



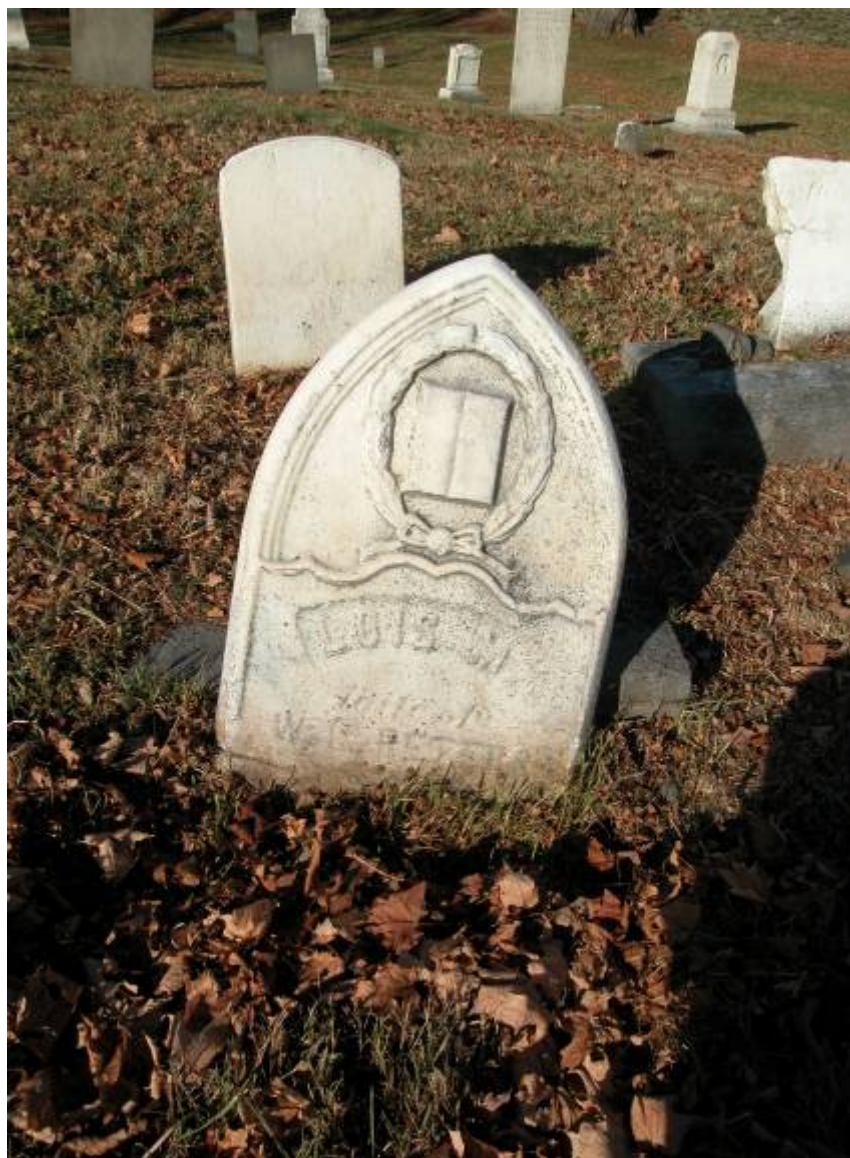
The following photographs were taken by John Hoeschele (Cortland, jhoeschele@gmail.com) at the South Cortland Cemetery in 2009 and 2010 with the intent of capturing all head- and footstones visible/in evidence at that time; those transcriptions (including fragments or ambiguous markings) written in black were captured concurrently to the photography. Red text, by contrast, is the result of comparing the 2009-2010 transcriptions with those transcriptions by Katherine Worden Cutts (Cortland) in her survey of the same site in 1932. (Ms. Cutts' transcriptions are available at the Cortland County Historical Society.)

Some observations about this comparative exercise:

- 1) It goes without saying that the transcriptions taken in 1931 are more complete and comprehensive than those taken in 2009-10, given the deterioration, damage, and (in some cases) complete disappearance of headstones over the nearly 80 intervening years. (One can, of course, attribute the decline of these artifacts to the usual causes: weather, the frost cycle, vegetation, vandalism, damage during well-intentioned care/repair, gravity, air pollution, etc.)
- 2) Because, in many cases, today's headstones or headstone remnants yield only one or two discernable markings (phrases, names, dates, ages), today's transcriptionist can only compare these "clues" to the higher-integrity transcriptions from 1932 in hopes of establishing perfect matches. That being said, since perfect matches are not always possible, we are left to make best guesses.
- 3) For archeology's sake, and because they can offer us additional clues, the 2009-10 effort includes footstones (which, typically, only contain first and last or first and second initials) --, whereas Ms. Cutts' 1932 survey did not. Again, best guesses as to whose footstones belong to whom are put forward here, matching, to the extent possible, the initials on these stones with those names and initials on nearby headstones.

On the whole, this comparison can only improve the accuracy of the more recent site survey. Perhaps as important, this comparison makes it clear that cemeteries like the one at South Cortland are degenerating rapidly and should be documented before they are gone forever.

JH
January 29, 2011



Headstone

2009-10

Lois M. Wife of _____ Peters

1932

Lois M. Wife of W. D. Peters d. Dec. 29, 1885
aged 40 yrs.



South
Cortland
Cemetery



Footstone

2009-10

Rose _____

1932

[footstones not recorded; however, the 1931 transcription alludes to headstone (possibly the destroyed stone shown in rear): Phebe A. Hawley d. Oct. 29, 1889 aged 55 yrs (stone marked “Rose”)]



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Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Daniel R. Hawley d. Nov. 29, 1894 Aged
38 yrs

1932

[same as above]



Headstone

2009-10

Amanda N. _____

1932

Amanda N. Francis, daughter of B. and A., d.
March 31, 1854 aged 2 yrs, 4 mo.



South
Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

JN (Possibly Joanna (N?) Cole; further re-
search needed)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



Headstone

2009-10

Joanna Cole Wife of John Cole d. ___, 1825
Aged 45 yrs, 3 mos

1932

Joanna Cole Wife of John Cole d. Dec. 31,
1825 Aged 45 yrs, 3 mos

Believe this is Mr. Cole's first wife — JH



Headstone

2009-10

Elizabeth Cole Wife of Capt John Cole
d. January 7, 1842 Aged 38 yrs, 3 mos.

1932

[same as above]

Believe this is Mr. Cole's second wife — JH



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Cortland
Cemetery



Footstone

2009-10

JM (most likely John McNish)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Cortland
Cemetery



Footstone

2009-10

EM (most likely Eliza McNish)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



Headstone

2009-10

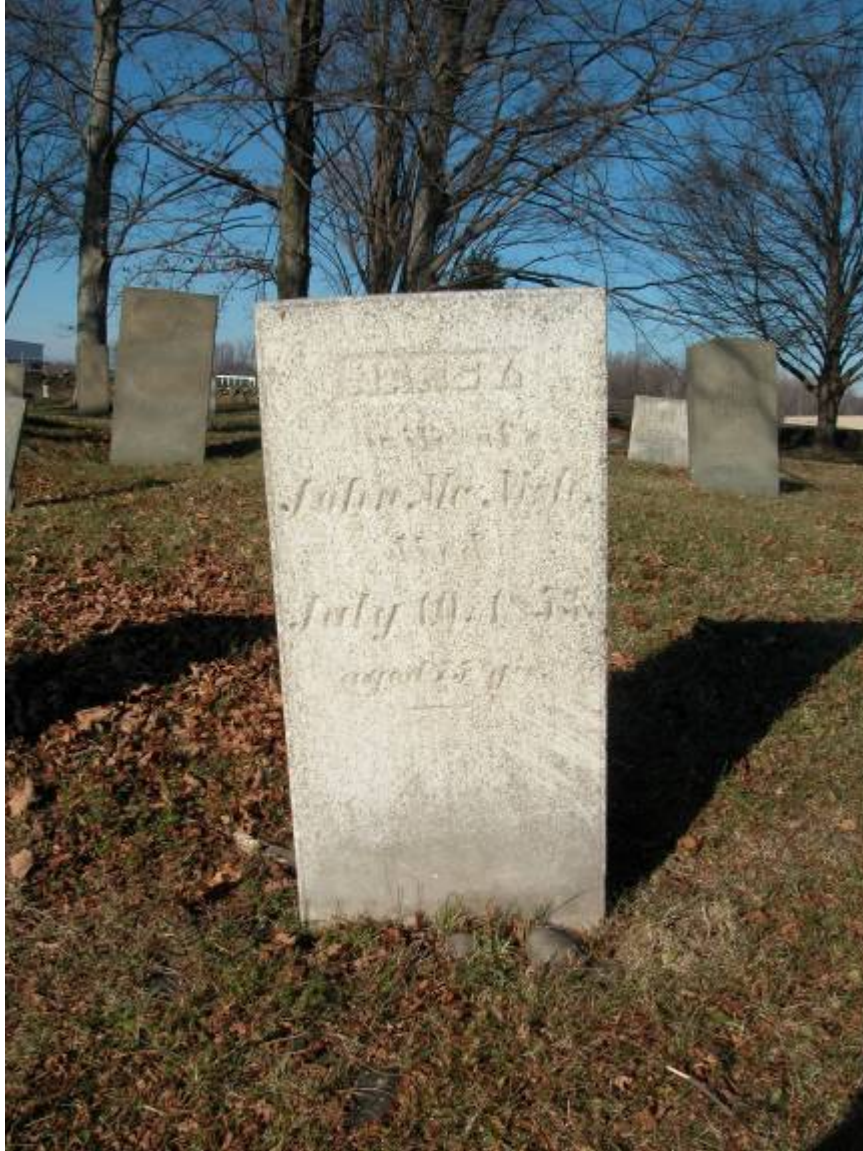
John McNish d. Dec 30, 1849 Aged ____
yrs

1932

John McNish d. Dec 30, 1849 Aged 90 yrs



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Headstone

2009-10

Nancy McNish Wife of John McNish d.
July 10, 18__ Aged __ yrs

1932

Nancy McNish Wife of John McNish d.
July 19, 1856 Aged 75 yrs



Headstone

2009-10

_____ d. ____, 184_, Aged 21

1932

[no obvious match found; further research needed]



South
Cortland
Cemetery



Footstone

2009-10

JDC (possibly Joanna [D?] Cole or
John Calvert; further research needed)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



South
Cortland
Cemetery



Footstone

2009-10

JMM (likely J. Madison McNish son of
Samuel & Maria L. McNish)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

J. Madison Son of Samuel & Maria L.
McNish d. Jan. 19, 1858

1932

J. Madison Son of Samuel & Maria L.
McNish d. Jan. 19, 1858 Aged 14 yrs, 5
mo, 10 d



South
Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Martha V. McNish Daughter of Samuel & Maria
McNish d Oct. 11, 1861 Aged 11 yrs, ____ mos

1932

Martha V. McNish Daughter of Samuel & Maria
McNish d Oct. 11, 1861 Aged 11 yrs, 10 mos



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Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Mrs. _____ Wife of Selden Andreus
d. Aug. 20, 1831 Aged 42 yrs

1932

Mrs. Alma Andreus Wife of Selden Andreus
d. Aug. 20, 1831 Aged 42 yrs



South
Cortland
Cemetery



Footstone

2009-10

MAR (most likely May A. Reed)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

_____ Cal

1932

John Calvert d. Aug. 1808 Aged 77 yrs



South
Cortland
Cemetery



Not known if
headstone or
footstone

2009-10

Marker obliterated

1932



Footstone

2009-10

A.A. (Likely Almond D. or Alma Andreus)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



Headstone

2009-10

Almond D. Andreus Son of Selden & Alma
Andreus d. Sept. 4, 1828 Aged 8 yrs, 10 mos

1932

[same as above]



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Headstone

2009-10

Isaac N. Hoyt d. March __, 1847

1932

Isaac N. Hoyt d. March 4, 1847 Aged 4
yrs, 24 days only son of Isaac & P.A.



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Cemetery



Footstone

2009-10

A.M. (possibly Amanda M. Francis daughter of B. & A., d. Mar. 31, 1854, 2 yrs, 7 mos OR Alric Marshall son of Charles & Mary, d. Oct. 28, 1839 21 yrs)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Cortland
Cemetery



Footstone

2009-10

LMM (possibly Lydia Marshall OR
Lavander Main; more research needed)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Perry G. Davis
1825-1875

Sara Ann Davis
1840-1890

1932

[stone erected after 1931, presumably by
descendents]



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Footstone

2009-10

Avis Anne (most likely Avis Anne Davis,
daughter of William W. & Charlotte M.)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Cemetery



Footstone

2009-10

William (most likely William A. Davis, son
of William W. & Charlotte M.)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Cortland
Cemetery



2009-10

CD (possibly Charles Davis; more research
needed)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



2009-10

William A. Davis d. July 9, 1865 Aged 10 yrs, 6 mos /
Avis Anne Davis d. Oct. 14, 1849 Aged 7 mos, 12 days
Children of Warren W. & Charlotte M. Davis

1932

[same as above]



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Footstone

2009-10

Lottie (most likely Lottie F. Davis)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



Headstone

2009-10

Lottie F. Davis Wife of Warren W. Davis
d. July 26, 1889 Aged 32 yrs, 2 mos, 26 days

1932

[same as above]



Headstone

2009-10

Charles Davis d. Nov. 6, 1838 Aged 47 yrs

1932

[same as above; 1931 notes also reads
“grandfather’s brother of Herbert Davis”]



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Cortland
Cemetery



Footstone

2009-10

JC (possibly John Calvert; more research needed)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Probably
footstone

2009-10

HC

1932

(footstones not recorded but possibly Hamilton E. Chapin son of Nathan & Matilda, d. March 21, 1842 3 yrs, 10 mos, 21 days OR Henry Chapin d. May 27, 1845 26 yrs, 9 mos)



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Headstone

2009-10

Eliza Davis Wife of Charles Davis b. April
21, 1798 d. Nov 12, 1865

1932

[same as above]



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Cemetery



2009-10

Electa May Daughter of Joseph & Catherine E.
May Oct. 7, 1841 Aged 1 yr, 4 mo, 16 days

1932

[same as above]



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2009-10

LC

1932

[footstones not recorded, but likely Lester
Chapin d. April 17, 1837, 27 years)



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Footstone

2009-10

L JC (most likely Lucy J. Chapin daughter of James
& Jane C d. June 26, 1834 Aged 11 yrs)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Cemetery



Footstone

2009-10

MMJ (most likely Mary M. Jarvis daughter of
Alvah & Rachel d. March 4, 1937 16 yrs, 5 mo.)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Mary M Jarvis daughter of Alvah & Rachel
Jarvis d. March 4, 1837 Aged 16 yrs, 5 mos

1932

[same as above]



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Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Jane C. Chapin wife of James Chapin d.
March 1, 1861 Aged 74 yrs

1932

[same as above]



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Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

James Chapin d. March 31, 1856

1932

James Chapin d. March 31, 1856 Aged 76
yrs.



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Headstone

2009-10

_____ d. May 27, 1845 Aged _6 yrs, 9 mos

1932

Henry D. Chapin d. May 27, 1845 Aged 26 yrs,
9 mos



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Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Headstone obliterated

1932



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Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Lester Chapin d. April 17, 1837 Aged 27 yrs

1932

[same as above]



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Footstone

2009-10

HEC
ABC

1932

[footstones note recorded, but likely Hamilton E. Chapin and Amaziah E. Chapin]



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Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Hamilton E Chapin d. March 21, 1842 Aged 3 yrs, 10 mos,
21 days / Amaziah B. Chapin d. April 2, 1842 5 yrs, 11mos,
26 days Sons of Nathan & Matilda Chapin

1932

[same as above]



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Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Lucy Osborn wife of Ransom Osborn
d. Nov. 24, 1838 Aged 24 yrs, 6 mos, 14 days

1932

[same as above]



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Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

MM (most likely Mary Marshall daughter of
George & Mary d. Nov. 10, 1836 16 yrs)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

William W. Marshall d. Nov. 22, 1867
Aged 54 yrs, 1 mo, 11 days

1932

[same as above]



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Cemetery



Footstone

2009-10

LM (most likely Lydia wife of William W. Marshall)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Cemetery



Not known if
headstone or
footstone

2009-10

Marker obliterated

1932



Headstone

2009-10

Mary Marshall daughter of George & Mary
Marshall d. Nov. 10, 1838 Aged 16 yrs.

1932

[same as above]



Headstone

2009-10

Poll_ wife of George Marshall d. June 2_,
_____ Aged 43

1932

Polly Marshall d. June 23, 1854 Aged 63 yrs



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Footstone in
rear

2009-10

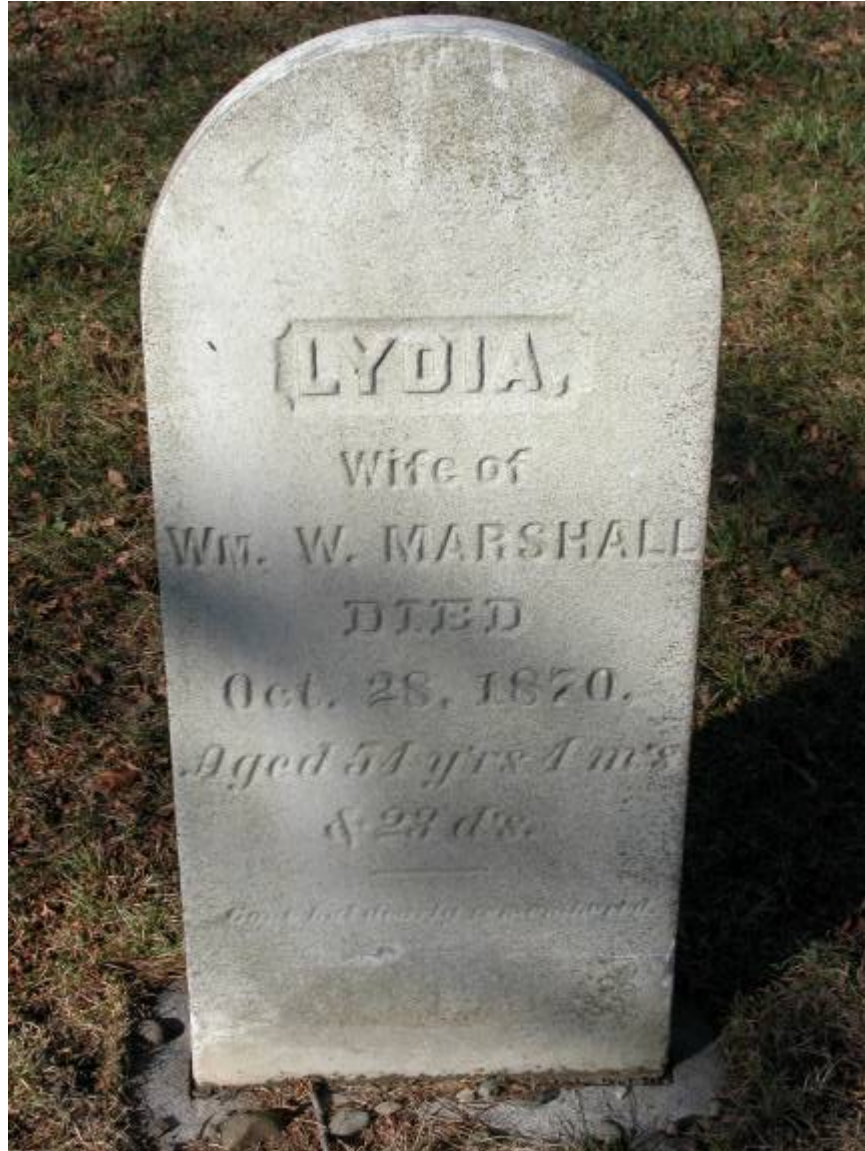
WWM

1932

[footstones not recorded, but most likely
William M. Marshall]



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Headstone

2009-10

Lydia Marshall wife of William Marshall d. Oct.
28, 1970 Aged 54 yrs, 4 mos, 28 days

1932

[same as above]



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Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Chester Hard son of John S. & Henriett Hard
d. May 4, 1837 Aged 2 yrs, 4 mos

1932

[same as above]



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Cemetery



Footstone

2009-10

CH (most likely Charles Hard)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Cemetery

Where is John
Daboll...
d. 1829
76 yrs



Headstone

2009-10

Anstis wife of John Daboll d. June 9, 1845
Aged 82 yrs

1932

[same as above]



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Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Francis Willcox Bradley's Ct. Mil. Rev. War

1932

[same as above, except also: d. 1847, 90 yrs]

Bradley's Connecticut Militia, Revolutionary War



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Cortland
Cemetery



Footstone

2009-10

J C (could be John Calvert, Jane. C. Chapin,
or Joanna Cole?)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Cortland
Cemetery



Not known if
headstone or
footstone

2009-10

Marker obliterated

1932



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Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Percy wife of Daniel P. Walsworth d. July 28,
1837 Aged 39 yrs, 4 mos, 12 days

1932

[same as above]



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Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Daniel P. Walsworth d. Sept. 6, 1849 59 yrs, 2
mos, 19 days

1932

[same as above]



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Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Mr. Revilo Ford d. July 27, 1820 Aged 41 yrs

1932

[same as above]



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Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

___ver C. Ford d. Oct. 14, 1839 Aged ___ yrs
Serepta, his wife _____

1932

Alver C. Ford d. Oct. 14, 1839 Aged 31 yrs /
Serepta, his wife d. Sept. 5, 1883 Aged 72



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Cortland
Cemetery



Footstone

2009-10

O F (most likely Oliver Ford)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Oliver Ford d. Nov. 21, 1842

1932

Oliver Ford d. Nov. 21, 1842 53 yrs, 5 mos,
11 days



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Footstone

2009-10

H _ F (most likely a member of Ford family)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Cemetery



Footstone

2009-10

Mother (???)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Freeman Cummings son of Learned & Rachel
Cummings d. April 12, 1844 Aged 15 yrs

1932

[same as above]



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Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Learned Cummings d. Nov. 22, 1842 57 yrs

1932

[same as above]



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Cemetery



Footstone

2009-10

D. R. H. (most likely Daniel R. Hawley d.
Nov. 29, 1894 38 yrs.

1932

[same as above]



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Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Marker obliterated

1932



2009-10

Mrs. Lura Wesley Slauson d. July 29, 1833
Aged 24 yrs, 8 mos, 12 days

1932

[same as above]



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Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Marker obliterated

1932



Headstone

2009-10

Betsy Cummins d. March 25, 1827 2 yrs, 3 mos /
Lucena her sister d. May 4, 1827 10 mos
Daughters of Larnard & Rachel Cummings

1932

[Same as above]

Elsewhere "Cummins" is spelled Cummings, and "Larnard" is spelled "Learned" — JH



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Footstone

2009-10

R&LC (likely Learned & Rachel Cummings; note: headstone for Learned Cummings exists but Rachel's headstone missing; further research needed)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Cemetery



Footstones

2009-10

Morgan, Father, Mother (McAllister family)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Caroline & Robert McAllister
Caroline: 1814-1886
Robert: 1816-1879

1932

[same as above]



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Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Morgan McAllister son of Robert &
Caroline McAllister d. September 8, 1870
Aged 24 yrs, 29 days

1932

[same as above]



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Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Sarah McAllister
1856-1920

1932

[same as above]



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Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Daniel McAllister
1851-1932

1932

[same as above]



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Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Jane McAllister
1833-1905

1932

[erected after 1932, thus not in listing]



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Headstone

2009-10

Watsford McAllister d. Aug. 7, 1885 Aged 44 yrs
Co. C. 76th Regiment NYV

1932

[same as above]



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Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Lydia Ford wife of Zina Ford d. July 24, 1863
Aged 71 yrs, 11 mos

1932

[same as above]



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Headstone

2009-10

Zina Ford d. March 11, 1862 Aged 77 yrs

1932

[same as above]



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Headstone

2009-10

Zina T. Ford d. ____ Aged __, 6 mos

1932

Zina T. Ford d. April 1, 1857 6 yrs



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headstone or
footstone

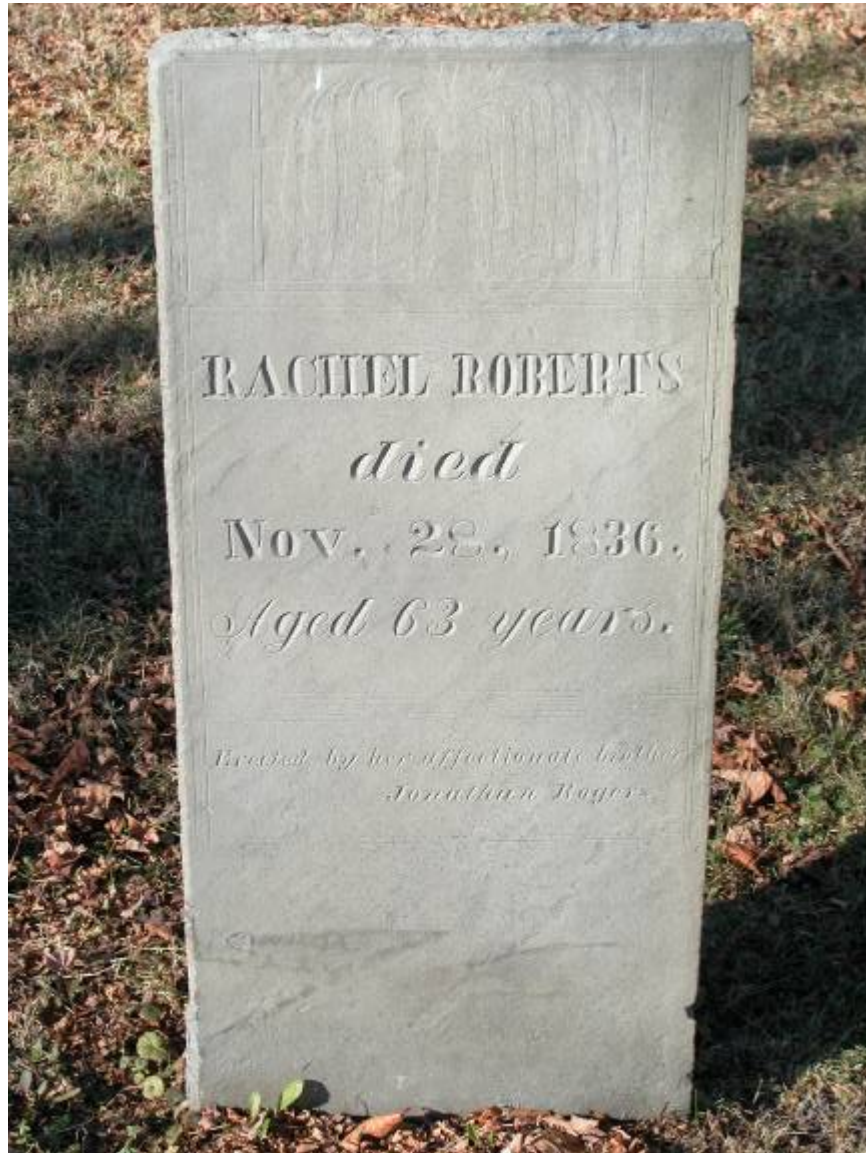
2009-10

Marker obliterated

1932



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2009-10

Rachel Roberts d. Nov. 28, 1836 Aged 63 yrs
("Erected by her affectionate brother Jonathan")

1932

[same as above]



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Cortland
Cemetery



Footstone

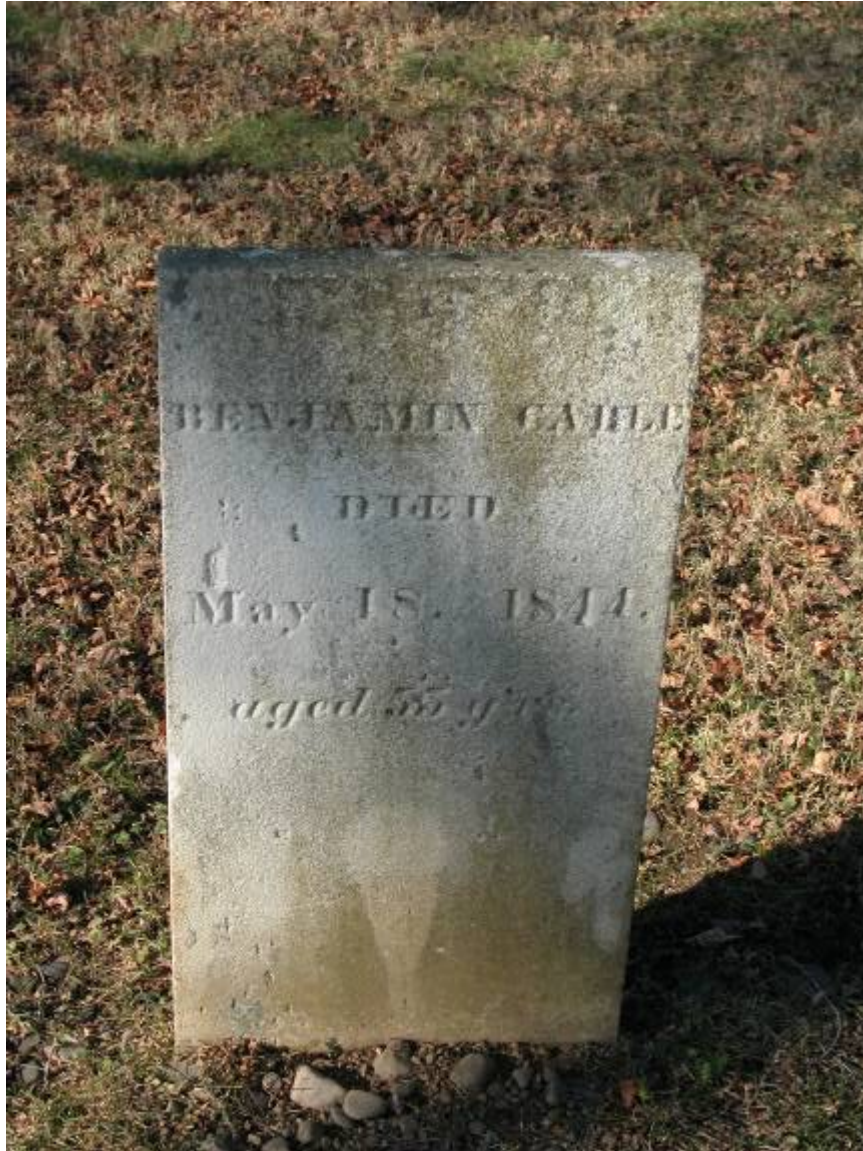
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1932



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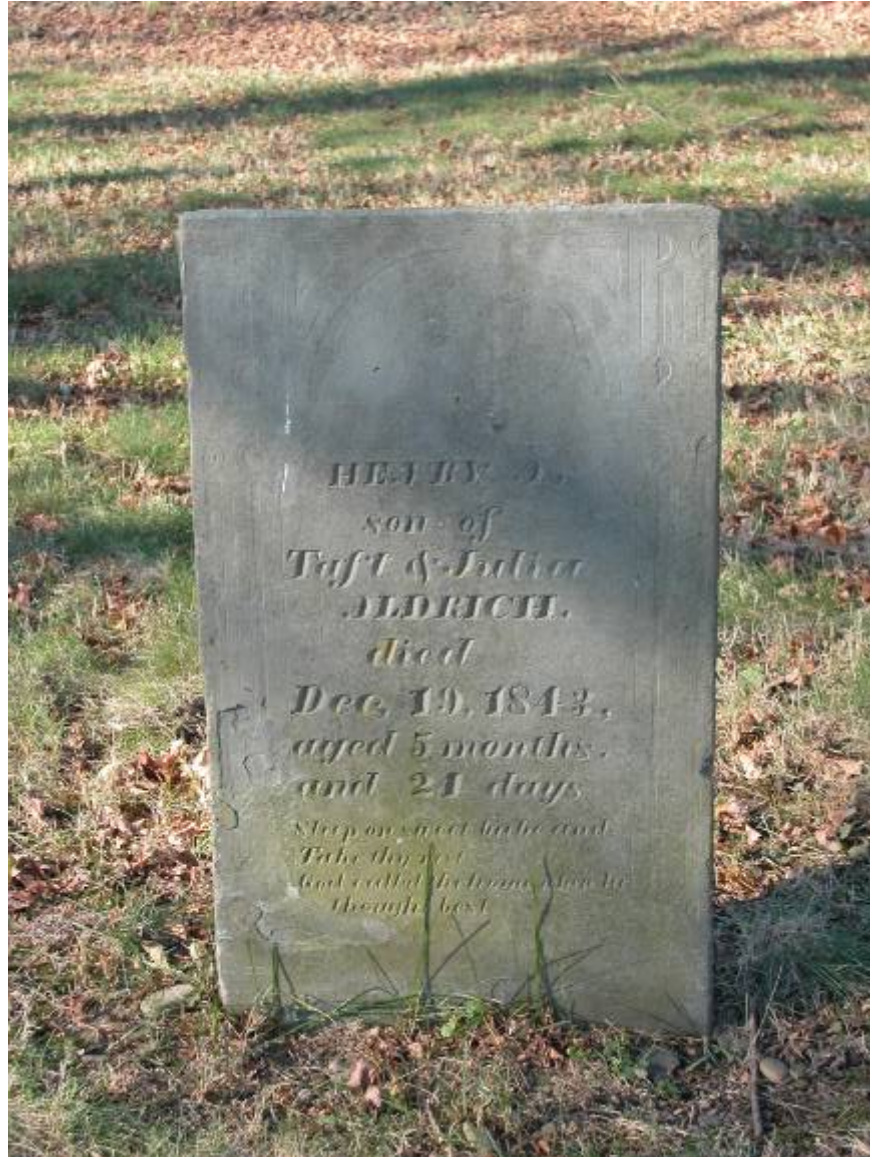
Benjamin Cable d. May 18, 1844 Aged 55

1932

[same as above]



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2009-10

Henry A. Aldrich son of Taft & Julia Aldrich
d. Dec. 19, 1843 aged 5 mos, 24 days

1932

[same as above]



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Not known if
headstone or
footstone

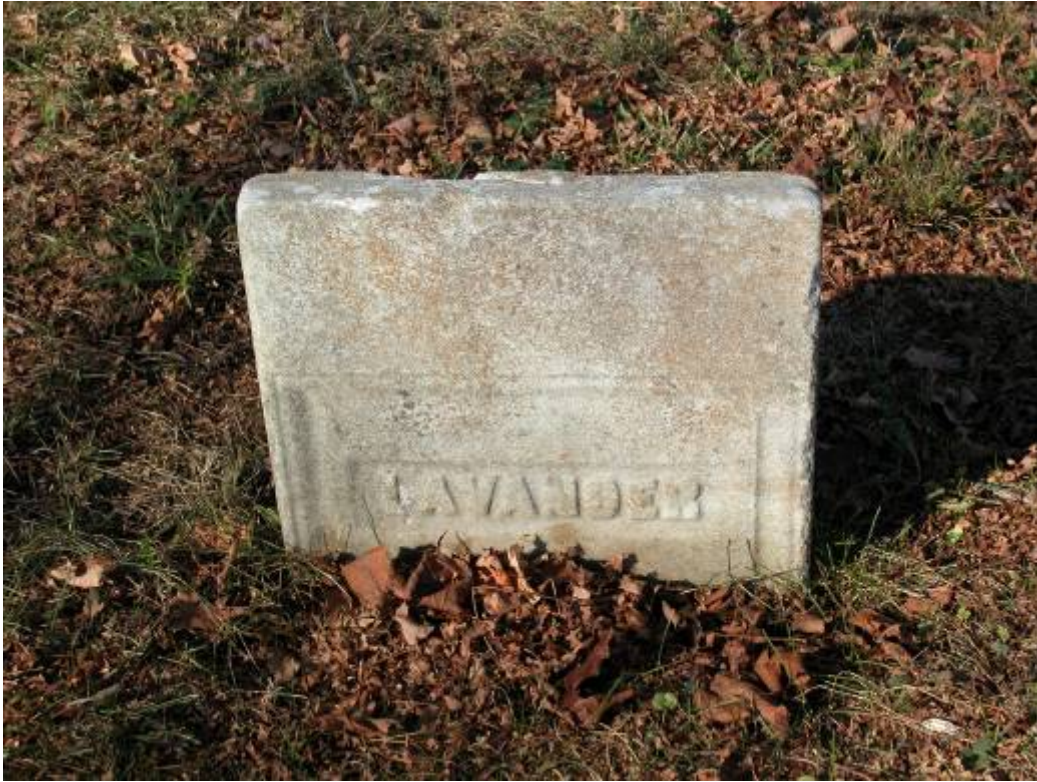
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Marker unreadable

1932



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Headstone

2009-10

Lavander _____

1932

Lavander Main d. March 29, 1848 Aged
22 yrs



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Cortland
Cemetery



Not known if
headstone or
footstone

2009-10

Marker obliterated

1932



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Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Abraham Brandow d. Jan 6, 1855 Aged 64 yrs

1932

[same as above]



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Headstone

2009-10

Matilda Cutler wife of Benjamin Cutter

1932

Matilda Cutler wife of Benjamin Cutter d.
May 22, 1842 Aged 52 yrs



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Footstone

2009-10

LO (likely Lucy Osborn, wife of Ransom Osborn
d. Nov. 24, 1838 24 yrs, 6 mos, 14 days)

1932

[footstones note recorded]



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Headstone

2009-10

Celestia M. _____

1932

Celestia M. Montgomery daughter of Elias
& Melissa d. Feb. 11, 1843 Aged 22



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Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Hannah Stanbro wife of John Stanbro d. Sept.
13, 1845 Aged 81 yrs, 10 mos

1932

[same as above]

[headstone carved by: A. Joiner]



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Footstone

2009-10

J S (most likely footstone for John Stanbro)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



Headstone

2009-10

_____ & _____ Stanbro
d. Sept. 16, 1853 Aged 5 mos, 8 days

1932

Eliza, daughter of Thomas & Rebecca Stanbro
d. Sept. 16, 1853 Aged 5 mos, 8 days



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Headstone

2009-10

_____ Sept. 11, 1879 Aged 50 yrs

1932

Robert Patterson Sept. 11, 1879 Aged 50
Co. A, 109th Reg. NYSV



Where is
William H.S.
son of Martin &
Harriet d.
Nov. 28 1842, 4
yrs 4 mos

For that matter
where is Martin
& Harriet?

Footstones

2009-10

Father / William (possibly William Davis,
William Marshall, OR William Maynard)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Headstone

2009-10

_____ d ____, _____ Aged 44 yrs /
Elvira A d. March __, _____ Aged __ yrs

1932

Bertha A. Reed d. April 22, 1862 Aged 14 yrs /
Elvira A. Reed d. March 16, 1863 Aged 17 yrs
Daughters of Watson & Sylvan Reed



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Headstone

2009-10

May A. _____ d. March 29, 1848 Aged 12 yrs /
Francine O. _____ d. Dec. 13, ____

1932

May A. Reed d. March 29, 1848 Aged 12 yrs
Francine O. Reed d. Dec. 13, 1850 Aged 1 yr
Daughters of Watson & Sylvia Reed



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Headstone

2009-10

Dorothy Vrooman widow of John G. Burgess b.
Dec. 1, 1784 d. Sept. 28, 1866

1932

[same as above]



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Cortland
Cemetery



Headstone

2009-10

Marker obliterated

1932



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Cortland
Cemetery



Footstone

2009-10

C. M. (possibly Celestia Montgomery)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Headstone

2009-10

William Cumings d. Nov. 5, 1880 Aged
34 yrs, 6 mos

1932

[same as above]



Headstone

2009-10

Erastus Cumings d. Aug. 20, 1890 Aged 78 yrs
Parmelia Cumings d. Nov. 23, 1894 Aged 74 yrs

1932

[same as above]



2009-10

_____ d. _____, 185_ Aged 20 yrs,
11 mos, 1 day

1932

Allen B. Ford son of Zina & Lydia d. July 1,
1854 20 yrs. 11 mos, 4 days



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Footstone

2009-10

Allen B. (most likely Allen B. Ford, son of
Zina & Lydia)

1932

[footstones not recorded]



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Footstone

2009-10

Abbie (most likely Abbie Williams wife of Isaac)

1932

[not listed in 1932 transcriptions]



Headstone

2009-10

Isaac Williams d. Jan. 11, 1900 Aged 70 yrs
Abbie Williams d. May 14, 1892 Age 73, yrs

1932

[not listed in 1932 transcriptions]



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Headstone

2009-10

_____ d. ____ 29, Aged 55 yrs
(possibly Phebe A Hawley d. Oct. 29, 1889
Aged 55 yrs.... Alluded to as "Rose" elsewhere)

1932



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Cortland
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Headstone

2009-10

Arthur G. Cole Son of Fayette & Phebe Cole
d. Sept. 29, 1881 Aged 10 mos, 26 days

1932

[same as above]



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The following names/headstones were in evidence in the 1932 survey of this cemetery — but are not identifiable today (stones are either obliterated or missing entirely).

- > Rachel Cummings wife of Learned, d. Oct 23, 1842 55 yrs
(shared footstone w/ husband Learned Cummings exists)
- > Allen B. Ford son of Zina & Lydia d. July 1, 1854
20 yrs. 11 mos, 4 days (footstone exists, headstone not in evidence)
- > John Daboll d. April 4, 1829 76 yrs. Husband of
Anstis Daboll (headstone missing or illegible)

May be others (research ongoing)

JH

January 29, 2011