

Braehead Cemetery Update

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First for you are two new names not currently on the DCNY site for Braehead. Esther Sixsmith and Unknown Walker can be added by virtue of having their photographed headstones available for you.

The current listed "Walker" can now be listed as Wm. Walker by virtue of a new headstone photo. That now gives us two Walkers.

In addition to those two new names with headstones I have headstone pictures for the following names already on the DCNY site without photo links. Here are eleven names with photos to link if you wish me to send the photos: Philip Burritt, John Dales (which is a current photo link you've named "Cannot Decipher This One", Samuel Dales, Robert Kelso II, Mary E. Loudon, Samuel T. Loudon, Thomas McLaury, Capt. George Sixsmith, Mary Sixsmith, Mary Ann Sixsmith, and Lucretia Waring. With the aforementioned two names there are 13 total pictures to link if you so wish.

All of the photos I have were taken by Marianne Greenfield during our headstone cleaning in 2018. As I stated earlier it has taken me some time to get the photos and information organized to present for consideration.

From the current website names I do not have, or we did not find headstones to photograph for Joseph Leal, Esther A. Orr Loudon, Elizabeth McFarland, Samuel Murdock, or James Spence.

In addition to those 13 pictures I have an additional 27 photos of mostly cleaned headstones that are improved over the current pictures. I don't want to be presumptuous, or step on anyone's toes. So if you want to keep the current linked photos instead of replacing them with more current photos that is okay with me. I'm not trying to create work for you!

Finally I'd just like to say that I'm not finished in my efforts at Braehead. I know there are more stones to discover, the headstone cleaning will continue, and more headstones will be erected from their fallen positions to help ensure their preservation. The headstones that were re-set were done by Marianne Greenfield, and a couple named Tina and Dale Utter. All known for their preservation efforts.

From 2018 I had asked about a plot mapping of the cemetery. Where I found the evidence of plot mapping was on the "Find A Grave" website for Braehead. As an example each Find A Grave listing has a Plot designation of Aaron at plot S2-E3-1 , Moses at plot S3-E3-2, , and Philip at plot S3-E3-1. I assume the 'S' and the 'E' are directional references. It remains a quest to find that mapping. It's odd that nearby Gilchrist and Doonan's Corner cemeteries do not have that designation on Find A Grave.

Best regards,
Alan Anderson