

Welcome to the Tower Hill Gravestone Folder

Each gravestone in the Tower Hill folder has its own page. The gravestones in the folder are in alphabetical order beginning with Allen, John Finley and ending with Wuerth, Katrina Van Tassel.

In the upper left hand corner of each page is a number followed by the names of those on the gravestone: for example, 55) Vinson, Jean. The number refers to the gravestone locator which is in a separate folder. It allows you to pin point exactly where to look for a particular gravestone.

Below this entry, there is a photograph of the gravestone.

Underneath the photograph, there is a transcription of the writing that appears on the gravestone. When the writing cannot be read because the gravestone is too eroded, a variety of historical sources were used to find the information. If you wish to look at them, they are in the Historical Information folder. As many of the epitaph are quotes, we have also used google to track down the original source.

At the bottom of the page, there are the Edgartown Cemetery Records for each gravestone. For the 17th and 18th century gravestones, there is additional information from the Edgartown Vital Records and the historical sources.

Abbreviation

RP - Richard Pease who wrote down all the information on the gravestones in 1849.

HMP - Harriet M. Pease, his daughter, who checked his work in 1897.

VG - An undated Vineyard Gazette article.

TND - Thomas Nevin Dexter. Article in *The Martha's Vineyard Antiquary*, April 1932.

EV - Elizabeth Villard, Cemetery Commissioner and island historian.

EVR - Edgartown Vital Records

ECR - Edgartown Cemetery Records

We are grateful to the Martha's Vineyard Museum for allowing the Edgartown Cemetery Commission to use their copies of Richard Pease's list, Harriet M. Pease's list, the Vineyard Gazette's article, and Thomas Nevin Dexter's article.

Every effort has been made to make sure this folder is accurate, but we would welcome any corrections or comments. Please email the Cemetery Commission at parks@edgartown-ma.us or Cemetery Commissioner Elizabeth Villard at evillardmv@gmail.com. This website was last update on May 15, 2018.

16) Allen, John Findlay



ALLEN, JOHN FINDLAY
AUGUST 1, 1908
FEBRUARY 16, 1970

Notes:

ECR: Allen, John Findlay, 1970, Tower Hill, LOT A54.

Note EV: John Findlay Allen's wife's gravestone is in her maiden name of ETHEL CLEVE LAND LENSSEN. She lists both her husbands on that gravestone. She is listed under McVery, her second husband's name in the ECR.

ECR: MCVEY, ETHEL, 1986, TOWER HILL, LOT A54.

19) Anderson, Betty Ann Brown



BETTY ANN BROWN ANDERSON
1912-1975

Notes:

ECR: Anderson, Betty Ann, 1975, Tower Hill, LOT H.

20) Anderson, Paul Russel



PAUL RUSSEL
ANDERSON
1907 - 1993

Notes:

ECR: Anderson, Paul, 1993, Tower Hill, LOT H

90) Atwood. Francis Clarke
Bonnar, Eleanor Brooks



FRANCIS CLARKE ATWOOD
MAY 7, 1893 - JULY 24, 1982
HIS WIFE

ELEANOR BROOKS BONNAR
JUNE 13, 1891 - JAN. 18 1992

Notes:

Note EV: Eleanor is listed in ECR under both her maiden and her married name in ECR.

ECR: ATWOOD, FRANCIS C., 1982, TOWER HILL, LOT A14

[ECR: ATWOOD, ELENOR B., 1992, TOWER HILL, LOT A14]

ECR: BONNAR, ELENOR B., 1992, TOWER HILL, LOT A14
201) Avery, Chester Stuart
Avery, Marion Bond



(Ornate Letter A)
CHESTER STUART AVERY
JULY 27, 1903
JUNE 24, 1984
MARION BOND AVERY
MAY 14, 1902
DECEMBER 22, 1990

Notes:

Note EV; Chester Avery originally owned Lot G which now belongs to Steele Cameron. Lot A12 originally belong to the Ambroses. The transfers are not completely clear in the Cemetery Records, but it is clear that the families are content with the situation.

ECR: AVERY, CHESTER S.1984, TOWER HILL LOT A12.

ECR: AVERY, MARION BOND, 1990, TOWER HILL, LOT A12.

32) Beetle, Mary



After 2017 Restoration

(Flying Skull)

HERE LIES YE BODY
M^{RS} MARY BEETLE
THE WIFE OF MR.
CHRISTOPHER BEETLE
SHE DIED JANUARY 15,
1746 IN YE
46TH YEAR OF HER LIFE

Notes:

Note RP, page 4: Mary Beetle, wife of Christopher, d. 1-15-1746, 46th yr
EVR cite gravestone. Information matches.

ECR: TOWER HILL, Number 7

3) Bell, Marguerite



MARGUERITE
WIFE OF
RUSSELL DAVENPORT BELL
DIED NOVEMBER 18TH 1968

Notes:

ECR: BELL, MARGUERITE, 1968, TOWER HILL, LOT T

4) Bell, Melville Greenshields



WOOZER
MELVILLE GREENSHIELDS
BELL
DIED IN ITALY
APRIL 30, 1963

Notes:

ECR: BELL, MELVILLE, 1963, TOWER HILL, LOT T

100) Berry, Gretchen Schoof



(Three birds in a circle)

GRETCHEN SCHOOF BERRY
MAY 25, 1943 - JUNE 11, 1998
DAUGHTER OF DOROTHY CLUTHE
AND HERBERT SCHOOF
LOVING WIFE OF ROBERT L. BERRY III
MOTHER OF ERIC SHALER BERRY

Notes:

ECR: BERRY, GRETCHEN, 1998, TOWER HILL, LOT A1

101) Berry, Margaret
Berry, Jr. Robert L.



(Three birds in a circle)

ROBERT L. BERRY, JR.
AUGUST 22, 1921 - DECEMBER 12, 2013
SON OF CAPTAIN ROBERT L. BERRY
AND LUCY LINDABURY
LOVING HUSBAND OF MARGARET WIGHT
MARGARET W BERRY
JUNE 28 1920 - SEPTEMBER 4, 2007
DAUGHTER OF GLADYS SAVAGE
AND ANDREW J. WIGHT
WIFE OF ROBERT L. BERRY

Notes:

ECR: BERRY, ROBERT JR., 2014, TOWER HILL, LOT A1

ECR: BERRY, MARGARET A., 2007, TOWER HILL, LOT A1

99) Berry, III, Robert Lawrence



(Three birds in a circle)

ROBERT LAWRENCE BERRY, III
MARCH 22, 1944 - MARCH 8, 1972
SON OF MARGARET WIGHT
AND ROBERT LAWRENCE BERRY
LOVING HUSBAND OF GRETCHEN SCHOOF
FATHER OF ERIC SLATER

Notes:

ECR: BERRY, ROBERT L., 1972, TOWER HILL, LOT A1

134) Biddle, III, Edward M.



(Flat)
EDWARD M. BIDDLE, III
1927 - 1992

Notes:

ECR: BIDDLE, EDWARD M., III, 1992, TOWER HILL, LOT A40. (Owner Margaret Hufstader.)

144) Blair, II, Charles Johnston



(Flat)

CHARLES JOHNSTON BLAIR II
OCTOBER 6, 1914
DECEMBER 29, 1987

Notes:

ECR: BLAIR, CHARLES J., 1987, TOWER HILL, LOT A39

142) Blair, Fanny Whitney



(Flat)
FANNY WHITNEY BLAIR
AUGUST 10, 1922
JUNE 4, 1983

Notes:

ECR: BLAIR, FANNY W., 1983, TOWER HILL. LOT A39.

143) Blair, John Allan



(Flat)
IN MEMORY OF
JOHN ALLAN BLAIR
APRIL 19, 1919
MAY 18, 2003

Notes:

ECR: BLAIR, JOHN ALLAN, 2003, TOWER HILL. LOT A39.

9) Blair-Smith, Hugh
Blair-Smith, Victoria Meeks



HUGH
BLAIR-SMITH
1938
nihil paribus
VICTORIA MEEKS BLAIR-SMITH
1936
ordo ex conturbatione

Notes:
Neither deceased so no ECRs

102) Bliss, Elmer Jared
Bliss, Edith



ELMER JARED BLISS, JR.
MAY 18, 1904
JUNE 11, 1983
EDITH BARLOW BLISS
APRIL 14, 1903
JUNE 30, 1991

Notes:

ECR: BLISS, E. JARED, 1983, TOWER HILL, LOT B.

ECR: BLISS, EDITH B., 1991, TOWER HILL, LOT B.

110) Bowring, Edward Bonner



(Sloop under sail)

BOWRING

EDWARD BONNER

1911 - 1983

A Staunch & Honorable Man

A Steadfast Friend

A Lover of Ships

& the Seas whereon they Sail.

Notes:

ECR: BOWRING, EDWARD B., 1983, TOWER HILL, LOT Q.

111) Bowring, Helen



(Open Book in Circle)
BOWRING
HELEN HULBERT
Beloved Wife of Bonner
1922-2016
"A good book never ends"

Notes:

ECR: BOWRING, Helen H., 2016, TOWER HILL, LOT Q

56-1) Brady, D. Norman



THE REVEREND
D. NORMAN BRADY
DECEMBER 6, 1919
JANUARY 16, 1978

Notes:

ECR: BRADY, D. NORMAN, 1978, TOWER HILL, LOT A27. (Courtney Dunlop Owner).

178) Braun 3rd, Leopold,



Temporary marker behind Kebler



Temporary Marker

Notes:

Note EV: Braun is buried in the plot marked by John Kebler's stone. He has no gravestone.

ECR: Leopold Braun 3rd. April 8, 2018. Lot A20. (Owned by John A. Kebler.) He is buried in a plot marked by John A. Kepley, Jr. Tower Hill, A20 ECR: KEBLER, JR. JOHN A., 2013, TOWER HILL LOT A20

194) Brooks, Arthur Oakley
Brooks, Barbara Connick



ARTHUR OAKLEY
BROOKS
1911 - 1993
BARBARA CONNICK
BROOKS
1919 - 1993

Notes:

ECR: BROOKS, ARTHUR O., 1993, TOWER HILL, LOT 22A.

ECR: BROOKS, BARBARA C., 1992, TOWER HILL, LOT 22A

170) Brussard, Karen Clough



KAREN CLOUGH BRUSSARD
1953 - 2013
DAUGHTER OF
PETER & SHIRLEY CLOUGH

Notes:

ECR: BRUSSARD, KAREN CLOUGH, 2013, TOWER HILL, LOT A35. (Owner Peter and Shirley Clough.)

31) Butler, Anna



After 2017 Restoration



Footstone

(Flying Skull)

Here lyes Buried ye
body of Mrs ANNA
BUTLER Wife to Mr
THOMAS BUTLER
Aged about 51 yrs
Who departed this Life
Oct^r 1, 1733

Notes:

Note RP, page 4: *Anna Butler, wife of Thomas d, 10-1-1733 ae about 51 yrs.*

EVR cite gravestone, *Butler, Anna, wife, Thomas, Oct. 1, 1732, age about. 51.*

ECR: TOWER HILL, Number 13

72) Butler, Capt. John



After 2017 Restoration

Notes:

Note EV: At first glance, it appears that this gravestone should be easy to read, but the more one looks at it, the more confusing it becomes. After the final restoration work, TaMara Conde of Historic Gravestone Service and I thought we could see the name John Butler at the top of the stone and the date July 21, 1732. Unfortunately, the EVR has no reference to a John Butler dying anywhere near that date. RP also does not mention an unreadable stone in this area of the graveyard.

ECR: Butler, Capt. John? 1732 ? Tower Hill, Number 52

21) Butler, Henry



After 2017 Restoration

(Flying Skull)

HERE LYES YE BODY OF M^R HENRY
BUTLER SON TO M^R HENRY & M^{RS}
SARAH BUTLER HE DIES DEC^R YE 17
1737 IN YE 27 YEAR OF HIS
AGE

When on this stone you cast an Eye
Remember you were Born to Die
Like me in Youth or riper Years
They Reap in joy who sow in Tears
It is said indeed He sowed in Tears
Although He Dyed in youthfull Years
Where Godly sorrow is truly Given
There the Harvest will be Heaven

Notes:

Note RP, page 4: *Henry Butler, son of Henry and Sarah, d. 12-17-1737, 27th yr.*

Note HMP: adds *in his* before 27th year.

EVR cite gravestone. Information matches.

Note EV: No clear source for epitaph on google.

ECR: Henry Butler TOWER HILL, Number 6

73) Butler, Zephaniah



After 2017 Restoration

Footstone

(Flying Skull)
Here lyes ye body
Of Zephaniah
Butler who died
Sept^{ber} ye 15th, 1721
Aged ___ years

Notes:

Note RP, page 2: Zephaniah Butler d. 9-15-1721 ae ___yrs

Note VG: *Here lyes ye body of Zephaniah Butler, who died Sept^{ber} 15th, 1721.*

EVR cite gravestone, *Butler, Zephaniah, Sept. 15, 1721.*

Note EV: There is no listing in the EVR for a birth of a Zephaniah Butler before 1721 so it is not possible to establish his age. It is not on the gravestone.

ECR: Zephaniah Butler, TOWER HILL, Number 33.

30) Cameron Bench



CAMERON BENCH

Notes:

Note EV: 1) Lot G originally belong to Stuart Avery who is buried in Lot A12. . The transfers are not completely clear in the Cemetery Records, but it is clear that the families are content with the situation.

2) Bench has Helen Runyon's and Steele Catherwood's gravestones as end pieces.
TOWER HILL, LOT G.

30-1) Cameron. Helen Runyon



Bunny
HELEN RUNYON
CAMERON
APRIL 26, 1925
SEPTEMBER 29, 1990

Notes:

Note EV: Gravestone serves as one end of a bench. See note on ownership at Cameron Bench.

ECR: CAMERON, HELEN R., 1990, TOWER HILL, LOT G.

30-2) Cameron, Steele Catherwood



STEELE CATHERWOOD
CAMERON
AUGUST 9, 1923
APRIL 11, 1994

Notes:

Note EV: Gravestone serves as one end of a bench. See note on ownership at Cameron Bench.

ECR: CAMERON, STEELE C., 1994, TOWER HILL, LOT G. (Owner Chester Avery.)

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132) Chase, Joseph



After 2017 Restoration

(Flying Skull)

HERE LYES YE BODY OF
MR JOSEPH CHASE
WHO DIED MAY YE 1ST
1749
AGED 60 YEARS, 2
MO^S, & 20 DAYS

Notes:

Note RP, page 1: Jos. Chase d. 5-1-1749 ae 60-2-20

Note HMP: Says Joseph

Note VG: *Here lyes ye body of Mr. Joseph Chase, who died May ye 1st, 1749, aged 60 years, 2 mo^S, & 20 days*

EVR cite gravestone, *Chase, Joseph, May 1, 1749, age 60 years, 2 months, 20 days.*

ECR: Case, Joseph, 1749. TOWER HILL, Number 35.

133) Chase, Lydia



After 2017 Restoration

(Flying Skull)

HERE LYES YE BODY OF
M^{RS} LYDIA CHASE
THE WIDOW OF
M^R JOSEPH CHASE
SHE DIED JULY YE 17TH
1749, AGED 52
YEARS, 2 M^O & 11 D^S

Notes:

Note RP, page 1: *Lydia his widow, d. 7-17-1749 ae 52-2 -11*

Note VG: *Here lyes ye body of Mrs. Lydia Chase, the widow of Mr. Joseph Chase. She died July ye 17th, 1749, aged 52 years, 2 mos & 11 days.*

EVR cite gravestone, *Lydia, widow, Joseph, July 17, 1749, age, 52 years, 2 months, 11 days.*

ECR: Chase, Lydia, 1749. TOWER HILL, LOT 35.

146) Churchill, Faith Dennis



(Flat)

FAITH DENNIS CHURCHILL
1928 - 2003

Notes:

ECR: CHURCHILL, FAITH D., 2003, TOWER HILL, LOT A50.

75) Claghorn, Abiah



After 2017 Restoration

(Flying Skull)

HERE LYES YE BODY OF
ABIAH CLAGHORN WIFE
OF THOMAS CLAGHORN
AGED 31 YEARS & 7 M^o
DEC^d FEB^{RY} YE 10
1730

Note:

RP, page 2: *Abiah Claghorn, wife of Thos. d. 2-10-1730 ae 31-7*

EVR cite gravestone, *Claghorn, Abiah, wife Thomas, Feb. 10, 1730, age 31 years, 7 months.*

EV: Hebrew meaning of Abiah is *My Father is Lord*. Current meaning *She Knows*.

ECR: Claghorn, Abiah, 1730, TOWER HILL. Number 30. (Owner Benjamin Smith, died 1720).

122) Claghorn, James



After 2017 Restoration



Footstone

(Flying Skull)
Here lyes buried
ye body of Mr.
James Claghorn, who
departed this life Jan^{ry} 18th,
1749, aged 60 years
and 5 months

Notes:

Note RP, page 1: *James Claghorn d. 12-18-1749, ae 60-5*

Note VG: *Here lyes buried ye body of Mr. James Claghorn, who departed this life Jan^{ry} 18th, 1749, aged 60 years and 5 months.*

EVR cite gravestone. Information matches.

Note EV: Prior to the 2017 restoration work, it was impossible to identify Mr. Claghorn's gravestone.

ECR: TOWER HILL, Number 43.

71) Cleaveland, Seth



Footstone

(Flying Skull)
Here lyes Buried
ye Body of Mr^r
SETH CLEAUELAND
Who Departed this
life Sept 30th Anno
Domi 1734 Aged 22
Years, 11 Mont^s & 19 Da^s

Notes:

RP, page 2: *Seth Cleveland d. 9-30-1734 ae 22-11-19 (He was son of Ebenezer and Mary Vincent Cleveland)*

Note HMP: says *Sept. 20, 1734.*

Note VC: *Here lyes buried ye body of Mr. Seth Cleaveland who departed this life Sept^r, Anno Domini 1734. Aged 22 years, 11 mos. and 19 days.*

Note EV: An **A** is hand written over the **U** in Cleaueland in records. The letter U was often substituted for a V

EVR cite gravestone. *Cleveland, Seth, son, Ebenezer and Mary Vincent, Sept. 30, 1734, age, 22 year, 11 months, 19 days.*

ECR: SETH CLEAVELAND, 1734, Tower Hill, Number 49.

105) Clough, Louise Monzani



(Circle with weeping willow)

LISA
LOUISE MONZANI CLOUGH
MARCH 29, 1954
JANUARY 6, 1994
WIFE OF
WILLIAM SARGENT CLOUGH
MOTHER OF
COURTNEY SOMERVILLE CLOUGH
AND
WILLIAM TYLER CLOUGH

Notes:

ECR: CLOUGH, LOUISE M., 1994, TOWER HILL, LOT Y. (Owner John & Joanne Monzani.)

171) Clough, Peter Kipp



(Anchor)
PETER KIPP CLOUGH
1922 -2006
HUSBAND OF SHIRLEY
PETIGRUE CLOUGH

Notes:

ECR: CLOUGH, PETER K., (AL), 2006, TOWER HILL, LOT A35.

172) Clough, Shirley Petigrue



(Rose)
SHIRLEY PETIGRUE CLOUGH
1924 - 1995
WIFE OF
PETER KIPP CLOUGH

Notes:

ECR: CLOUGH, SHIRLEY P., 1995, TOWER HILL LOT A35.

67-1) Coffin, Hepzibah
(mother)



After 2017 Reconstruction

Footstone

(Flying Skull)
HERE LYES BURIED
THE BODY OF M^{RS}
HEPZIBAH COFFIN
WIFE OF M^R JOHN
COFFIN AGED 25 YEARS
& 10 M^O DIED DEC^R
YE 30, 1736

Notes:

Note RP, page 2: *Hepsibah Coffin wife of John d. 12-30-1736 ae 25-10*
EVR cite gravestone. Information matches.

ECR: TOWER HILL, Number 45.

67) Coffin, Hepzibah (daughter)



(After 2017 Restoration)

(Flying Skull)
HEPZIBAH COFFIN DAU
OF M^R JOHN & M^{RS}
HEPZIBAH COFFIN
AGED 2 MONTHS
DIED FEB^{RY}. 28,
1736

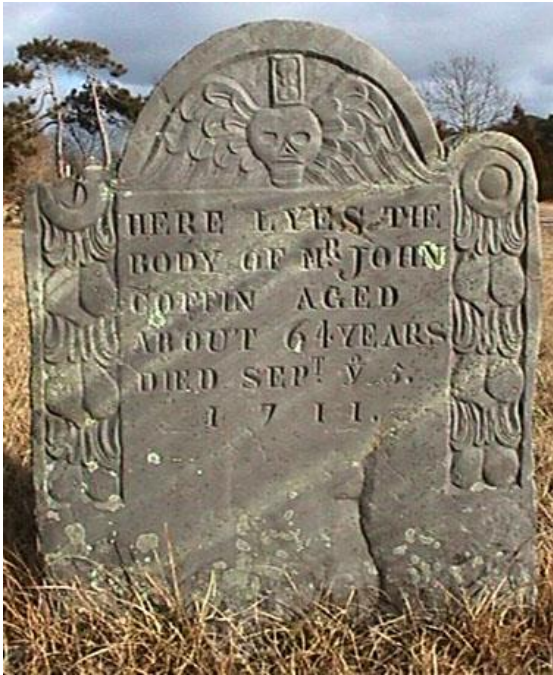
Notes:

Note RP, page 2: *Hepsibah Coffin daughter of John and Hepsibah, d. 2-28-1736-7, ae 0-2-0*
EVR cite gravestone. Information matches.

Note EV: The English used the Old Style Calendar in the early 18th century. In the Old Style calendar, the New Year began in mid-March so Hepzibah's death was recorded in 1736. Under the modern or New Style calendar, she died in 1737.

ECR: TOWER HILL, Number 45.

85) Coffin, John (Page 1)



After 2017 Restoration



Detail



Footstone



Home

Photograph by the MV Preservation Trust

HERE LYES THE
BODY OF M^R JOHN
COFFIN AGED
ABOUT 64 YRS.
DIED SEPT. YE 5th,
1711

Notes:

Note RP, page 3: *John Coffin d. 9-5-1711 ae about 64 yrs.*

EVR cite gravestone. Information matches.

Note EV: Gravestone not only has a flying skull, but an hour glass to stress our mortality.

John Coffin was an Edgartown blacksmith who settled here from Nantucket in 1682.

He was the founder of the Vineyard Coffin family. He was the son of Tristram who was one of the group of men who bought Nantucket from Thomas Mayhew. He lived with his father until 1682 and then moved to the Vineyard. He married Deborah Austin daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Starbuck) Austin of Nantucket in 1668. They had 11 children. She returned to Nantucket after his death.

He built his house at 12 North Water Street in 1703. It is now owned by the MV Preservation Trust.

ECR: TOWER HILL, LOT 18.

58) Colter, Arlene J.
Colter, Richard I



COLTER
RICHARD I.
1920 - 2000
ARLENE J.
1924 - 2007

Notes:

ECR: COLTER, RICHARD I., JR., 2000, TOWER HILL, LOT A42. Veteran and Fire Department markers.

ECR: COLTER, ARLENE J., 2007, TOWER HILL, LOT A42

58-1) Colter, Richard I.



(Cross)

RICHARD I COLTER
US ARMY
WORLD WAR II
JAN 25 1920 FEB 10 2000

Notes:

Note EV: Richard Colter has two gravestones; one which he shares with his wife Arlene, the other a military one provided by the US Government in honor of his military service.

ECR: COLTER, RICHARD I., JR., 2000, TOWER HILL, LOT A42

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?) Convery, Irene

No gravestone

Notes:

ECR: Convery, Irene P, 1976. Tower Hill, Lot V. (Owner, Leo and Alison Convery).

Convery, Leo P.

No gravestone

Notes:

ECR: Convery, Leo P., 1976. Tower Hill, Lot V. (Owner, Leo and Alison Convery).

113) Convery, Elizabeth (Page 1)
Convery, Robert E. (Page 1)



Joint Gravestone
CONVERY
ROBERT E.
1909 - 1997
ELIZABETH
1915 - 1979
We're nearer the stars

Notes:

Note EV: No source for epitaph found on Google. Elizabeth and Robert E. Convery have both 1) a joint gravestone located between two firs and 2) individual gravestones.

107) Convery. Elizabeth (Page 2)



(Flat stone)

ELIZABETH CONVERY

JULY 12, 1915

JUNE 22, 1979

Notes:

ECR: CONVERY, ELIZABETH, 1979, TOWER HILL, LOT A6

108) Convery, Robert E. (Page 2)



(Flat Stone Cross)

ROBERT E. CONVERY
US ARMY AIR FORCES
WORLD WAR II
AUG 22, 1909 - NOV 27, 1997

Notes:

ECR: CONVERY, ROBERT, 1997, TOWER HILL, LOT A6

50) Cooke, John



After 2017 Restoration



With Temple Philip Cooke Gravestone

(Flying Skull)

In Memory of
John Son of Mr
Thomas & Mrs
Abigail Cooke
who Died Dec^r
26, 1766 Aged
20 days

Notes:

Note RP, page 1: John Cooke, son of Thos. & Abigail d. 12-26-1766 ae 20 days

Note HMP: says Thomas}

EVR cite gravestone, *Cooke, John, s. Thomas and Abigail, Dec. 26, 1766, age 20 days.*

ECR: TOWER HILL, Number 37.

51) Cooke, Temple Philip



2017 Restoration



With John Cooke Gravestone

In Memory of
Temple Philip Son of
Mr Thomas & Mrs
Abigail Cooke who
Died
March 7, 1764
Aged 13 days

Notes:

Note RP, page 1: Temple Philip Cooke, son of Thos. & Abigail d. 2-7-1764 ae. 13 days
EVR cite GR2 and private records, *Cooke, Temple Philip, son, Thomas and Abigail,*
Feb. 7, 1764, age. 13 days.

ECR: TOWER HILL, Number 37.