

Notes from Alvah Carver on Sat. II Aug. 1973 concerning

The Old Cemetery at Redstone.

"Since the visit of the Womens Club and the Anna Stickney Chapter, D.A.R. these facts have come to my knowledge.

It is the Grandfather of the late Judge Levy O'Dell who is buried there with his wife. Judge O'Dell, who was born in Center Conway on the old Morton farm in 1802, and died in Portland, Me. in 1883, told the Hon. John B. Nash that there were originally 150 graves in the old cemetery. He also told him that his grandfather, Major O'Dell, was a very tall man, being 6 ft.7" tall, and large of frame. The large slate stone, now standing, marks his grave. Length between head and foot stone is 8 ft.

By the side of Esq. Thomas Merrill rests the remains of his sister. Esq. Merrill died 2 July 1788. The young daughter of Richard Eastman, Jr. was born 26 Jan. 1776, died 9 Oct. 1778, so that her burial, in this spot, was prior by 10 years to that of Esq. Merrill. Ebenezer Abbott's name has been mentioned, and it is also known that Major John Dolloff, the first man to make a clearing in Conway, lies there. He was a signer of the Association Test, and an active Patriot during the Revolution. As was also Ebenezer Burbank, who was buried there, who was the father of Steven Burbank. He was the first man to keep a hotel in Conway. This was in Center Conway, in the Harry (should possibly be Henry) Lovejoy house, now owned by Mrs. Wm. Mudgett".

Signed by Mrs. L.J.Rieker.

This article was printed in the N. Conway Reporter, 12 Nov. 1908. This is or was the oldest cemetery in Conway, N.H. It was on the west side of the road from Redstone to Center Conway, opposite to where the road turns off to go to East Conway, in back of the D.A.R. Plaque on the Boulder, erected in memory of the early settlers of Conway.

Some of the stones were moved to the cemetery on Rte. 16, in N. Conway, and a few to the Conway Village cemetery, near Abbotts Dairy. The old cemetery was destroyed, and many of the stones and graves lost forever when the new road from Redstone to Center Conway was constructed. No complete record of the graves exists. Some names have been found in the Town Clerk's records of Conway, some from Family records, and some from the recollections of older residents, similar to the above article, but the list is pitifully small. How sad that "PROGRESS" has destroyed so much of our heritage.