

**Paddock Cemetery - ca. 1708**  
**Route 6A, East Dennis**

Paddock Cemetery lies within the Old Kings Highway Historic District, south of Route 6A along a cart path just east of Paddock's Path, on land originally owned by Zachariah Paddock (1636-1727), son of Plymouth's Robert Paddock. Zachariah moved to this area when he married Deborah Sears of Quivet (now East Dennis), daughter of Richard Sears/Sares and unmarked burials dating to the mid 1600's are likely resting here.

Zachariah and his wife Deborah are in unmarked graves somewhere among the 42 marked burials of this small family plot. Three of Zachariah's sons are here, along with their wives and descendants. The earliest engraved stone carved in the style of Nathaniel Emmes of Boston is that of Bethiah, wife of Zachariah Paddock, who died at the age of 41 on March 8, 1708. Rebecca Chapman, daughter of Isaac Chapman and Elizabeth Paddock, who died in 1726 at the age of 2, is the only headstone without a Paddock surname.

The Paddocks were early followers of the sea and noted whalers. Elder Zachariah's son Ichabod taught Nantucket Island residents there "the art of killing whales and using the oil." Other Paddocks served in local government under British rule. Zachariah Paddock Jr. (1664-1718) was a town Selectman in 1697 and a town Representative from 1706-1709. His brother Captain John Paddock (1669-1718) was a town Representative in 1714.

The headstone of Capt. Judah Paddock (d. March 31, 1770) is deeply carved in the style of Geyer, Boston, with a head whose wings are slightly askew.

The epitaph of Hannah Hall Paddock, who died 21 July 1830, aged 1y 11m, is particularly poignant:

"This lovely bud so young & fair,  
Call'd home by early doom;  
Just came to show how sweet a flower  
In Paradise would bloom."



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Bethiah Paddock died March 8, 1708



Capt. Judah Paddock died March 31, 1770