

TIMELINE OF PEMBROKE CEMETERIES

- 1733** Log meeting house built “at the northeast corner of the graveyard” (McClintock).
- 1746** or **1759-62** The log meeting house was replaced by a framed meeting house, which was moved to become after the Whittemore barn after 1806.
- Pembroke Street Cemetery appears to have been occupied or laid out before the first meeting house was built here in 1733.
- 1785** Vote to enclose the Pembroke Street graveyard with a stone wall.
- 1799** Buck Street Cemetery was established. Enlarged in **1853** with land given by Norris Cochran, who then owned the Hiram Batchelder farm. Enlarged again in **1871** with land given by Samuel Cochran, Jr.
- 1801** Vote to wall ½ acre on Eighth Range Road for a burying ground (now Old North Pembroke Cemetery).
- 1823** Key to Map of Pembroke calls Old French Cemetery off Borough Road a “private cemetery, established about 1823 on land of Andrew French.”
- 1843** The town hearse, and the house for its safekeeping on Main Street, were accepted by the town.
- 1854** The town voted \$150 to purchase land from Mr. Francis Vose to enlarge Pembroke Street Cemetery.
- 1855** The town voted to sell at auction lots in the 1853 addition to Buck Street Cemetery, but only covering half of the new burying ground. Thereafter, the selectmen were empowered to sell remaining lots at the average price per lot realized at the auction of 1855.
- 1860** New North Pembroke Cemetery established.
- 1860** Pembroke Hill Cemetery established about this time as a private cemetery.
- 1867** The town voted to accept land to enlarge Buck Street Cemetery again, and to enclose the sides with “stone posts and braids.”
- 1870** Measures were first discussed to provide a public cemetery at or near Suncook Village. This continued to be discussed and was finally left to the discretion of the selectmen in 1883.

- 1875** Langmaid monument placed. Josie Langmaid is buried in the family lot in Buck Street Cemetery.
- 1885** A deed of May 22, 1885 (Merrimack County Registry of Deeds Vol. 274, p. 43) records the fact that Martin H. Cochran, who lived on Dearborn Road, deeded the land that was to become Evergreen Cemetery to Addison N. Osgood, George P. Little, Charles P. Morse, Eleazer Baker, and George P. Cofran for \$1,000. The lot contained 8 acres and 118 square rods. Osgood, Little, and Cofran constituted the Pembroke Board of Selectmen in 1885. Charles P. Morse was a local undertaker who served as Pembroke town treasurer and moderator. Eleazer Baker was proprietor of the brick “company store” (now gone) on Glass Street, which sold a broad range of merchandise to employees of Pembroke Mill Corporation. The property dimensions cited in the 1885 deed do not correspond exactly with those shown on the Lloyd & Mann plan of 1905.
- 1896** New North Pembroke Cemetery fenced with iron pipe railings.
- 1905** Lloyd & Mann plan of Evergreen Cemetery.
- 1906** C. A. Bailey was paid \$1,164 for building the receiving tomb at Evergreen Cemetery.
- 1934** Warrant for Town Meeting included Article 6., “To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for the purchase of the Evergreen Cemetery.”