

## First Quaker Cemetery, Queensbury

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From Austin W. Holden's *History of Queensbury, New York*, p. 499: "About this time [1785] the first place of worship in town, a log meeting house, was built by the society of Friends on the south side of the Half-way brook, adjoining the west side of the road leading to Dunham's bay. Here too was kept the first school in town, and here was the first burial ground, where the fathers of the town, and their first-born, rested undisturbed by the shrill cry of the panther, or the nightly long drawn howl of the predatory wolf... It [the meeting house] stood within the limits of a small, enclosed parcel of ground, used even to the present day [written c. 1870] as a place of burial... Here the first and second generations of the Friends of Queensbury met and worshipped, and in the limits of that field their remains repose without a monument or mark to designate their resting place from the common earth by which they are surrounded."

Listed here are early Queensbury residents, believed to be Quakers. No tombstone has yet been found for these individuals, and they may be buried without markers in that first Quaker cemetery at the southwest corner of today's Bay and Quaker Roads. The ground is said to hold the remains of at least 82 persons; more than 82 are here listed. "QMM" refers to surviving records of the Queensbury Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends.

### Allen

Increase, early settler, b. 1729; d. Q. betw. 16 June 1808 and 6 March 1809 when his will was proved.  
Mary Spencer, wife of Increase; alive in 1810.

### Baker

Aaron, son of Amos, b. c. 1813; d. Q. 9 of 4m 1834 per QMM.  
Robert, son of Amos, d. Q. c. 1836 per QMM.

### Brown

Alonson, son of Timothy, b. 1808; d. at ac. 3.  
Amy, dau. of Valentine, b. 1797; drowned at an early age.  
Anna Baker, wife of ?, b. c. 1792; d. Luzerne 17 of 2m 1831, per QMM.  
Benedict, early settler, d. betw. 1790 and 1800.  
Deborah Thomas, wife of Timothy, b. 1777; d. 9 March 1815.  
Desire Mosher, wife of Justus, d. Q. 23 7m 1822.  
Elizabeth, wife of Samuel, alive in 1822.  
Eunice Bacon, wife of Silas, b. 1762; d. Q. 17 Sept. 1850.  
Hannah, dau. of Justus, b. 1785; d. Bolton 29 of 3m 1847; see QMM.  
Howgill, son of Benedict, b. 1755; d. Q. 2 of 9m 1833 per QMM.  
Justus, son of Benedict, b. 1748; d. Q. 30 4m 1835 per QMM.  
Lucretia Brown, dau. of Howgill, d. Q. 14 June 1858.

Lydia Mosher, wife of Howgill, dead by 1832.  
Margaret Haight, wife of Valentine, b. c. 1757; d. Queensbury 28 of 4 m. 1830.  
Mary Sherman, wife of Moses, b. 1791; d. Q. 21 Aug. 1868.  
Moses Brown, son of Howgill, b. c. 1779; d. Luzerne 31 9m 1834 per QMM.  
Nathaniel, son of Silas, b. c. 1786; d. Q. 20 Aug. 1850.  
Rebecca ?Burch, wife of Benedict, prob. dead by 1800.  
Sally Carpenter, wife of Timothy, d. betw. 1843 and 1850.  
Samuel, early settler, d. Queensbury betw. 11 April and 1 May 1822.  
Silas, son of Benedict, b. 1753; d. Q. 30 of 9 mo. 1839 per QMM.  
Silas, son of Valentine, b. 1794; drowned at an early age.  
Timothy, son of Benedict, b. 1767; d. Q. 6 Jan. 1850.  
Valentine, son of Benedict, d. betw. 22 Oct. 1802 and 24 May 1803.

### **Curtis**

Enos, early settler, d. betw. 29 of 5m 1827 and 27 July 1829, per surr. recds.  
Mary Dean, wife of Enos and dau. of Samuel Dean, b. 1759; d. after 1830.

### **Dean**

Josiah, son of Samuel, b. 1761; alive at Queensbury in 1830.  
Samuel early settler; b. 1725; d. c. 1806, his will being admitted to probate that year.  
Susanna, second wife of Samuel; alive at Queensbury in 1792.  
Tempe, wife of Josiah; alive at Queensbury in 1830.

### **Ferris**

Abigail, dau. of Warren, b. 1818; d. y.  
Abigail Jane Haviland, wife of Morris, b. 1767; d. Q. 1818.  
Anna Tripp, wife of Reed, b. 1734; d. 1831.  
George M., son of Alfred, b. 1808; d. 12 Dec. 1835.  
James, son of Reed, b. 1761; d. 1844.  
John, son of James, d. bef. 1850.  
Justus, son of James, b. c. 1795; d. after 1850.  
Margaret, dau. of Warren, b. 1812; d. inf.  
Morris, son of Reed, b. 1768; d. Q. 1837.  
Rachel Wing, wife of John A., b. 1773; dead by 1800. [Note that John A. and other wives are bur. at Moss Street Cem.]  
[Reed Ferris, whose descendants came here, was b. 1730; d. Quaker Hill, Dutchess Co., 18 March 1804.]  
Ruth Curtis, wife of Warren, d. after 1828.  
Ruth Taber, first wife of Warren, d. Q. some time before 1793.  
Ruth, dau. of Warren, b. 1796; d. childhood.  
Warren, son of Reed, b. 1763; d. 26 March 1813; from Ferris Gen.: "He was buried in the old First Burying Ground of Queensbury, but his body and the original stone were removed to Glens Falls Cemetery." Take note that no stone or rec. is found in transcript of Glens Falls Cem.  
Warren, son of Morris, b. 1791; d. Moreau 25 Sept. 1828; Haviland Gen. p. 306-7: "He is bur. in the Friends' Burying-ground at Queensbury."

William, son of Morris, d. after 1830.

### **Folger**

Amy (Hartwell) Sanford, second wife of Elisha and widow of David Sanford, alive in 1824.

Elisha, early settler, b. 1760; d. c. April 1824 when will was proved.

### **Gurney**

Mary Jane, dau. of Joseph, b. c. 1831; d. 11 of 8m 1848, per QMM.

Henry, d. Q. 28 of 4m 1830, ae. 73-0-17.

### **Haviland**

Anna Hoag, second wife of David, b. 1789; dead by 1831.

Anna Wells, first wife of Solomon, b. 1793; d. 23 of 10m 1833.

[David, son of Roger; although his first two wives may be bur. here, he is bur. in Friends Cem. on Ridge Road]

Helen or Nellie Morison, wife of Abraham Haviland; d. by 1797; Haviland Gen., p. 247:

“bur. in the burial ground of the Friends’ in an unmarked grave, as was the custom of those of that faith at that time.”

Mason A., son of David, b. 1832; d. 19 of 9m 1832.

Rosetta Lapham, first wife of David, d. 21 Feb. 1809.

William B., son of David, b. 1833; d. 6 of 7m 1841.

### **Hicks**

Jacob d. Q. c. 1773/4; m. Content, dau. of Abraham Wing. [Note, however, that his death may have occurred before the cemetery was started.]

### **Higson**

Content Wing, wife of James, d. after 1830.

James, early settler, d. Q. 9 of 12m 1833 per QMM.

### **Lapham**

Stephen, early settler, b. 1755; killed 23 Jan. 1802 in fall from roof while building the first Quaker meeting house at Queensbury.

Rachel Hussey, wife of Stephen, b. 1757; d. 1827.

### **Merritt**

Amanda, dau. of Bushnell, b. c. 1794; d. Moreau 25 8m 1830 per QMM.

Joseph, son of Ichabod, b. 1766; d. Moreau in 1826.

Mary Ann, dau. of Abraham, b. c. 1826; d. Moreau 21 of 5m 1830 per QMM.

**Mosher**

Isaac, son of Jonathan, b. 1774; d. Q. 29 9m 1858.

Mary McComber, wife of Isaac, b. 1778; dead by 1850.

Patience Hoag, wife of Jonathan, b. 1757; alive at Q. in 1830.

**Sherman**

Deborah Brown, dau. of Justus, b. 1780; d. Q. 20 11m 1804.

**Tucker**

Abraham d. betw. 12 Dec. 1797 and 7 Sept. 1798.

Deborah, wife of Abraham d. after 1810.

**Varney**

Josiah, son of Nathaniel, b. c. 1763; d. Luzerne in 1835; he taught the first public school in Q. in the Quaker meeting house at the southwest corner of today's Bay and Quaker Rds.

Lydia Brown, wife of Josiah; d. betw. 1820 and 1830.

Nathaniel, son of Josiah, b. c. 1790; d. Luzerne in 1840.

Wealthy Fraser, wife of Nathaniel, b. c. 1797; alive in 1855.

**Wing**

Abigail Curtis, wife of Benjamin Jr., b. 1783; d. 2 June 1839.

Abraham first settler, b. 1721; d. Q. 3 of 5mo 1795. Holden, p. 57: "His remains, with those of many other of the first settlers here, repose in the little burial ground by the Half-way brook, where the old Quaker church stood; and here they have been buried without tablet or monument to mark their final resting place."

Anstis Wood, wife of Abraham, b. 1723; d. Q. 29 of 5m 1807.

Benjamin, son of Abraham, b. 1748; d. Q. 19 June 1824.

Benjamin Jr., son of Benjamin, d. 2 Sept. 1850.

Edward, brother of Abraham, d. Q "at an advanced age," prob. by 1810.

Hannah Hoag, wife of Edward; d. betw. 1779 and 1810.

Polly McKie, wife of Abraham Jr., b. c. 1753; d. 6 April 1831, "bur. in old Quaker Cem. and rebur. in Glens Falls Cem. by son Abraham III"

Thankful Lockwood, wife of Benjamin, b. 1746; d. 22 or 23 of 10m 1814.