of Board of Trade. Married Cynthia Adams in 1862.



62 Katharine Ide Gray – Received Master's Degree in Home Economics. Daughter Helen, Ethel McLaren, and Katharine started making maple candies at her farm. Bought Pinehurst on Western Ave. (Elks Home now) & established candy business & Maple Grove Inn. The candy business was sold to George Cary.



63 Tyler Family – “Faithful missionaries among the Zulus & beloved by friends in many lands.” Rev. Josiah born Hanover, 1821. Graduated Amherst College in 1845, theological seminary in 1848. Married Susan Clark who died in South Africa at age of 59. Visit Fairbanks Museum to see large snake exhibit – from Tylers!



64 Charles Horton – Employed 52 years at E.&T. Fairbanks Co. President of YMCA, positions on the Museum & Athenaeum Boards & active in the South Church. Sponsored Horton Bird contest at Museum from 1906-26. Married Bernice Ranlet. Published book of Poems dedicated to memory of his wife.



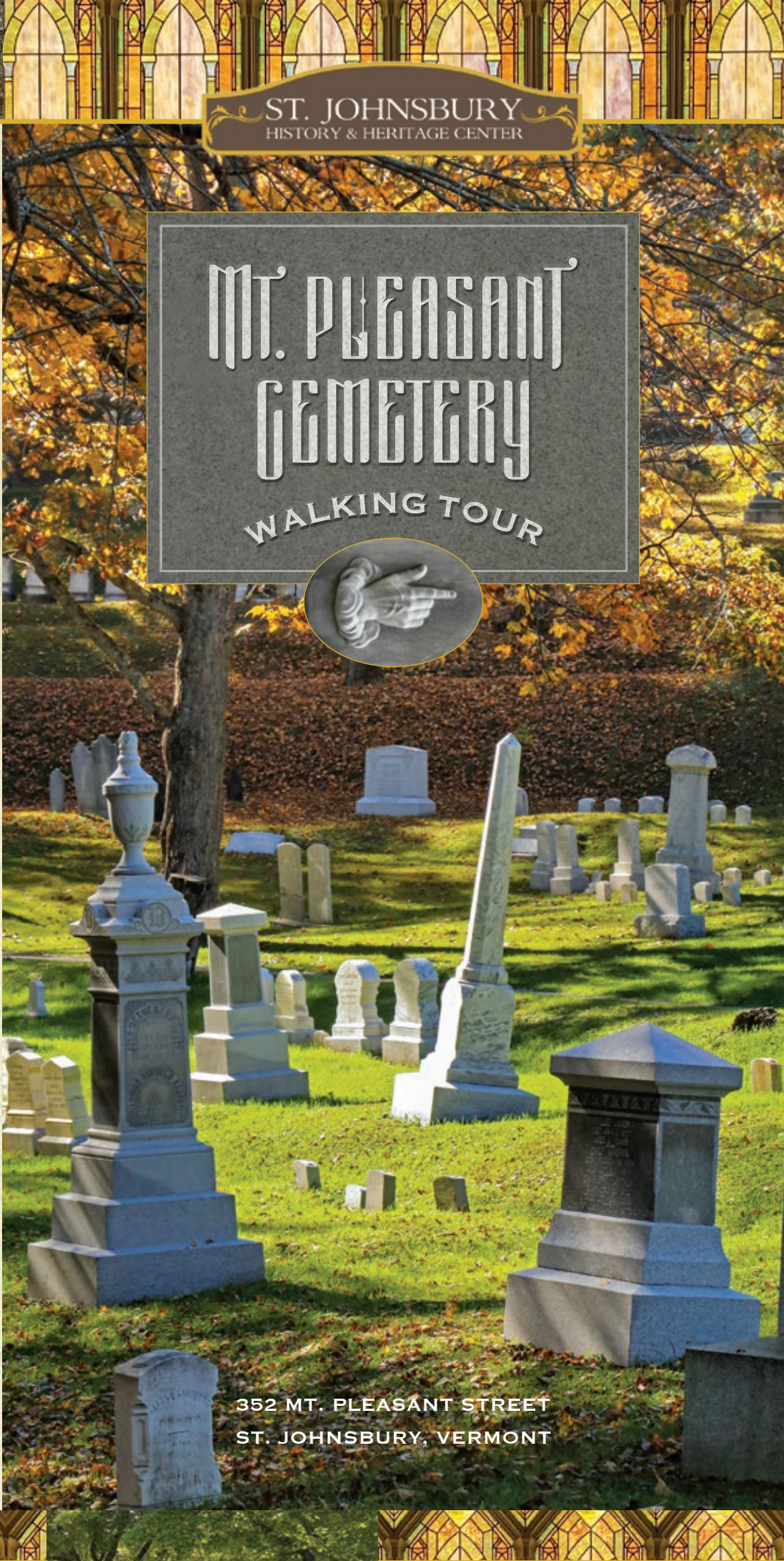
65 Warren Estabrooks – Born in Danville, came to St. J. in 1873 & purchased property on Railroad St. In 1875-76, erected large business block to accommodate wholesale & retail trade. Married Elizabeth Copp. Built Queen Anne style home on Main St. opposite Arnold Park in 1896.



66 Nutt Family – Came from England. James & Charles set up File Works in 1860 for re-cutting files, a peculiar process requiring expert training & skill. Best customer was E.&T. Fairbanks Co. – they purchased 36,520 files in 1880! When son Charles died he took secret process with him to the grave and file factory was abandoned.



67 Simon 'Sim' Atwood – Started in 1911 as Supt. of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, served 41 years. Before cemetery he & wife Lorraine Simpson bought a baking & catering business on Eastern Ave. where they made “Atwood's Imperial Kisses.”



352 MT. PLEASANT STREET
ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT



Jonathan Ross – Began career as a lawyer in 1856. Held many positions: State's Attorney for Caledonia County, Representative & Senator in Vt. Legislature, Judge and Chief Justice of Supreme Court. Filled unexpired term of Justin Morrill in U.S. Senate. Home north of cemetery lot, now part of cemetery. Married twice. Lives tragically ended on Feb. 21, 1905 when the sleigh they were riding in was struck by a train.



Charles Herbert 'C.H.' Goss – Born Wheelock. Worked for Wilder & Noyes plumbing & heating in 1887, started own plumbing & heating business in 1897. Bought his first car in 1902 & in 1908 formed C.H. Goss Co. to began distribution of Packard cars. Built a large garage on Summer St. in 1910. First automobile show in Vt. held there in May 1911.



Wendell Phillips Stafford – Graduated St. J. Academy in 1880, Boston University Law School in 1883. Married Florence Goss in 1886. Member of Vt. House of Representatives 1892-94. District of Columbia Supreme Court Justice in 1904. Described as a poet, speaker and author.



70 Impey/Bailey – Alden Bailey came to St. Johnsbury in 1868. Known as a music dealer with stores in Burlington, St. J. & Littleton, N.H. Sold Ivers & Pond, Poole and Sterling pianos. Belonged to the Methodist Church. Married to Miss Lucy Lynn in 1873. Daughter Rose married James A. Impey who started Insurance business.



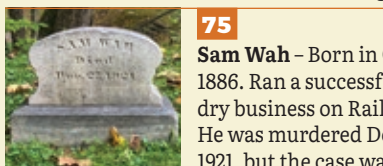
71 Charles Braley – Came to St. Johnsbury in 1880s. Married Edith Ross in 1896. Town Clerk & Treasurer from 1909 until his retirement in 1940. Maintained a car but never had a license, so he relied on others to take them for a ride. Wrote poetry.



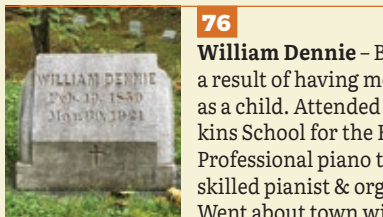
Elwin Twombly – Went to Clarks University after graduating from Academy. Earned Master's in education from UVM. Married Claire Parker. Chair of St. J. Academy's math dept. from 1942-51. Appointed Headmaster in 1951, served until 1964. Alumni Memorial Gymnasium dedicated in 1962.



Eleanor Meecham – Character remembered by many during the 1950s & 60s. Lived on Mt. Pleasant extension, commuted by horse & wagon or on foot and sold eggs. She had a high pitched voice, fur coat & big buckle boots. Her hygiene was not always perfect! She never got nor sought fame, but everyone knew her & few forgot her.



75 Sam Wah – Born in China, 1886. Ran a successful laundry business on Railroad St. He was murdered Dec. 27, 1921, but the case was never solved. St. J. businessmen took up a collection & bought a lot for him. His family was not here.



76 William Dennie – Blind as a result of having measles as a child. Attended Perkins School for the Blind. Professional piano tuner, a skilled pianist & organist. Went about town with only aid of a cane. Died of throat cancer after almost 60 years of blindness.



1 James Works – Longevity should be noted here. Father James lived to be almost 101. His son Barton died at 91. Barton was Sergeant Major of the 1st Vt. Heavy Artillery in the Civil War. Residents of Waterford.



2 Green Family – Street off Mt. Pleasant St. named for family. John enlisted in Civil War and died of illness from being a prisoner at Andersonville. William served as sexton of Mt. Pleasant for 20 years beginning in 1871.



Capt. Samuel Barker – Note slate markers, with weeping willows and urns. Samuel was Capt. in Revolutionary War. Cynthia, his wife, married again.



4 Mary Meegan – Some stones have more questions than answers. Did Mary have a husband? Where did he go after her death? How did she die? Reading the stone carefully might well reveal the reason for her death.



5 Huxam Paddock – One of town's pioneer manufacturers. Moved foundry from Sleeper's River to Arnold Falls (Passumpsic River) in 1828. Set up a blast furnace & extensive iron works. Became known as Paddock Village. When he died, son John took over the business.



6 Welfoot Triplets, Violet, Vivian & Vernon – Born at the home of John & Adaline (Perrigo) on Railroad St. Combined weight: 6 pounds, 14 ounces. First died 3 days after birth, second 8 days & last was 25 days old.



7 Calvin Jewett's Family – Doctor Calvin was one of four doctors in St. Johnsbury in 1840. Wife was named Sally. Had small medicine shop on the Plain near Academy buildings. List of medicines included Prickly Ash Bark, Gold Thread & Arrow Root!



8 John Chubb – Civil War Veteran, married Sabina Bixby. Went to Philadelphia in 1876 for Centennial Celebration, stayed in boarding house, returned home quite sick. Family quarantined in house on Spring St. He died of malignant smallpox & immediately buried – with bedding! Sabina isolated with four children.



9 Rev. James Johnson – first minister of Second Congregational Church in 1827. Second of three buildings to stand on lot by Church & Main St. 221 members received during his time. Dismissed May 3, 1838.



10 Captain Hezekiah Martin – Revolutionary soldier and saddle maker. Brick home on the "Plain" (Main St.) burned in 1858. Martin's home was also a Hall for St. J. Academy's female student's. Name appeared in "Constitution of a total abstinence society" in 1829!



11 Hosmer Tomb – One of two private tombs. Three in tomb are known: John, wife Emily Hawkins & son Abel Zelotes. John struck by train engine Dec. 1889 while walking on track above St. Johnsbury Center. He was deaf.



12 Smith – A reason to look at the back of a stone – a verse from a poem, "Life I know not what thou art." By English poet Anna Laetitia Barbauld.



13 Luke Potter Poland – President First National Bank of St. Johnsbury. Lawyer & Judge. Chief Justice of Vt. Supreme Court in 1848. U.S. Senator and Congressman 1860-65. Representative from St. J. in state legislature in 1878.



14 Lambert Packard – Architect for E.&T. Fairbanks Company. Designed many homes & buildings in St. Johnsbury including North Congregational Church, Fairbanks Museum & St. Johns the Evangelist.



15 Jonathon Arnold – Founded St. Johnsbury in 1787. From Rhode Island, member Continental Congress. Built home at head of the Plain (Main St.). Served as a surgeon in Continental Army. Arnold Park at north end of Main Street named for him.



16 Ruth Farrow – Negro slave belonging to the Arnold family. She was given her freedom but she chose to remain with the Arnold family.



Hope Monument – Only three statues of Hope stand in Mt. Pleasant and you can see all three at one time in a diagonal line. The largest is Fletcher Hope. The Moulton is of marble and the Laird is granite.



18 Charles Heyer – Came to St. Johnsbury in 1860. Worked at Paddock iron works. Joined Civil War, 8th Vt. Regiment, at age 15. Employed by E.&T. Fairbanks Co., 40 years in machine shop. Village trustee, Chamberlin Post of GAR. Married Louise Matilda Wheeler. Died at 94.



19 Francis Walker – Colonel Walker holds record for longevity at Fairbanks Company. Entered into employment in 1845, learning the trade of moulder. Retired on March 1, 1910, 60 years as head of foundry. "Colonel" was a complimentary, title given him by many friends.



20 Ted & Marian French – "Music, when soft voices die, Vibrates, in the memory." First two lines of poem, "To—" by Percy Shelley. Both were musicians: Ted played baritone horn in Town Band, Marian played organ.



21 Katherine Bingham – Studied photography with Dr. Wallace Nutting in Providence R.I. Studio on Church St. next to Music Hall (now Colonial Apartments). Used as studio until 1925 and then converted into a home. Very artistic photographer. Active in North Church.



22 Lt. Stetson Brown – U.S. Air Force. St. Johnsbury Airport dedicated as memorial to Brown, whose plane crashed in storm in 1936. In early 30s, he "buzzed" St. Johnsbury, flying at treetop level down Eastern Ave.!



23 Wallace & Essie Abbott – One of the first stones to depict an important presence in their lives: North Congregational Church. Essie was a school teacher in Burlington area & St. J. for 41 years. Wallace was an office manager at Maple Grove, Inc.



24 Jonathon Trescott – Revolutionary War. Tragedy struck with drowning of daughter Sally, age 9. Wife Susannah passed at 45. Story recorded of removal from original cemetery requiring 4 or 5 men for body seemed petrified or, as another said, "the body of Mr. Trescott not petrified but in a remarkable state of preservation."



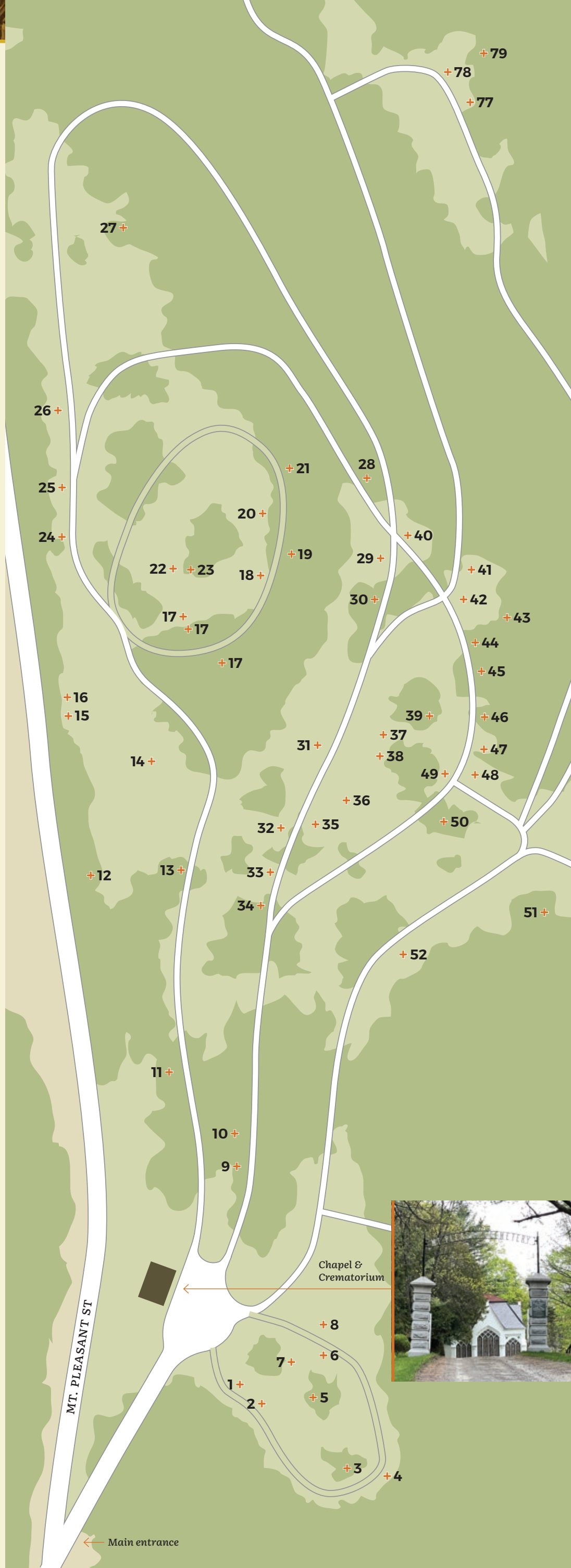
25 Artemas & Lucinda, children of George & Betsy Abbott – Died Oct. 8 & 9. Note coffin with two hearts & weeping willow beneath writing. At top of stone, one might surmise that the sun is rising... or setting.



26 Charlotte Fuller – Daughter of Daniel and Charlotte. Daniel was a revolutionary soldier. Daughter Charlotte has a very popular epitaph for that time. Note the slate stone with weeping willow and urn.



27 Lafayette 'L.B.' Soper – Sergeant, Company A, 11th Regiment. Lost part of his leg due to friendly fire when in advance of own line and in the process of taking three rebels from a barn when all mistaken for rebels.



28 Chubb's Tomb – Tomb built in 1867. Stedman C. Chubb died in 1890, wife Caroline Currier in 1920. Stedman was Supt. mason work E.&T. Fairbanks in 1856 for 24 years. Believed to have built the "receiving tomb" at cemetery chapel. Door of tomb was granite with large cross carved through near top. A rite of passage for kids was to visit the Tomb, stand on tiptoes & peek in. Door cracked & became liability, so door was bricked.



29 Mary Smith – Undercliffy was the name of Franklin Fairbanks's home. She was faithful employee there, working as a cook over 20 years. Came from Ireland. Left money to Sunset Home (closed now) where room was named in her honor.



30 Carpenter – Helen French (1839-99) attended St. J. Academy. Married Captain Joseph Carpenter July 30, 1863 In 1884 Helen opened store in her home specializing in stamped linens. Moved the popular business to Main St. featuring fancy goods, art embroidery, stamped articles; lace, gloves, etc.



31 James Colby – Born Derry, N.H. Attended Dartmouth, first Principal of St. J. Academy in 1842. Served until death in 1866. School enrollment grew from 23 to 200 during his leadership. Founding member South Church. Had three children with his wife Sarah. Academy's Colby Hall is named for him.



32 Erastus Fairbanks – The "E" of E.&T. Fairbanks Co. Oldest of three brothers, Thaddeus & Joseph. Business man for the Company. Served twice as Governor of state Vt. Instrumental in getting the Railroad to St. J. Had nine children with his wife Lois Crossman of Peacham.



33 Arthur Stone – Son of Sarah & Charles Stone. Bought a half interest in paper, 1889. Had four children with wife Helen Lincoln. St. J.'s postmaster, 1909-12. Compiled "St. Johnsbury Illustrated – 1891." Author of 4 volume history "The Vermont of Today."



34 Charles M. Stone – Placed with A.G. Chadwick, who started Caledonian newspaper in 1837. Bought half interest in paper in 1855. Started Rand, Stone & Co. in 1857. Stone became the sole owner. Married Sarah, daughter of Lois & Erastus Fairbanks, in 1858.



35 Belknaps – John was a blacksmith working with iron, steel or brass. Made pocket knives by the hundreds. Manufactured "water motors" and made guns – at least 20 rifles. Tragically drowned. Son Harry inherited capabilities & learned the watchmaker's trade. At time of death had built up large trade in watches, jewelry & optical business.



36 Hubbard Lawrence – Close to perfection when reading his gravestone! Title of Deacon earned as leader of first Meetinghouse in St. J. Center. Ran a tannery on Western Ave. (Elks Home now) in 1802. Mary Lawrence, his wife, widowed with nine children.



37 Captain James Ramsay – Took over the grist mill on Passumpsic River in 1817. Built sawmill, made spinning wheels & made improvements to them. Home rumored to be part of Underground Railroad. Deeded land along with Hiram Jones at the foot of Pleasant St. for a common.



38 John Ripley – Civil War Lieutenant, 8th Regiment, Vt. Infantry. While serving, hears from comrade's letter that his two daughters died, two days apart, of scarlet fever. Writes wife, Rhoda Cheney, desperate to find out how son is. Son John survived.



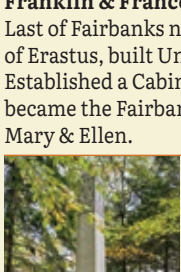
39 Thomas Ward – Builder of the Ward Block at corner of Eastern Ave. & Railroad St. in 1870, destroyed by fire in 1892. Building skills may have been overshadowed by a court case where he was accused of setting fire to barn in Walden in 1886. His conviction clinched by "testimony" from a horse! Windsor State prison was his next home.



Franklin & Frances Clapp Fairbanks – Last of Fairbanks name to head Company. Son of Erastus, built Undercliffy home in 1872. Established a Cabinet of Curiosities which later became the Fairbanks Museum. Two daughters, Mary & Ellen.



41 Clapp Family – Sumner, graduate of Yale College & Andover Theological Seminary in 1827. He was first minister of newly formed South Congregational Church, served for four years. Married Pamela Strong in 1829. Two children: Frances, who married Franklin Fairbanks & Henry.



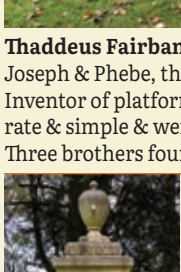
42 Lt. Colonel George Chamberlain – graduated from St. J. Academy followed by Dartmouth College in 1860. The stone tells you of his death in Civil War. The Grand Army of the Republic St. Johnsbury Post named Chamberlain Post in his memory.



Thaddeus Fairbanks Family – Middle son of Joseph & Phebe, the T of E.&T. Fairbanks Co. Inventor of platform scale that was both accurate & simple & went on to weigh the world! Three brothers founded St. J. Academy in 1842.



44 Joseph & Phebe (Paddock) Fairbanks – Parents of Thaddeus, Erastus and Joseph. Moved from Brimfield, Mass., in 1815. Phebe & Ephraim Paddock were siblings – the Paddocks drew them to St. Johnsbury. Phebe died at 93.



Joseph P. Fairbanks – youngest of the three sons of Joseph & Phebe, joins his brothers in the scale works in 1833 and becomes salesman. Marries Almira Taylor. Two sons, William & Edward. Represents town in legislature in 1845.



46 Edward Fairbanks – Son of Joseph & Almira Taylor Fairbanks. Wrote Town of St. Johnsbury history in 1914. Minister at South Congregational Church. Married Emma Taplin & traveled extensively in Europe, Middle East & Holy Land. Sheepcote home is now dormitory at Academy.



47 Rebecca Pike Fairbanks – Wife of William. Home was Brantview and raised three children. William left her but Rebecca remained & engaged in civic activities. Most generous donor to the Nurses home next to Brightlook Hospital. President of St. Johnsbury's Women's Club. Brantview now dormitory at the Academy.



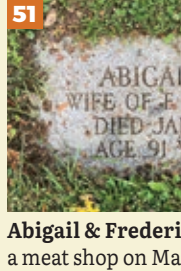
Horace Fairbanks – Son of Erastus & Lois. President of E.&T. Fairbanks Company. Governor of Vt. 1876-78. Gave the Athenaeum to the Town of St. Johnsbury. Married Mary Elizabeth Taylor. Home was Pinehurst on Western Ave, now the Elks Home.



49 Ephraim Paddock – Moved from Holland, Mass., around 1780. Both pupil & instructor at Peacham Academy, began law practice in St. J. in 1807. Elected to the Vt. Supreme Court in 1828. Ephraim & Abba (Abigail Phelps) built the first brick house in town on the Plain (Main St.) in 1820.



50 Charles Dana – Danville, graduated Dartmouth College. Lawyer, probate judge, and state Senator 1861-65. Married Arvilla Helen Sinclair. Lived on Main St. next to Common. The Danas deeded this land to the School District in 1863 for consideration of \$1200. Agreement that it should remain open land.



Abigail & Frederick Lothrop – Frederick had a meat shop on Main St., the Lothrop family lived over the store. On March 26, 1880 the Caledonian paper reports "Sad Events: The Sweeping away of almost an entire family... in the last ten days by canker-rash..." Bessie & Allie followed by father Frederick, leaving Abigail behind until age of 91.



52 Edward Griswold – Taken prisoner at age 21 while serving in Co. A of the 11th Vt. Infantry, battle of Weldon Railroad, Va. Married Ellen Sergeant in 1878. Lost both wife & daughter to consumption in 1880. Flour & grain dealer, Griswold & Pearl. Went up in hot air balloon at St. J. fairgrounds in 1894!



53 F.B. Gage – St. Johnsbury's pioneer photographer. Opened St. Johnsbury Portrait Gallery in Emerson Hall in 1851. (Future site of the Athenaeum.) Artist, poet & philosopher. Self-described as "The Man-with-the-Long-Flowing-Beard." Ads often consisted of whimsical poems. Later moved across street to Brown Block.



54 Bernier Mayo – Graduated St. J. Academy in 1956, B.A. in English from UVM, M.A. from Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury. Started teaching at St. J. Academy, and met future wife Jeanette Pike, in 1964. Headmaster at Academy starting in 1981. Under his leadership, enrollment and endowment increased, three dorms added. Note the bell tower of Colby Hall on stone.



55 Claude Arnold – Interestingly, Claude & Alice died the same day. Claude called for an ambulance and shortly thereafter it had to return for Claude – overcome with grief perhaps. He had been the Fire Chief in St. Johnsbury for many years.