Colby Cemetery, Berlin, Vermont

This small cemetery sits atop a hill on the junction Road overlooking the Winooski River, Interstate 89, and Route Two. Across the river is the town of Middlesex. These stones show the ravages of time and pollution. In a few more years all information on the stones may be lost. There is a crude fence around the cemetery but needs some repair.

To reach this little cemetery, start up the Montpelier access road bearing right at the road to the junction. Follow this road about two miles. The cemetery is on the left and very hard to see from the road. An old logging road turns off just before a green house and across the road is a house which usually has a school bus parked in the yard.

Turn up the logging road a short distance and turn right. It is necessary to walk from there.

1. Martha A., wife of Truman T. Butterfield, died Feb.27, 1864. Age 31 yrs. 4 mo. "We shall meet again."
2. W. H. Willey, died July 5, 1890. Age 56 years.
3. Ezra Willey, died October 14, 1887. Age 24 yrs. 6 mo. 21 da.
5. Major Samuel Jones, died March 28, 1850. 82 years.
10. Arvilla A, wife of J. W. Thompson, died June 6, 1870. Age 56 yr.
12. On top of this stone is the name “Julia.” Then on the side facing the woods it reads: “Here lies the little sufferer.” Died March 3, 1866.
15. Martha M. wife of Ira May, died May 1, 1818. Star marker with a flag.
18. Chester W., son of E. & E. A. May, died Jan. 22, 1853. Age four and one half years.


20. Four cement posts with chain fence enclose two stones one of which is broken off. Betsey, wife of Abel Andrews, died Apr. 21, 1816. Age 64 yr.


22. This is a double stone with "Colby" on the top. On the right side: Levie Colby Jr. died Sept. 24, 1985. Age 82 years 6 months. On left side: Mary A. Colby died January 20, 1889. Age 71 years 6 months.

23. Levie Colby died April 28, 1869, 86 yr. 1 mo. 15 da. His wife, Rachel Wheeler, died June 4, 1860. Age 93.


25. Slate marker in very poor condition, reads: David son of Levi & Mary Colby, died Sept. 6, 1812. Age 26 yr. 9 mo. 9 da.

26. Hannah, dau. of Levi & Mary A. Colby, died Feb. 25, 1815. Age 8 yr. 5 mo.

27. Isaac C. Colby, son of Levi & Mary A. Colby, died July 24, 1816. Age 45 years.

28. Persis Colburn daughter of W. & P. Colburn died Sept. 7, 1837 aged 3 years, 7 months

29. Mary P. Roberts, daughter of N. & M. Roberts died Apr. 26, 1840 aged 23 years

30. Frances Cobb, wife of Micah B. Taplin, died Feb. 17, 1866.


32. Michah B. Taplin died Nov. 9, 1876. Age 78 yr. “At Rest.”

33. Sally L., wife of Michah B. Taplin, died Sep. 15, 1854. "Our Resting Place." Age 54 yr.

34. Dexter May died March 12, 1853. 85 yr. Star Marker, but no flag.


37. Emily wife of Myron Benedict died Jan 17, 1867. 56 yr. 3 mo.
60. In memory of Abigail Hinkson wife of Capt. Samuel Hinkson who died June 1, 1822. Aged 69 years.

62. D. C. footstone with 36

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70. In memory of Silloway, Fifield, died July 30, 1834 aged 61 years

77. Edmund Darling died Oct. 9, 1861. Age 57 yr. 10 mo. Anna, his wife, died Nov 18, 1877, Age 95 yrs.

78. Joseph E. Darling died July 6, 1854. Age 37 yr.

79. Next one is broken but reads Joseph Darling (assume this is a Darling as that is broken off) died in war- Feb. 12, 18__. Age 51 yr.

81. Frederick Richardson died Feb. 9, 184-, aged 72 years.

82. Betsey, wife of (assumed to be Fred Richardson as it was left off when the stone was repaired.)

86. Rebecca, ____ of Dyer Stevens, Died Apr 23, 1881. Ae 85 yrs.

87. Benjamin Arbuckle died February 2, 1878. Age 77 yr.


89. The grave of Jane, wife of Joseph Arbuckle, died Sept 27, 1830. Age 74 yr.

90. Jane Arbuckle died May 16, 1867. Age 76 yr.


97. Thomas S., son of John & Lovisa Ayers, died Aug. 21, 1914. Age 11 y. 16 d.

105. Dea. Seth Shaw died December 4, 1848. Age 60 yr.


112. Maria J., wife of Schuyler Smith, died March 27, 1862. Age 27 y.

114. James Herring died May 26, 1848. Age 79 y. Lucinda, wife of James Herring, died December 1, 1849 73 y.
121. Amanda L. only child of Joshua & Betsey Heath, died Oct 19, 1861. Aged 8 years, 5 mos. 3 days
127. Susan Clark died March 21, 1819. Age 16 y. 4 mo.
128. Alden Clark died March 19, 1829. Age 59 yr.
133. Loten L. Clark died Nov. 17, 1840. Age 23 y.
134. James Foster died October 22, 1839. Age 65 y.
135. Maria P. daughter of W. & L. Wheeler died September 1, 1852.
136. Betsey A. Wheeler August 22, 1874. Age 63 yrs. Emma Wheeler, died April 8, 1856 Age 8 yrs
149. Morgan cannot read anything on this stone
152. Isabel F. Willey, wife of John W. Horrigan, died July 7, 1875. Age 24 years.
153. Zedekiah Silloway died Sept. 29, 1873. Age 84 yr.
154. Esther Silloway, wife of Sekiah, died February 28, 1871. Age 77 yrs.
155. Dolly D. Silloway born February 18, 1824 died February 4, 1885.
156. Roxana Silloway, born March 26, 1820, died Feb. 6, 1893. "Asleep in Jesus."
158. Addie C. E. daughter of C.N. & B.B. Celley died July 17, ____
159. Large stone, David Cook died December 23, 1896. Age 85 years, 6 months.
160. Mary, wife of David Cook, died April 13, 1889. Age 88 years.
SMITH. Mary A. Allen 1816 - 1900 William Smith 1816 - 1861.


Willey, Norman Co. H. Vt. Inf.

Charles A. Willey, March 5, 1868 - February 6, 1883.

Harvey Gallison, November 1, 1849 - June 15, 1901.

Mary Jane Gallison, Women's Relief Corp. 1847 - 1938. Star & flag.

Edith Mabel, daughter of Oscar Smith, died February 24, 1894.

Very last stone at rear of cemetery. Thomas Ward, born March 19, 1854, died July 16, 1918.

The following stones were on the 1985 listing but are not there anymore and we do not know why. They have simply dissappeared.

? Large stone pretty well worn. Josephine daughter of______, died of ________, July 1818. Another name below I read as Harriet ___70 yrs. May______the rest is unreadable.

? In memory of ______ Hamilton, died July 11,____96 yrs. This stone is in very bad condition. There are 5 markers and a slate stone demolished

? In memory of Elidad Stilloway, died June 3, 1881.

? Tyley died June 1823.