

**Baker Family Burying Ground - ca. 1853  
Swan River Road, West Dennis**

A bronze plaque set in natural stone marks the Baker Family Burying Ground located on the West side of Swan Pond River Road, in a section colloquially known as "Battletown" for its reputation as a rough neighborhood. This "South Village" of West Dennis flourishing along the "South Sea" (Nantucket Sound) was home to vast salt meadows, fishermen and mariners.

The true extent of this cemetery is not known as only two grave stones remain in a small fenced area hidden by a growth of brush along the town owned right of way. The grave of James T. Baker who drowned in his twentieth year on December 29, 1853 is marked by the earliest stone. The graves of Calvin Baker and his wife Polly, who died in 1874, are marked by the second stone.

The Baker family was one of the earliest and most prolific families who settled in Dennis. Few people who trace their ancestry here can deny descent from the Baker clan who were most famous for their maritime feats, many achieving the status of master mariner.

In 2008 this cemetery was repaired by a nearby resident with the assistance of the Department of Public Works.



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Calvin Baker died Oct. 2, 1874  
Polly Baker died April 13, 1874



James T. Baker died Dec. 29, 1853