

OLD BURYING GROUND

The Old Burying Ground is a historic cemetery that dates back to the 18th century. The cemetery holds the remains of many early settlers, Revolutionary War veterans and prominent figures from Holden's past. The Old Burying Ground has almost 200 memorial stones, with persons buried here being born as early as 1667. The land was given to the town on April 13, 1759 by Daniel Henchman, Esq. of Boston and served Holden until 1826 when land was acquired for the Park Avenue Cemetery.

Some of the gravestones may have interesting inscriptions or elaborate carvings, giving you a glimpse into the art and culture of the time. In addition, several of the existing trees were planted by Col. Jarvis Abbott in the mid-1800s.

The Old Burying Grounds is the final resting place of some of Holden's earliest settlers, including:

- Lieut. Simon Davis, 1763
- Lieut. John Abbott, 1799
- Rev. Joseph Davis, 1799
- Capt. Amos Heywood, 1814
- Dea. Elisha Hubbard, 1814
- Doc. Isaac Chenery, 1822 and his wife, Susanna, 1820
- Rev. Joseph Avery, 1824
- Mrs. Mary Avery, 1842

