

## The Barretts

Looking around the Buxton Cemetery, you might wonder why it is not called Barrett Cemetery. That is because there are 105 Barretts interred in this burying ground. There are only six Buxton family graves.

The original cemetery was acquired by a group of local citizens who wished to have a burying ground for their families. The land was purchased from Roger Lyon in 1788. Most certainly burials commenced shortly thereafter. The earliest gravestones still visible is that of Sarah Tyler, who died on September 24, 1798. In 1851 abutting land was acquired from Peter Buxton to add to the existing cemetery, which one can only assume was running out of gravesites. Since that time the cemetery has been known for the second acquisition - Buxton Cemetery.

There are many Barrett plots in Buxton, and many Barrett stories. One of the most interesting is the family section designated as B-7 on our cemetery maps. This is the final resting place of Phineas and Sally Parker Barrett, and many of their twelve children. What is particularly interesting is the propensity within this particular Barrett family and their cousins (plot-D-11) to name their children after famous men of the day. Please note the gravestones of:

George Washington Barrett  
Benjamin Franklin Barrett  
Daniel Webster Barrett  
Isaac Newton Barrett  
Henry Clay Barrett  
Rufus King Barrett

It is also interesting to note that all of the famous people so honored by the Barretts were Freemasons. The Barretts have buried six generations of their family in either Buxton or Bedford Union Cemetery.

