

This research paper, completed in the spring of 2008, was written with the purpose of demonstrating the importance of cemetery preservation from a historical and cultural standpoint. The paper was the fruit of much research, both textual and hands-on, for a University of Delaware seminar: "Historical Archaeology and the Public." As I already had a vested interest in the condition and history of the gravestones at Prince George's Chapel Cemetery (I had begun survey work in the summer of 2007), the class provided a wonderful excuse to dedicate myself fully to a more detailed investigation. Although the class and paper are completed, the project itself continues.

While the back section of the older gravestones is finished, documentation of the older gravestones in the front sections of the Cemetery is only partially completed. Additionally, I hope to make the recorded information on the gravestones accessible to the public for genealogical purposes. Maintenance and upkeep of the site is a never-ending project. Fortunately, the Prince George's Chapel Cemetery Committee has been re-vamped; I extend my heartfelt thanks to the PGCC committee members and the Town of Dagsboro's staff and Council Members for their assistance in the continuation of the research and preservation work on the Cemetery. I encourage anyone who has an interest in supporting the work being done (from feedback to assisting in the documentation of the stones themselves) to not be shy and contact the Town or myself!

Feel free to access my research paper or to look at the chart below that provides a transcription of the gravestones and thus an interesting snapshot of the lives of these early inhabitants of Dagsboro, Delaware.

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Lizzie Short----1862----1865

George W. Dingle [January][31][1864] December 28, 1865-1

Georgia Robinson----1867----1871

Infant Son of William H. & Mary E. Steen----ND----ND--

Name	Date of Birth Month	Day	Year	Date of Death Month	Day	Year	Age
Joshua Robinson	--	--	1759	--	--	1838	[79]
Rachel Robinson	--	--	1765	--	--	1829	[64]
William H. Wells	January	7	1769	March	12	1829	[60]
Edward Dingle	[June]	--	1779	September	8	1847	68
Henry Dunning	--	--	1780	April	17	1816	36
James Moore	April	28	1781	November	25	1857	76
Rachel Robinson	--	--	1784	--	--	1864	80

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Nathaniel Robinson	--	--	1786	--	--	1854	68
William T. Dunning	[November]	[14]	[1791]	July	26	1816	24
Martha T. Dunning	September	22	1792	December	28	1869	77
Elizabeth D. Wells	[May]	--	[1796]	June	19	1851	55
Mary S. Dingle	[December]	[31]	[1799]	September	23	1871	71
Sarah S. Barnard	--	--	[1811]	November	27	1855	44
Julia A. Robinson	[August]	[13]	[1818]	January	14	1844	25
Joseph K. Cannon	February	23	1819	June	1	1857	38
Lettie Short	--	--	1825	--	--	1875	[50]
Hannah A. Cannon	[December]	[29]	[1825]	March	5	1847	21
Mary D. Wells	[December]	[30]	[1826]	December	20	1855	28
Stanley Short	--	--	1827	--	--	1873	[46]
Martha T. Dunning	[December]	[28]	[1827]	September	24	1845	17
William H. Steen	June	15	1831	July	26	1910	[79]
Erasmus D. Dingle	[December]	[28]	[1832]	March	20	1865	32
Edward Dingle	[March]	[28]	[1835]	April	24	1848	13
William Parkhurst	--	--	1836	--	--	1921	[85]
Mary A. Dingle	[January]	[29]	[1837]	November	23	1848	11
George Kirkpatrick	September	23	1837	November	29	1852	15
Mary E. G. Steen	February	22	1838	November	5	1929	91
Robert H. Dunning	--	--	[184?]	March	--	1845	--
Edward B. Hazzard	February	8	1844	February	28	1866	[22]
William Parso[ns]	--	--	[1846]	July	29	1881	35
Mary H. Cannon	November	16	1848	July	14	1871	[23]
Manaen C. Hazzard	November	6	1852	June	16	1854	[2]
Julia Short	--	--	1855	--	--	1873	[18]
Manaen Short	--	--	1856	--	--	1908	[52]
Clara Parkhurst	--	--	1856	--	--	1938	[82]
Cora Short	--	--	1857	--	--	1870	[13]
Maggie Short	--	--	1859	--	--	1868	[9]
Lettie Hazzard	February	25	1859	August	11	1871	[12]
Leonard W. Short	--	--	1860	--	--	1941	[81]
John T. Steen	[September]	[20]	[1861]	September	10	1865	3

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George Robinson	--	--	1862	--	--	1866	4