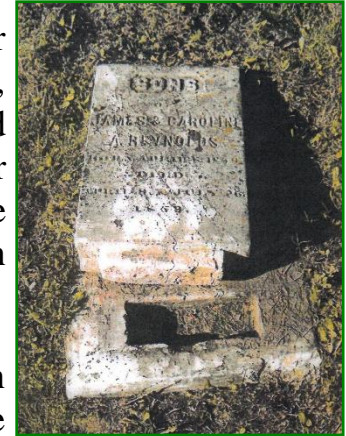


The James and Caroline Reynolds Family

The 1850 and 1860 Town of Bedford census show no listing for a James or a Caroline Reynolds. Reynolds' family records, however, reveal that James was the second son of Enoch and Maria Reynolds of Bedford, and that he was born on November 8, 1825. On September 12 of 1849 he married Caroline A. Cole in New York City. Both James and Caroline are buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Mount Kisco.



James and Caroline had eleven children, five of which died in infancy and are buried in Buxton Cemetery. Presumably these little ones were buried at gravesite provided by the Reynold' family still residing in Bedford.

The gravestones of the children are small and set apart as if further tragedy might be averted by distancing the little innocent victims.

The Reynolds' children were:

Charles Hanford Reynolds	d. 12/11/1855 aged: 9 months
Louisa Nostrand Reynolds	d. 3/12/1858 aged: 1 year
Sarah Elizabeth Reynolds	d. 12/03/1855 aged: 5 years
Twin unnamed sons	d. 4/09/1859 aged: 1 day
	d. 7/26/1859 aged: 3 months

Infant mortality was very high in the mid-nineteenth century. An 1842 mortality study done in London, determined that 62% of all recorded deaths were of children under five. Charles Dickens, writing in his classic Bleak House, describes the era, as it existed in England. He creates the character of a vagabond child called Jo, and describes him as follows: "Jo lives - that is to say - Jo has not yet died." That five such tragic deaths should occur in one family is incomprehensible in today's world.