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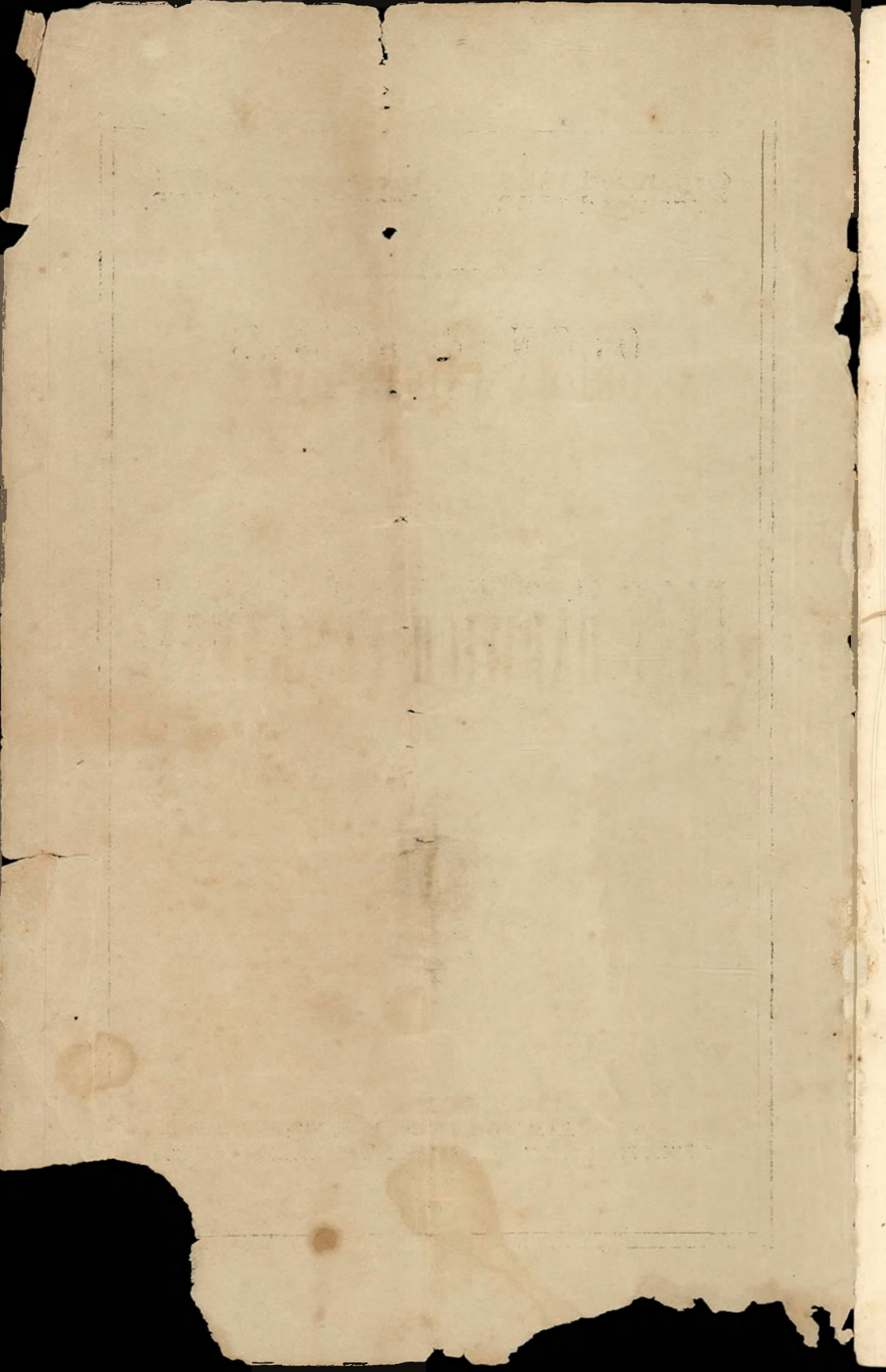
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Origin of East Harwich Cemetery.

In the Spring of 1858, Jonathan Buck and D. S. Steel of East Harwich, feeling that the place for the burial of the dead was not sufficiently large to supply the demands made upon it, enlisted with them Capt. Samuel Ryder of Chatham, John Kenney and Oliver Eldredge of East Harwich, who took the matter in charge, and made immediate application for land adjoining East Harwich grave yard, for that purpose; and as said land could not be procured "by them" *at any price*, concluded to purchase a piece of land a short distance north of the church, on Chatham and Brewster County road. This lot of land purchased of Jacob Smith and Isaac B. Kendrick, contained two acres, and on the 1st day of Nov. 1858, this beautiful level spot of land was fenced, divided in eighty-eight lots, each lot being 18 x 26 ft., and with carriage pass to each lot. On the 14th of Nov., twelve lots were sold for choice at public auction.

Ninth day of Dec. 1858, the remains of Mr. Jonathan Buck and Lovell S., grandson of Jonathan Buck, were removed from East Harwich grave yard to the Cemetery, and on the 16th of the same month the remains of Eliza J., daughter of Danforth S. Steel were removed to East Harwich Cemetery, and the monument now at the head of her grave was the first monument erected in the new Cemetery.

At a meeting of the proprietors Dec. 15th, 1874, it was thought advisable to call a meeting for the purpose of enlarging our borders and have the Cemetery incorporated, sixty-four of the most available lots being sold, and on the 18th of January, 1875, the proprietors voted to incorporate, and chose a committee to pur-

chase an additional two acres of land of David Kendrick and Charles M. Holmes;—the land is now secured, trees set, avenues worked, park built, and a commodious house for tools, brick lime, etc., with a well of water in the same—the whole containing one hundred and eighty lots. As we enter we are reminded of our mortality by the Declaration of Genesis, 3d, 19th: “For dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return,” neatly painted on signs on front park. Appropriate mottos meet the eye of visitors at every avenue, while walking over the grounds. The original committee, all of whom are alive, “with the exception of Capt. Samuel Ryder, of blessed memory,” congratulate themselves in doing a good deed and at the right time. And now we cordially invite all of our friends, more especially young men, to secure in this well governed corporation, a lot which will give them the most ample guarantee that it will in the future be well cared for, after the originators of this most successful enterprise are buried beneath its sacred clods.

JONATHAN BUCK,	} Trustees.
DANFORTH S. STEEL,	
JOHN KENNEY,	

BY -- LAWS

— OF THE —

East Harwich Cemetery Corporation.

Organized, Nov. 1, 1858.

Incorporated, Jan. 18, 1875.

NAME.

ART. I. This organization shall be known as the East Harwich Cemetery Corporation.

OFFICERS.

ART. 2. This corporation shall be managed by the following named officers: Superintendent, Clerk and Treasurer, all of which shall act *ex-officio* with five others, who shall constitute a Board of Directors, to be elected annually by ballot, and serve until others are chosen and qualified.

ART. 3. A Sexton may be appointed by the Directors of this Corporation annually.

ART. 4. The Superintendent, Clerk, Treasurer and senior Director, shall constitute a Board of Trustees, unless chosen at the annual meeting.

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

ART. 5. Each proprietor may enclose his or her lot by erecting a fence within its limits; said lot shall not be used for any purpose other than as a place for the burial of the dead, the erection of suitable Stones, Monuments, Cenotaphs and Sepulchres, and setting of Trees, Plants and Shrubs.

RESTRICTIONS AND REGULATIONS.

- ART. 6. If any Trees or Shrubs shall by their roots, branches or otherwise, become detrimental to the adjacent lots or avenues, or inconvenient to passengers, it shall be the duty of the Directors to remove such Trees or Shrubs or such parts thereof as are detrimental or inconvenient.
- ART. 7. If any Monument, Structure or any Inscription is placed in or upon any lot, which shall be deemed by the Directors offensive or improper, it shall be their duty to remove such offensive or improper objects.
- ART. 8. No person shall take from any road, avenue or other part of the Cemetery, anything growing thereon, without permission from the Superintendent.

DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENT.

- ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to have the fences kept in good repair; the front fence painted once in two years; the other fence white-washed once in two years, and the iron gate painted each year, unless otherwise ordered by the Directors.
- ART. 10. A lot for the use of those who are unable to purchase, shall be reserved for their use, and place assigned them by the Superintendent. Each applicant shall place a slab at the head of such grave, bearing name and date of burial, and leave a record of the same with the Clerk, to be recorded in a book kept for the purpose.
- ART. 11. All persons buying lots shall have them worked satisfactory to the Superintendent within sixty days, or at the discretion of the Superintendent, within five months from the time of purchase.
- ART. 12. The Superintendent may cause all lots to be worked at the expense of the owner of said lots after five months from the date of sale, should the conditions of the 11th article not be complied with.

DUTY OF DIRECTORS.

- ART. 13. It shall be the duty of the Directors, after giving ten days notice to the owner thereof, to cut down edges and put in good repair all lots worked over the line, at the expense of said owner.

FINANCES.

- ART. 14. All surplus monies arising from the sale of lots shall be held at interest as a reserve fund, to be expended only for the improvement of this Cemetery.
- ART. 15. All money in the hands of the Treasurer, when it shall amount to ten dollars, shall be deposited in the Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank in the name of the East Harwich Cemetery Corporation.
- ART. 16. All demands for money from any deposit shall be through the Treasurer of this Corporation by vote of the Trustees.
- ART. 17. The Treasurer may borrow money and give his note in behalf of this corporation, when approved by a majority of the Trustees and Directors.

CERTIFICATES.

- ART. 18. No certificate for lot shall be given until the lot is paid for.
- ART. 19. Certificates for lots shall be signed by the Superintendent and countersigned by the Treasurer, bearing seal of Corporation.
- ART. 20. All proprietors will be furnished with a copy of the By-laws of this Corporation.

CONFORMITY TO GENERAL STATUTES.

- ART. 21. Lots in this Cemetery shall be held subject to the provisions contained in the general Statutes of Massachusetts concerning Cemeteries.

RECORDS.

ART. 22. Prior to the adjournment of any meeting of this Corporation the records of such meeting shall be read and approved.

CALLING OF MEETINGS.

ART. 23. All meetings shall be called by the Clerk's posting a notice of the meeting in East Harwich M. E. Church and East Harwich Post Office, fourteen days previous to the holding of such meeting. The meetings shall be held annually in the month of December in East Harwich M. E. Church, unless some other suitable place is provided by the Clerk, and seven proprietors shall constitute a quorum.

AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS.

ART. 24. These By-laws may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the proprietors present, notice of such alteration or amendment having been given in the call for the meeting.

East Harwich Cemetery Corporation.

Lot No. *119/119* Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Certificate No. *13*

Be it known, That *Emory L. Jewell*
of *Harwich* in consideration of *Five Dollars*
is Proprietor of Lot Numbered *119* in

East Harwich Cemetery Corporation,
not transferable, and is recorded on the Books of the Corporation.

East Harwich, Mass., *April 10* 18*75*

Jonathan Buck Superintendent.

Countersigned, *Danforth S. Stet* Clerk.

