

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.

175) Kessler, John Armstrong



JOHN ARMSTRONG
KESSLER
SEPTEMBER 14, 1923
JUNE 6, 1974

Notes:

ECR: KESSLER, JOHN A., (AL), 1974, TOWER HILL LOT A20.

177) Kebler, Jr., John Armstrong



JOHN ARMSTRONG
KEBLER, JR.
AUGUST 2, 1963
JUNE 25, 2013

Notes:

ECR: KEBLER, JR. JOHN A., 2013, TOWER HILL LOT A20.

175-1) Kessler, Peter Richard



PETER RICHARD
KEBLER
JUNE 3, 1958
NOVEMBER 4, 1983

Notes:

ECR: KEBLER, PETER R., 1982, TOWER HILL, A20.

88) Keene, Doris



DORIS KEENE
1881 - 1945
KNOWEST THOU THIS DEAR LAND

Notes:

Note EV: *Knowest thou that dear land, Mignon's Song, Mignon: Opera in Three Acts*
By Ambroise Thomas.

ECR: This gravestone is located just north of Dr. Carl Muscheheim, A32. There are no records of her burial nor of her owning a plot.

184) Kingsbury, Rev. Samuel



After 2017 Restoration
(Flying Soul)

Footstone

Memento Mori
Rev. Samuel Kingsbury
who died of the small pox
Dec. 30, 1778
ae 42 years, 2 days
He died in virtue and in meakness shine
A learned scholar and a good Divine.

Notes:

Note RP, page 3: *In memory of the Rev. Samuel Kingsbury, who died of the small pox*
Dec. 30, 1778 ae 42-0-2

"He died in virtue and in meakness shine
A learned scholar and a good Divine."

EVR cite 1) church records, *Kingsbury, Samuel, Rev., Dec. 30, 1778, age, 42 years, 2 days*
and 2) gravestone and private record, *small pox*

Note EV: No source on Google for epitaph. Rev. Kingsbury also has a memorial stone
next to the graves of Joseph Thaxter's family plot in old Westside.

ECR: KINGSBURY, SAMUEL, TOWER HILL, Number 16.

176) Kloth, Helen Kathleen Van Ness Kebler



HELEN KATHLEEN
VAN NESS KEBLER
KLOTH
JUNE 28, 1925
JANUARY 27, 1984

Notes:

ECR: KLOTH, HELEN V.K., 1984, TOWER HILL, LOT A20. (Owned by John A. Kebler.)

63) Knowles, George M.



DOCTOR GEORGE M. KNOWLES

NOV. 30, 1899 - AUG. 22, 1991

THE MORE ON EARTH THERE ARE OF LOVING HEARTS
THE MORE WORTH LOVING AND THE MORE THE LOVE
WHICH LIKE A MIRROR EACH TO EACH IMPARTS.

DANTE

Notes:

Note EV: Dante, Purgatory, The Divine Comedy.

ECR: KNOWLES, GEORGE, 1991. TOWER HILL, LOT A18.

62) Knowles, Margaret Rankin



MARGARET RANKIN KNOWLES

MARCH 13, 1910 – APRIL 12, 2002

THE WONDER OF THE WORLD, THE BEAUTY AND THE POWER
THE SHAPE OF THINGS, THEIR COLOR, LIGHTS AND SHADES
THESE I SAW. LOOK YE ALSO WHILE LIFE LASTS

Notes:

ECR: KNOWLES, MARGARET, 2002, TOWER HILL LOT A18.

Note EV: Epitaph is from “an old gravestone” in Cumberland, England.

But who owns Lot 18? Card

59) Kratovil, Jr., Emil Arthur



KRATOVIL
EMIL ARTHUR, JR.
"tovi"
OCTOBER 10, 1940
AUGUST 1, 2011
Brother - Father - Raconteur

Notes:

ECR: KRATOVIL, EMIL JR., 2011, TOWER HILL, LOT A31.

17) Lenssen, Ethel Cleveland



ETHEL CLEVELAND LENSSEN
AUGUST 6, 1908
JULY 26, 1986
WIFE OF
JOHN FINDLAY ALLEN
1933 - 1970
CAMDEN MCVEY
1980 - 1982

Notes:

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

ECR: ALLEN, ETHEL C., 1986, TOWER HILL, LOT A54. She is also listed in ECR under her second husband's name, McVey. He is not buried in Tower Hill.

57) Lewis, Mabel E.



(Flat, Rose)

MABEL E. LEWIS
1910 (rose) 1999

Notes:

Note EV: Mabel Lewis is buried to the north-west of the Colter Family, Lot A42. She could be buried in A56 which belongs to Richard And Priscilla De Roche. There are no records of her burial and she does not own a plot.

ECR: LEWIS, MABEL E., 1999, TOWER HILL, LOT ?

114) Lewis, William



Notes:

Note EV: Cathy Lewis has marked her husband's grave with a 4" heart shaped stone. His name is written in magic marker.

He is buried in front of her mother's grave in LOT A6.

ECR: Lewis, William. Tower Hill, A6. (Owned by Robert Convery.)

155) Little, Lemuel



Lemuel Little
Died March 21, 1723

Notes:

Note RP: *Lemuel Little died 3-21-1723.*

Note HMP: *Several (stones) have disappeared entirely and some are broken into bits. Of these are the stones of Lemuel Little and Mary. One fragment has the letters "ittle" upon it.*

EVR cite gravestone..

{Edward Banks, pp236-237: Lemuel Little (25) came to the Vineyard from Plymouth, He was married to Jane Sarson. Mary Little who is also buried in Tower Hill was the daughter of his old brother Tomas.

Note EV: Gravestone replaced 2016

ECR: Little, Lemuel, 1723. TOWER HILL, Number 26.

154) Little, Mary



After 2017 Restoration

(Flying Skull)
MARY LITTLE DAU^R
OF MR^R THOMAS & MRS^S
JEDIDAH LITTLE
Aged 6 MONTHS &
22 D^S DYED JAN^Y
ye 25th of 1726

Notes:

Note RP, p 3: *Mary Little, daughter of Thos. and Jedidah, d. 1-25-1726-7, ae 0-6-22.*

Note HMP: *Several (stones) have disappeared entirely and some are broken into bits. Of these are the stones of Lemuel Little and Mary. One fragment has the letters "ittle " upon it. She says Thomas rather than Thos.*

EVR cite gravestone. Information matches.

ECR: Little, Mary, 1726. TOWER HILL, Number 26.

86) Logan, John



After 2017 Restoration

(Flying Skull)
Here lyes the
Body of Mr.
JOHN LOGAN
Who Died May
22nd, 1730 Aged
36 Years, 3 Mos

Notes:

Note RP, page 3: *Mr. John Logan, d. 5-22-1730 ae 36-3-0.*

Note VG: *Here lyes the body of Mr. John Logan, who died May ye 22d, 1780, aged 36 years, 3 mos.*

EVR cite gravestone. Information matches.

Note EV: Richard Pease's information corrected above from gravestone.

ECR: Logan, John, 1730. Tower Hill, Number 19. (Owner John Coffin, 1711)

149) Lothrop, Mehetabe



After 2017 Restoration

(Flying Skull)

HERE LIES BURIED YE
BODY OF M^{RS} MEHETAB
LOTHROP WHO
DIED JULY 3, 1733
AGED 60 YEARS

Notes:

RP: Mehetab Lothrop, wife of Thomas, d. July 31, 1733, ae 60 yrs
EVR have nor record of Mrs. Lothro[

Note EV: Gravestone was unreadable pre restoration. Footstone.

ECR: Lothrop, Mehetabe, 1733. TOWER HILL, Number 41.

26) Marlatt, Adrienne F.



HENRY VOSE SPURR
1885 - 1969
CIVIL ENGINEER
LEA FABER SPURR
1893 - 1969
ADRIENNE F. MARLATT
1918 - 1980
LOVING DAUGHTER
MARIE F. MUELLER
1917 - 1999

Notes:

ECR: MARLATT, ADRIENNE, 1980, TOWER HILL, LOT A. (Owned by Henry and Lea Spurr.)

12) McKeron, Helen W.
McKeron, James F.



JAMES F. MCKERNON
MAY 30, 1908
FEBRUARY 27, 1978
HELEN W. MCKERNON
NOVEMBER 19, 1905
APRIL 6, 1986

Notes:

ECR: MCKERNON, JAMES F., 1973, TOWER HILL, LOT X.
ECR: MCKERNON, HELEN, 1986, TOWER HILL, LOT X.

95) McLeod, Emerson F.
McLeod, Patricia Kelly



EMERSON F. THAYER McLEOD
AUG. 19.1919 - JAN. 12, 2007
HIS WIFE
PATRICIA KELLY McLEOD
JUNE 22, 1926 -

Notes:

ECR: McLeod, Emerson, 2007. Tower Hill, Lot A3.

45) Mead, Peter Appeldoorn



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(Scallop Shell)
PETER APPELDOORN
MEAD
APRIL 10, 1924
JANAURY 28, 2010
SARA DUNCAN
MEAD
SEPT. 28, 1934

Notes:

ECR: MEAD, PETER (American Legion), 2010, TOWER HILL, LOT J.

22) Mead, Sumner Wright



SUMNER WRIGHT
MEAD
APRIL 10, 1931 - SEP. 6, 2016

NANCY PRICE
MEAD
JUNE 23, 1934

LOVE IS ETERNAL

Notes:

ECR: MEAD, SUMNER, 2016, TOWER HILL, LOT J.

46) Mead. Ruth Appeldoorn



RUTH APPELDOORN MEAD
JANUARY 3, 1894
FEBRUARY 22, 1994

Notes:

Note EV: *Artist, one of the founders of the Old Sculpin Gallery.*



ECR: MEAD, RUTH, 1994, TOWER HILL, LOT J.

47) Mead, Sumner Adelbert



SUMNER ADELBERT
MEAD
OCTOBER 30, 1892
FEBRUARY 2, 1976

Notes:

ECR: MEAD, SUMNER A., 1976, TOWER HILL, LOT J

6) Meeks, Carol Silvester



In Memory of
CAROL SILVESTER MEEKS
Daughter of
Maurice Silvester of Vienna
and of his wife
Anna Marie Kohler of San Francisco
wife of
Carroll L. V. Meeks
Born in New York City, Sept. 11, 1906
*Remembered for her beauty, wonderful carriage
love of music, sincerely gracious way of life
kindness, tranquility and at last for her courage*

Notes:

ECR; MEEKS, CAROL S., 1965, TOWER HILL, LOT W.

7) Meeks, Carroll Louis Vanderslice,



In memory of
Carroll Louis Vanderslice Meeks
1907- 1966
Son of
Joseph Vanderslice Meeks
and
Mary Benson Sherman
of Bridgeport, Connecticut
Architectural historian
educated at Yale and Harvard
dedicated Yale professor
imaginative scholar and inspiring teacher
champion for the preservation of historical buildings

Notes:

ECR: MEEKS, CARROLL, 1966, TOWER HILL, LOT W.

8) Meeks, Lavinia C.



LAVINIA C. MEEKS
Mirabai

Notes:

No ECR: (Presumably not deceased.)

104) Monzania, Ann Brooks



(Circle with weeping willow)
ANN BROOKS MONZANIA
OCTOBER 15, 1918
AUGUST 25, 1980

Notes:

ECR: MONZANI, ANN, 1980, TOWER HILL, LOT Y.

106) Monzani Jr., John Theobaldo



(Weeping Willow in Circle)
JOHN THEOBALDO MONZANI JR.
JUNE 17 1819 - APRIL 3, 1969
LIEUT. COL FIELD ARTILLERY 1941 - 1946
SON OF HELEN HAYWARD AND
JOHN THEOBALDO MONZANI
OF WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT
HUSBAND OF JOANNE VIAL
FATHER OF SUSAN, LOUISE AND CAROLINE

Notes:

ECR: MONZANI, JOHN T., JR (AL), 1969, TOWER HILL, LOT Y.

26) Mueller, Marie F.



HENRY VOSE SPURR
1885 - 1969
CIVIL ENGINEER
LEA FABER SPURR
1893 - 1969
ADRIENNE F. MARLAFF
1918 - 1980
LOVING DAUGHTER
MARIE F. MUELLER
1917 - 1999

Notes:

ECR: MUELLER, MARIE F., 1998, TOWER HILL, LOT A. (Own by Henry Spurr).

89) Muscheheim, Dr. Carl



CARL MUSCHEHEIM, M. D.
1905 - 1977

Notes:

ECR: MUSCHENHEIM, CARL, 1977, TOWER HILL, LOT. A32..

190) Nelson, Harriet Allen



HARRIET ALLEN NELSON
JUNE 21, 1915
FEBRUARY 22, 1986

Notes:

ECR: NELSON, HARRIET A., 1986, TOWER HILL, LOT A11.

191) Nelson, William Henry



(Circle with anchor)
WILLIAM HENRY NELSON JR.
SEPTEMBER 8, 1914
JUNE 22, 1971
LIEUT. U. S. N. R. NAVY WORLD WAR II

Notes:

ECR: NELSON, WILLIAM H. JR., (American Legion), 1971, TOWER HILL, LOT A11.

192) Neuhoff, Geoffrey Houghton



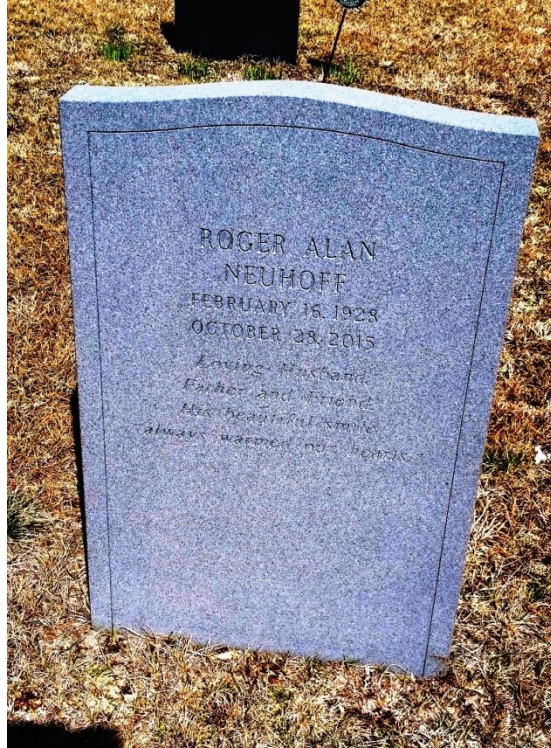
GEOFFREY HOUGHTON
NEUHOFF
JANUARY 1, 1953
JULY 22, 2013
*"Good night, Sweet Prince,
and flights of angels
sing thee to thy rest."*

Notes:

Note EV: Hamlet, William Shakespeare, Act V, Scene II.

ECR: NEUHOFF, GEOFFREY, 2012, TO+WER HILL, LOT A16.

193) Neuhoff, Roger A.



ROGER ALAN
NEUHOFF
FEBRUARY 16, 1926
OCTOBER 28, 2015
*Loving husband
Father and friend
His beautiful smile
Always warmed our hearts.*

Notes:

ECR: NEUHOFF, ROGER A, 2015, TOWER HILL, LOT A16.

127) Newman, John



After 2017 Restoration



Footstone

In memory of
John Newman, Esq^r
who died
Dec^r ye 1st, 1763
in the 43rd year of his age

Notes:

Note RP, page 1: *John Newman, Esq., d.12-1-1763, 43 rd year*

Note VG: *In memory of John Newman, Esq^r who died Dec^r ye 1st, 1763, in the 43rd year of his age.*

EVR cite gravestone and private record. Information matches.

Note EV: Gravestone was unreadable until it was restored in 2017. It can be identified by the three letters of the name NEW and the date of his death. Top section of slate is lost.

ECR: Newman, John, 1763. TOWER HILL, Number 35.

128) Newman, Mary



After 2017 Restoration

Footstone

(Flying Skull)

Mary Newman

mother of

Rev. John Newman

pastor of the Church of Christ in this town

who died Sept. 28, 1755

in the 71st year of her Age

Notes:

RP, page 1: *Mary Newman, mother of Rev. John Newman pastor of the Church of Christ in this town. d. 9-28-1755, 71st year.*

EVR cite gravestone. Number 35.

35) Norton, Bayes



After 2017 Restoration



Footstone

(Flying Soul)
Memento Mori
In memory of
Bayes Norton
who died March 1st, 1785
in ye 87 year of his
Age

Notes:

Note RP, page 4: *Bayes Norton d. 3-1-1785, 87 yr of his age.*

Note VG: *In memory of Mr. Bayes Norton, who died March 1st, 1785 in ye 87th year of his age.*

EVR cite gravestone. Information matches.

ECR: TOWER HILL, Number 10.

83) Norton, Deborah



After 2017 Restoration

Deborah Norton, widow
of Ebenezer Norton, Esq.
Died Dec. 3, 1772

In the 92nd year of her Age
*Shade-like my days decline away
And like the withered grass I fall;
But Lord Thou dost abide for aye
Thy memory eke to ages all.*

Notes:

Note RP, page 3: *Deborah Norton, his widow, d. 12-3-1772, 92: Epitaph as listed.*

Note HMP: adds *in her* before 92nd year.

EVR cite 1) gravestone, *Norton, Deborah, widow, Ebenezer, Dec. 3, 1772, in 92d year* and 2) private record, *Dec. 2, age 93.*

Note EV: No source found on Google. Even after the Restoration work, the gravestone is badly damaged and so difficult to read. TMC believes it belongs to a Widow Norton. Deborah is the only Widow Norton and the death dates match.

ECR: Norton, Deborah, 1772. TOWER HILL, Number 31.

82) Norton, Ebenezer



After 2017 Restoration

Footstone

(Flying Soul)
In Memory of
Ebenezer Norton, Esq.
Died April 11, 1769
In his 79th Year

Notes:

Note RP, page 3: *Ebenezer Norton, Esq. d. 4-11-1769, 79th yr.*

Note HMP: adds *in his* before 79th year.

EVR cite gravestone and private record. Information matches.

ECR: Norton, Ebenezer, 1769. TOWER HILL, Number 31.

33) Norton, John



After 2017 Restoration

Footstone

HERE LYES BURIED YE
BODY OF JOHN
NORTON ONE OF HIS
MAJESTIE'S CORONERS
HE DIED DEC^R YE 6,
1730 AGED
ABOUT 56 YRS.

Notes:

Note RP, page 4: *John Norton, one of his Majestie's coroners, d. 12- 6-1730 ae about 56 yrs.*

Note HMP: one of his majesties coroners.

EVR cite gravestone, *Norton, John, Dec. 6, 1730, age about 56.*

ECR: Norton, John, 1730. TOWER HILL, LOT 5

84) Norton, Joseph



After 2017 Restoration

(Flying Skull)
HERE LYES BURIED
THE BODY OF
JOSEPH NORTON, ESQ.
AGED 89 YEARS &
10 MONTHS DIED JAN^Y
30, 1741

Notes:

Note RP, page 3: *Joseph Norton, Esq.d. 1-30-1741-2 ae 89-10-*
EVR cite gravestone. Information matches.

ECR: TOWER HILL, NUMBER 17.

37) Norton, Mary 1740



(Flying Skull)
MARY NORTON
DAUG^R TO M^R. JOHN
& M^{RS} HEPZIBAH
NORTON AGED
6 YEARS 7 4 DAYS
_____ 1740

Notes:

Note RP: *Mary Norton, daughter of John and Hepsibah, d. 11-21-1740 ae 6 -0-4*

Note HMP: DAUGHTER}

EVR cite 1) town records, *Norton, Mary, child, John and Hepzibah, Nov. 20, 1740* and 2) gravestone, *John and Hepsibah, Nov. 21, age 6 years, 4 days.*

Note EV: Gravestone is difficult to read. Information reconstructed from Pease records.

ECR: NORTON, MARY, 1740, TOWER HILL, Number 8

34) Norton, Mary 1754



After Restoration
(Flying Skull)

MARY NORTON
WIFE OF MR.
BAYES NORTON
WHO DEPARTED THIS
LIFE MARCH, 13, 1754
AGED - 58 YRS.

Notes:

Note RP, page 4: *Mary Norton, his wife d. 3-13-1754 ae 58 yrs.*

EVR cite gravestone, *Norton, Mary, wife Bayes, Mar. 13, 1754, age 58.*

EV: Information reconstructed from records.

ECR: Norton, Mary, 1754. TOWER HILL, Number 11.

24) Norton, (Mrs.) Mary 1779



After 2017 Restoration

(Flying Skull)
IN MEMORY OF
M^{RS} MARY NORTON
WIFE OF
DEA. MATTHEW NORTON
DEPARTED THIS LIFE
DEC^R 13, 1779
AGED 80 YEARS & 4 M^ONotes:

Note RP, page 4: *Mary his wife died 12-13-1779 ae 80-4-*
EVR cite gravestone. Information matches.
ECR: Norton, Mary, 1779. TOWER HILL, Number 3

23) Norton, (Miss) Mary Norton 1781



After 2017 Restoration

Mary Norton,
MARY NORTON
1781

Notes:

Note EV: This appears to be a footstone rather than a headstone. There is a gravestone for a Miss Mary Norton who died in 1781. It is number 25.

ECR: No record as this is a footstone. It has been assigned as Number 4.

168) Norton, (Miss) Mary 1781



After 2017 Restoration

(Flying Skull with cross bones)

In Memory of
MISS MARY NORTON
Daughter of
BERIAH NORTON ESQ.
& ANN FRANCIS his Wife
Departed this life
Sep^r, 23rd, 1781
Aged 6 years,
11 months, & 8 days

Notes:

Note RP, page 2: *Mary Norton, daughter of Beriah & Ann Francis, D. 9-2-1781 ae 6-1 -8.*
EVR cite 1) gravestone, *Norton, Mary, daughter, Beriah and Ann Frances, Sept. 23, 1781,*
age 6 years, 11 months, 8 days and 2) private record, *Polly, "choaked to Death by a Bean in*
her Wind Pipe," age 7.

ECR: Norton, Mary, 1781. TOWER HILL LOT 25.

25) Norton, Matthew



After Restoration

Footstone

(Flying skull)
IN MEMORY OF
DEA. MATTHEW NORTON
DEC. 5, 1779
AE 82 YEARS
7 MONTH, 13 DAYS

Notes:

Note RP, page 4: Dea. Matthew Norton. d. 12-5-1779, ae 82-7-13

EVR cite 1) gravestone, Norton, *Matthew, Deacon, Dec. 5, 1779, age, 82 years, 7 months, 13 days* and 2) private record, *Dec. 5, 1778, age 84.*

Note EV: Before the 2017 restoration only the name was readable on the on this gravestone. Now with the help of RP's list, it's has been possible to reconstruct the full inscription.

ECR: TOWER HILL, Number 2.