

Curious who's buried in
Truro's Historic Cemeteries?



TRURO CEMETERIES

STATISTICS

as of June 1, 2022

7 Cemeteries

STATISTICS

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UPDATE

June 1 2022

		BURIED	NAMES	Possible Burials	DATES
OLD NORTH	OLD STONE *	717	1229	+72% note	1713 > 1875 (latest burial 1885)
The Hill Of Storms	NORTH	653	686	+5%	1800 > 1930 (latest burial 2015)
	CENTER	212	240		1930 > Present
	SOUTH	89	156		
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		1671	2311		
SNOW		726	841	+5%	1817 > Present
PINEGROVE		940	1036	+9%	1799 > Present
CONGREGATIONAL		544	639	+15%	1810 > Present
CONGREGATIONAL	(new)	48	98		1969 > Present
METHODIST		449	575	+22%	1810 > Present
SACRED HEART		456	516	+2%	1868 > Present
NEW SOUTH		71	164		1987 > Present
TRURO WOODS		20	20		1776 > 1929
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		4925	6200	775	

Adding 775 No Dates Inscribed Burials

5700

800 > > 8% Not Buried

10 yr Standard Burial 20% Cremation 80 %

Burials	60 Year Avg	21	per year	Longevity	55% burial age 80+
	Total Deaths	37	per year		Centenarans 9
					Vetarans 391

NOT ALL BURIALS HAD STONES---Colonist were not very wealthy and it takes someone with some money to afford a stone

OLDEST GRAVES

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Old Stone- 1713 #263- Hannah Paine age 52
Pine Grove-1796 #200- Reuben Rich age 23
Congregational-1810 #74- John Lee age 38
Methodist -1810 #138- Capt Obadiah Rich age 35
Methodist-1810 #146- Enoch Snow age ?
Snow-1817 #118- Harriet Knowles age 2
Sacred Heart-1868 #S2-11- Mary G.Rose age 21

CENTENARIANS

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Snow #1 - Ruth P. Holsbery 1810/1910 age 100
Sacred Heart #S4-3 - Flora n.Peters 1884/1984 age 100
Sacred Heart #S3-15- Mary Nunes 1894/1998 age 104
Old North Center #E-31 Charles Harrer 1907/2010 age 103
Sacred Heart #S6-4 Rita Rose 1910/2010 age 100
Old North South #B-4 Elizabeth Moffitt 1909/2011 age 102

Facts

- Buried Without Cloths-----Colonist were so frugal they didn't bury people in their cloths. Making garments was too labor extensive to waste them. The sheep had to be sheared, the wool washed, the fibers smoothed, the wool spun, the cloth cut.
- Mauseleum, Winter Storage-----Truro has 3, Old North Cemetery, Congregational, & Pinegrove Cemetery

POPULATION 1920

-554 residents (1925 = 504) (1850 = 2051)
-54 horses
-124 legal male voters

OLD NORTH'-OLD STONE ==DEATH STATISTICS

===== 1718 > 1862

7% INFANT MORTALITY
13% DEAD < AGE 3
16% DEAD < AGE 10
24% DEAD < AGE 20
35% DEAD < AGE 25
43% DEAD < AGE 30 (43% FEMALE 57% MALE)
53% DEAD < AGE 40
61% DEAD < AGE 50
67% DEAD < AGE 60
77% DEAD < AGE 70
90% DEAD < AGE 80
99% DEAD < AGE 90
(disease-childbirth-drowning at sea)

Definitions

Consort----Wife
Relict-----Widow

TRURO CEMETERIES FAMILY NAMES

PILGRIM LANDING 1620

PREDOMINANT FAMILIES 16?? > 1930

	cemetery	Listed
1 PAINE	north	304
2 SMALL	north	158
3 ATKINS	north	101
4 DYER	ntr & ctr	157
5 HOPKINS	ntr & ctr	138
6 COLLINGS	ntr & ctr	158
7 SMITH	ntr & ctr	148
8 KNOWLES	ntr & ctr	96
9 LOMBARD	town	215
10 SNOW	center	171
11 RICH	south	447
12 COBB	south	107

		2200

VETERANS	
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Indian War	2
Revolutionar	22
War of 1812	2
Civil War	23
Spanish Ame	4
Life Saving S	18
Lighthouse	8
Ministers	2
Coast Guard	7
Korea	32
Vietnam	18
W W 1	66
W W 11	164
Armed Forces	8
Other	15

Total	391

FIRST FAMILY

PAINE thomas esq'b capt age 65/1721
PAINE hannah (shaw of plymouth age 52/1713
--immigrated from Eastham late 1600's
-- 12 children, common for the period

RECORDS

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LURANA COOK,s Book--14 year project of recording all
Truro Burial and Epitaphs
ROBERT MASSON-----computerized the above in 1998
updating same on ongoing basis
BURIAL RECORDS----Internet available

INTERNET

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Cemetery Records
Town of Truro--web site > (Brd & Com) (Library also)
Cemetery Commission records > Town---ongoing

12 families represents 56%
listed population (3960) <1930 Truro Community

BOOKS

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Land Marks & Sea Marks by Shebnaw Rich (first edition 1883--second 1988---BIBLE
Truro by Susan Brennan 7 Diana Worthingto (early 1900,s)-----PICTORIAL
One Book One Town-2009--Truro Cape Cod As I Knew It (early 1900,s) by Anthony Marchall

ISSAC MORTON SMALL developed the Highland recreation area in the late 1800's --guess house, restaurant, golf course, carriage > railroad station
RAILROAD--Boston to Provincetown 1873 to 1939-----freight to 1960

BURIAL PERMIT SYSTEM (1999)

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- MASS Ggeneral Laws, Chapter 114 requires
documentation of all burials, cemetery, location
- Burial Permit System----100% compliance
Obituary Notice 20%--Deaths occur at primary residence
not recorded locally
Prior to System----Obituaries and annual cemetery
tour searching for new inputs

TRURO CEMETERIES BURIALS

BURIAL PERMIT	Phone- Info- Verify Burial Site- Permit-\$0				
GRAVES	Standards				
Truro Residence Truro Association ONLY	-----				
	Standard size of a single grave is 4 X 10, cost is \$800				
	Minimum size for standard burial= 3 X (CEMENT VAULTS 3 feet X 8 feet)				
	Minimum size for upright monument = 10 X 10				
	Six cremations per standard 4 X 10 grave----also 1 standard burial plus 1 cremains allowed				
	Corner Bounds 4 inch for all lots under 20 X 20 (20 X 20 = 6 inch)				
Old North	5 X 10 (3 Lots remaining reserved for cemetery family heritage) \$800				
	10 X 10	Burial	3	\$2,000	Upright Marker
	10 X 20	Burial	6	\$3,600	Upright Marker
	20 X 20	Burial	12	\$6,000	Upright Marker
New South	4 X 10	Burial	1	\$800	Flush Marker
	16 x 20 (8 Lot Cluster)	Burial	8	\$4,200	Flush Marker
Sacred Heart	4 X 10	Burial	1	\$800	Upright Marker
Methodist	10 X 10 > 18 X 10	Burial	3+	\$2,000	Upright Marker
Snow & Pinegrove	Sold Out				

50% Perpetual Care only the interest generated can be spent

BURIAL / CREMATION National Average 20 Truro 80%

BURIALS

Body Orientation	HEAD FACING	TOE CLOSEST >	MAIN ROAD	or	CEMETERY ROAD
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	Old North		Rt 6		
	Methodist/Sacred Heart				Cemetery Road
	Congregational/Snow				Road Entrance to Church
	Pinegrove		County Rd		
	New South				Top Road in Cemetery

Cemetery STONES	Winged Skull--grim	early 1700's	suggest pessimism about the soul ascending into heaven
	Winged Skull--smiling	mid > late 1700's-	suggest more optimism about the soul getting into heaven
	Weeping Willow with Urn	early 1800's	emphasizes mourning and sadness of those left behind
Early Stones were made of slate, after mid 1800's-marble			
Cemetery TOUR	1 Old North Cemetery	1713---Meeting House Location-----Hannah Paine 1713 burial age 52 Winged Skull Slate Stones--- Issac Morton Small	
	2 Methodist Cemetery	1810---Meeting House Location	
	3 Congregational	1810---Congregational Founded 1709 -Church 1829 Obelisk 57 Lost-at-Sea in 1841 storm	
	4 Snow Cemetery	1817---Artist---View of the Pamet	
	5 Pinegrove Cemetery	1799---Methodist were not welcome in Provincetown, attempted to build a meeting house, timbers were burned, minister tarred and feathered in effigy they then built a meeting house 1/2 mile into the woods in 1794 now known as Pinegrove Cemetery ---Meeting House location, first on CapeCod, 2nd in New England Carrie & Joshua age 6/3 Buried in same Casket In Each Other's Arms 1864 ---Monument Photo	
	6 South Meeting House Park	1851 > 1940 new location on County Road ceased use in the 1920's--- Truro population in 1850 = 2051 > 1925 = 504	
	7 New South Cemetery	1994---Overview---Maintaining Natural Looks---No Upright Stones,only Footstone	



The Road to The Station, North Truro, Mass.








Here Lies the Body of
THANKFULL DYER
Wife of AMBROS DYER
Died Augst 1st 1783
in the 75th Year of her Age.



HERE LYES Y BODY OF
M^{rs} HANNAH LOMBARD
WIFE OF M^r JEDIDIAH
LOMBARD DEC^d APRIL



Here lie the Remains of
y Rev^d M^r JOHN AVERY
Who Departed this Life y
23^d of April 1754: in the
69th Year of His Age. and
44th of His Ministry: and
the first Pastor Ordained in
this Place.

In this dark Cavern, or this lone some Grave.

Here lay the best, pious, virtuous Friend.

The first Pastor in this Parish: Doctor of Laws

and of Divinity: who died on the 23^d of April 1754.



This stone is erected



HERE LIES & BODY
OF MRS HANNAH
WIFE TO CAPT
THOMAS PAINE
DIED JULY 7 24
1713 IN 73 YEAR
OF HER AGE

Carrie C Rich 1864
Joshua H Rich 1864



front side
JOSHUA CARRIE

back side
JOSHUA H.
Son of
Abner B. & Clara Rich
died May 3, 1864
AEt. 3 y's 1 mo. 16 d's.

CARRIE C.
Daughter of
Abner B. & Clara Rich
died May 4, 1864
AEt. 6 y's. 2 m's. 24 d's.



*They were lovely in life and in death were not
divided. Within the same casket, and locked in each
others arms, they wait the morning of the resurrection.
We deeply mourn our sudden loss.*

The gravestone was cleaned with D/2 Biological Solution October 2011 for the Rich Family Association. Also see Abner B Rich 1892.

Questions?

Part II: Tour

Stop 1: Old North Cemetery

Directions: From the Library, Right (south) onto Rt 6.

Go 1 mile

Turn left on Aldrich Rd, just past Shore Rd, before the cemetery.

Follow the fence that runs along the cemetery, and turn right into the shell-covered roadway at the back of the cemetery.

Pull forward and park on any of the roadways.

Stop 2: Snow and Congregational Cemeteries

Directions: From Old North, left onto Rt 6. and go 1.9 miles

Turn Right on Truro Center Road

Turn Right on Town Hall Road (up the hill)

Turn left at the entrance to the Congregational Church (Meetinghouse)

Follow the dirt road (not the neighbor's driveway) that leads to the Meetinghouse.

➔ *Notice on your right the marble obelisk – the Gale Memorial - commemorating*

The 1841 storm during which 57 men and boys from Truro died

Continue around the circle toward sign “Snow Cemetery.”

Enter the drive for Snow Cemetery and continue to the rear on the right fork (the cemetery road is a loop)

Stop 3: Pine Grove – *Note: access is via a dirt road – approx. 4.5 miles from Snow Cemetery*

Directions: From Snow Cemetery, turn right out the driveway at the Congregational Church and return to Rt. 6

Turn right onto Rt. 6 (toward Wellfleet)

Continue approx. 1.8 miles to orange “detour” sign at Prince Valley Rd.

Turn right onto Prince Valley Rd. and go 1.6 miles

At end, turn right onto Old County Rd. and go approx. 0.5 miles

Look for Pine Grove Cemetery sign on right – turn onto dirt road. Continue to end of dirt road.