

# Hope Cemetery

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Cross Vermont Trail

Along the



## Rivers and villages intertwined.

*"The first settler of Waterbury was James Marsh . . . [He] had been a soldier in the French War. In the early part of the Revolutionary War . . . he was drafted . . . Having a large family of small children . . . he hired a young man as a substitute, paying him \$100. To pay this sum . . . he sold his place in [Connecticut] and bought a right of land in . . . Waterbury. . . . In the spring of 1783, he came on, selected his right, . . . cleared a small piece of land between the Grave Yard and the river, and . . . planted it to corn.*

*During the first summer, this family with eight children, lived many weeks on wild onions, cooked in the milk of their one cow . . . That summer Mr. Marsh built his log-house on his clearing, a little to the west of the Grave Yard hill, and moved into it. His crop of corn raised near the river, was fine - but after he had secured some twenty bushels of it, a flood came and destroyed the remainder. So that for nearly two years they lived much of the time, on the flesh of the moose, deer and bear."*

- from: The Early History of Waterbury, A Discourse. Delivered Feb 10, 1867 by Rev. C. C. Parker, Pastor of Congregational Church.

Here on "Grave Yard hill" is a glimpse into the origin of a centuries old landscape - rivers and villages in close relationship - which you see all along the Cross Vt Trail.

How old? What's the earliest headstone you can find? These two get close, but are not the oldest!



*"Sacred to the memory of Seth Chandler who was killed instantly by the fall of a tree 31st March 1806 in the 39th year of his age."*



*"Amos Demmon died Sept 23 1801 in his 47th year. Enlisted under Capt. Hayward May 10, 1775. Later joined 2nd Mass Regt. Discharged June 10 1783."*