

Hall Family Cemetery - ca. 1696
Corporation Road, Dennis

This small cemetery is located on Route 6A along the northern bank of Nobscussett Creek, near the Cape Playhouse. Laid out within the Old Kings Highway Historic District, access is limited through a small right of way. The cemetery was enclosed in a granite post, iron-rail fence in 1919 through town appropriations and private donations.

The cemetery contains few burials, all descendants of John Hall who came in 1651 from Coventry, England to this area, then known as Nobscussett. He established a farm of 147 acres and fathered 12 sons by two wives. His descendants were evidently of a religious nature, as some were Deacons in the church occupying 8 pews in the East precinct Church. There are no burial markers for John Hall and his wife, Elizabeth, in this burying ground, however three sons and their families are represented by slates: Gershom Hall (d. Oct. 31, 1732); Deacon John Hall (d. Oct. 24, 1710) and Joseph Hall (d. May 31, 1716).

The earliest headstone is a slate, its tympanum incised with a winged skull done in the style of the Lamson carvers of Boston for Mrs. Bethiah Hall, died October 15, 1696. Standing under a cedar tree honoring Bathsheba (known as Batha) Hall is an exquisite slate decorated by two doves plucking cherries from an urn done in the style of the Stevens carvers of Newport, RI. Batha, daughter of Samuel and Pashench (Patience) Hall, was six weeks old when she died in February of 1698. The headstone of Hannah Hall, died August 23, 1710, is carved in the style of John Noyes of Boston. The slate has an urn overflowing with flowers in the tympanum as vines scroll down the sides. A very early winged head decorates the slate of Presiller Hall, died March 30, 1712.



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Batha Hall died February 1698



Deacon Joseph Hall died January 29, 1736