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## Grafton Cemetery Order of Burial

Grafton never had any electricity, indoor plumbing, telephone service or other modern convenience. There was no refrigeration, flush toilets, antibiotics, or pasteurization. As in other communities of the time the people suffered much from disease and accidents. Digestive complaints and food poisoning were not uncommon. There were regular outbreaks of Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever, Small Pox, and parasitic infection. Everyone used water taken from the muddy Virgin River or ditch for drinking, bathing, washing dishes, clothes floors, cupboards, windows and etc. Midwives were about the only medical help available. There were no doctors other than John Steele in Toquerville, who was a self-educated herb doctor, and some of his remedies left much to be desired.

Examples of John Steele's Remedies:

**Cure for Colic** – Take one 50 cent bottle of pain killer, one ounce laudanum [Opium] mix in a little water and drench if no relief in 15 Minutes repete (sic) the dose.

**Cure for Scratches** – Bind the foot in Human dung for 48 hours, Wash clean.

**Cure for Big Neck [Goiter]** – Take two tea spoons full of salt, two tea spoons full of Borax, Two tea spoons full of Almn. Dissolve in two spoons full of water and apply thrée times a day.

**Cure for Nervousness** – Stramonium, [AKA, Thorn apple, Jimson weed, mad apple, moon flower], powder to be dissolved in water a glassful and a teaspoonful to be given every morning and evening. [Note: Jimson Weed (*Datura stramonium*) is common in old fields, along roadsides and old houses, an example is in front of the Russell home. It is strong poison; symptoms are hot, dry, and flushed skin, hallucinations, pupil dilation, headache, delirium, rapid and week pulse, convulsions, and coma.]

Note: Many of the individuals buried in Grafton did not lived there. **York** and his family lived in Rockville. The **Gibson, Hunt, and Andrus** families lived in Duncan's Retreat. **John Thompson** lived in Rockville with the Thomas Farnes family

Date	Name	Age	Cause of death
5 Sep 1862	Joseph C. Field	9	Drug to death by horse
3 Jun 1863	Mary Jane York	28	Consumption (Tuberculosis)
7 Sep 1863	Mary Lavina Andrus	1	
27 Jun 1864	Byron Lee Bybee	65	Poor Health
16 Aug 1865	George Alvah Russell	7 mons.	2
Sep 1865	Emily Russell	< 1	
4 Oct 1865	Miles Edwards Spilsburg	1	
21 Oct 1865	Lethe Hannah Kenner	10 mons	
20 Dec 1865	Ann Maria Field	2 days	(Four Fields died within 4 months)
18 Jan 1866	John William York	10	Diphtheria
25 Jan 1866	Asa Uriah York	3	Diphtheria
25 Jan 1866	James Jasper York	5	Diphtheria
9 Feb 1866	Frances Ann Field	7	(Mother & Daughter died same day)
9 Feb 1866	Sarah Ann Brook Field	37	"
1866	Sarah Ellen Field	5	(Second Dau died about same time)
15 Feb 1866	Loretta A. Russell	14	Accident – Swing Broke
15 Feb 1866	Elizabeth H. Woodbury	13	Accident – Swing Broke
2 Apr 1866	Robert M. Berry	25	Killed by Indians
2 Apr 1866	Isabella Hales Berry	19	Killed by Indians
2 Apr 1866	Joseph S. Berry	22	Killed by Indians
4 Aug 1866	George Judson Andrus	1	Scarlet Fever
1 Sep 1866	Medora Andrus	6 mos.	Scarlet Fever
1866	Else Marie Bybee	45	
29 Mar 1867	Hezediah Harvey Ballard	2	

June 1867	Lucy Jane Hastings	1	
13 Oct 1867	Peter Batchlor Halladay	21	
17 Jan 1871	Sophia Briggs Foster	73	Stroke of Palsy
20 Mar 1871	Rhoda Ellen Ballard	1	
18 Jun 1871	William T. Spendlove	3 mos	
27 Jun 1871	Viola Annie Jones	6	
17 Aug 1871	George Washington Gibson	71	
5 Sep 1871	Mary Ann Sparks Gibson	69	
23 Oct 1875	William Thomas Morris	2	
17 Jul 1877	Francis M. Ballard	8	
9 Mar 1878	Joshua Newman Gibson	10	
22 Apr 1878	George Jethro Gibson	2	
10 Apr 1878	Mary Electa Gibson	5	
24 Apr 1879	James Alonzo Russell	3 days	
8 Nov 1882	William Hastings	58	
6 Nov 1882	Nancy Lovinia Jones	2	
3 Dec 1882	Clarence Russell	2	
2 Jan 1883	William R. Hunt	23	Killed by ?
25 Jan 1883	George Wash. Jeff. Gibson	31	Killed by ?
25 Jan 1883	John Thompson	82	Old Age
1 Jul 1883	Electa Ann Badger Gibson	28	
23 Aug 1885	Ellen May Wood	1	
1885	Charlotte Ballard ?????		
4 Feb 1886	Ether Russell	1 mo.	
27 Feb 1886	Alveratta Russell	6	
20 Oct 1886	Samuel Stanworth	51	
2 May 1887	John Nutter Stanworth	19	
11 Jul 1887	Pearl Wood	1 day	
5 Oct 1888	Infant Dau of Geo. & Emily Wood		1 day
18 Oct 1888	William Robert Hastings	27	
23 Mar 1891	John Harvey Ballard	65	
26 Jan 1896	Eliza Ballard	6 days	
30 Nov 1896	Lydia Ann Badger Gibson	38	
1897	Wiley (Indian)		
?	Puss (Indian)		
?	Cedar Pete (Indian)		
7 May 1898	George Henry Wood	37	Fall with Horse
18 Sep 1899	Ellen Smith Wood	77	
29 Mar 1901	Charlotte Pincock Ballard	73	
11 Mar 1903	Nancy Briggs Foster Russell	77	
30 Apr 1903	Charles Henry Jones	66	Heart Attack
1905	Poinkum (Indian)		
6 April 1908	Rowena Russell	2	
2 Dec 1909	Emily Louise Hastings Wood	49	
7 Aug 1910	Alonzo Haventon Russell	89	Heart Attack
16 Jul 1911	William LeRoy Hastings	1	
19 Jul 1917	Louisa Marie Foster Russell	78	
17 Oct 1920	Sarah Smith Hastings	90	Old Age
2 Sep 1924	Viola Maria Russell Jones	75	

Grave site names in cloud shape are only assumed to be next to relatives.

