

REDEDICATION CEREMONY SEPTEMBER 24, 2011

**BENNET FAMILY CEMETERY
(FIRST SETTLERS CEMETERY)
- A CHEEKTOWAGA HISTORICAL LANDMARK -**

BURIALS FROM 1818 - 1980

*Final Resting Place of Elnathan Bennet
1789 – 1863*

One of the Founding Fathers of the Town of Cheektowaga at whose nearby home and tavern, the first town meeting was held April 16, 1839.

There may be 75 or more burials within these boundaries. In addition to the Bennet surname, persons representing the following family members are known to be buried here:

ARMITAGE, BOOTHROY, DAVIS, DOAT, STEBBINS & WATTS

Individuals:

ADAMS, COLSWORTH, FELTON, GREEN, GRIDER, HITCHCOCK, JEFFERSON, MULLET, MUNRO, PADDOCK-LESTER, RAY, SANDERS, SPAETH, WARNER, WILLIAMS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Color Guard
Patriotic Commission

INVOCATION Rev. Michael Burzynski
St. John Gualbert RC Church

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION Nelson Oldfield

COMMENTS Supervisor Mary Holtz
Former Councilmember Thomas Johnson

SIGNIFICANCE of BENNET CEMETERYMaureen Gleason

TIME CAPSULE Contents & Importance Laura Hacker

CEMETERY BLESSING & PRAYER Rev. Michael Burzynski
St. John Gualbert RC Church

TOUR OF CEMETERY David Przepiora

SUPERVISOR MARY F. HOLTZ

Councilmember Patricia Jaworowicz
Councilmember Stanley Kaznowski III
Councilmember Charlie Markel

Councilmember James Rogowski
Councilmember Jeff Swiatek
Councilmember Richard Zydel

HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Row - 1 Northwest corner

- 1 - _____ ? **BOOTHROY**/ Ju___, 1864
- 2 - Susan / wife of / Elijah C. **ADAMS** (nee GRIDER) / Feb 25, 1860 ? / aged / 41 yrs 8 mos / & 26 ds.
- 3 - Hary son of (left corner) | Esther daughter of (right corner) / Thomas & Mary J **ARMITAGE** (prayer verses barely legible)
- 4 - David **ARMITAGE** / Born in Yorkshire, Eng. / Feb 1, 1807 / Died at / Cheektowaga, NY / Mar 3, 1870 / Aged 63 yrs (prayer at bottom illegible)
- 5 - Thomas **ARMITAGE** / Died Oct. 2, 1904 / Aged 57 Yrs
Mary J / His wife / Died Apr 29, 1907 / Age 49 Yrs 8 M. 19 D. / MOTHER | FATHER

Row - 2

- 6 - In memory of / Benjamin F. **BORDWELL** / son of / Benjamin R. & Mary / Bordwell who died / August 18th 1845 / aged 24 years 6 mos / & 21 days
- 7 - (obelisk) south face: Catharine C. **ARMITAGE**.
north face blank, east & west face: inscriptions cannot be read.
- 8 - _____ ? / daughter of ? / ? years / his age _____ ? / 4 lines of prayer illegible
- 9 - In Memory of / Albert. / son of / ? Nathan & Elizabeth / **STEBBINS**. / _____ ? / Aug 9, A.D. 1818 / Aged 1 yr 8 mo / & 13 days. / "An affectionate & lovely child"
- 10 - _____ **STEBBINS**, _____ ? / January 9, 1819 / Aged 5 months / 17 days / "Such is the kingdom of heaven"
- 11 - (west face) At Rest / Catherine **ARMITAGE** / Born at / Alsace / Lorraine, Germany / Aug. 24, 1836 / Died / September 27, 1924. / (bottom) **ARMITAGE**
(north face) At Rest / Joseph **ARMITAGE**. / Born at / Lancashire Eng. / July 25, 1831. / Died / June 1, 1886.

Row - 3

- 12 - F. D.
- 13 - unknown: stone missing
- 14 - unknown: stone missing
- 15 - **MOTHER | FATHER** (2 small stones)

Row - 4

- 16 - 6 bricks laid flat (opposing # 21)
- 17 - unknown: stone missing

18 – unknown: stone missing

19 – unknown: stone missing

20 - stone missing - M. B.?

Row - 5

21 - 2 bricks laid flat (opposing # 16)

22 - Amos RAY / Born / March 10, 1806 / Died / November 20, 1863 / Aged 57

Row - 6

23 - Mary FELTON / daughter / of / Robert WATTS ./ Died / March 1, 1875. / Aged 65 yrs.

24 - Robert WATTS. / Born at / Rotherham, Eng. / June 22, 1779 / Died / July 2, 1856

25 - Gerry M. WATTS / Born / December 28, 1864 / Died / July 8, 1873.

26 - Elizabeth / wife of / Phillip WATTS / Died / Oct 21, 1851 / AE 24 years / and / their daughter /Died / Dec 2, 1851 / Aged 6 weeks

27 - Phillip WATTS / born / Feb 13, 1822 / Died / June 4, 1900

28 - James / son of / Robert & Matilda / WATTS. / Died Sept 20, 18??.
Aged __Yrs? __Mos? / (prayer illegible)

29 - John GREEN. / Died / July 31, 1819. / Aged 57 years.

30 - grouping of 3 foundation bases and broken stones

Row - 7

31 - SPAETH / Mother / Sarah E. / 1890 – 1937 | Father / Christian / 1892 – 1943

32 - Hannah BENNET (nee BOOTHROY) (no headstone)

33 - D. Chapin BENNET. / Born / Dec. 25, 1822. / Died / Oct. 8, 1897 / Aged 74 yrs.
Inscription on rear illegible except for SN?__JOS in arched line. Died ___ ?

34 - Mary A. WINSPEAR / Wife of / D. Chapin BENNET. / Born Mar. 19, 1824. /
Died Nov. 17, 1880. / Aged 56 yrs.

35 - Elnathan / son of / D. (David) Chapin & Mary / BENNET. / Died Sept 1864,
Aged 2 mo. 21 ds.

36 - Frank C. (Chapin) BENNET / Born / June 27. 1866 / Died / Jan. 5. 1928

37 - Leonard Warren BENNET (no headstone)

38 - Warren C. (Chapin) BENNET / 1907 - 1930

39 - Edward W. (William) BENNET / 1909 – 1919

Row - 8

40 - Psyche MULLETT / wife of / Elnathan BENNET. / Born at Buffalo NY /
June 27, 1795. / Died / March 30, 1865

41 - Elnathan BENNET. / Born in / Pawlet, VT. / Oct. 4, 1789 / Died March 26 /
1863 / Aged 73 Yrs.

42 - Roxana HITCHCOCK / wife of / Elnathan BENNET / Died / Jan. 13th, 1848. /
Aged 55 Years.

43 - Jerusha MUNRO / Wife of / Elnathan BENNET / Died / June 3, 1840 / Age 47 Years.

44 - Sarah MUNRO / Daughter of / E. & Jerusha M. / BENNET. / Died / Sept 16,
1825 / Aged 4 years, / 7 months, / and 27 days.

45 - Lydia Hyde / Daughter of / E. & Jerusha M. / BENNET. / Died / Oct 1, 1836 /
Aged 16 Days.

46 - Maria Jane / Daughter of / E. & Jerusha M. / BENNET. / Died / Apr 10, 1841 /
Aged 6 Yrs /10 months, / and 11 Days.

Row - 8 cont'd

47 - (top) BENNET

(front) James Hassan / 1817 - 1864 / Mary Amelia DAVIS / 1826 - 1916 /
Warren Elnathan / 1828 - 1890 / "children of / Elnathan & Jerusha / Bennet /
buried elsewhere"

(back) Moses Edwin Bennet / 1832 - 1897 / "Behold the lamb of God / that
taketh away the sin / of the world"

(south side) In loving memory of / Julia / PADDOCK / LESTER / Died / Feb. 19, 1916

48 - William Thomas BENNET (no headstone)

49 - Mary Ellen BENNET (no headstone)

50 - Charles W. / BENNET / 1906 - 1980 (Mason Symbol)

Row - 9

51 - Annie Frances. / Dau. of / Rev. L.D. (*Lucius Daniel*) & Mary A. / DAVIS. /
Died Sept. 3, 1862. / Aged 1 yr. 1 mo. / & 17 d's.

52 - Ellen SANDERS / Wife of / Wm N. BENNET / Died / Sept 9, 1905. / AE. 80
years / & 51 days (Several broken & missing pieces of stone)

53 - William N. BENNET / Born Mar. 14, 1819 / Died Dec. 31, 1905 / BENNET

54 - Jane N. WARNER / wife of / Wm. N. BENNET / Died / Sept. 20, 1852 /
AE. 32 Years. / & 20 Days

55 - Frank / son of / William & Jane N. (Nye) /BENNET/ Died May 19, 1866 / Aged / 17 yrs 3 mos

56 - MOTHER (BOOTHROY)

57 - JULIA C. (BOOTHROY)

58 - MARTHA D. (BOOTHROY)

59 - MOTHER (BOOTHROY)

60 - FATHER (BOOTHROY)

61 - In / Memory of / Mary DOAT / Who Died / Nov. 9, 1848. / Age 28 years & 10 /months.

62 - MOTHER (DOAT)

63 - (front) George DOAT / Born at / Oxtou Berwickshire / Scotland / Jan. 31, 1786 /
Died in Buffalo / Sept. 23, 1867 /

Mary Williams / wife of / George Doat / Born at / Auchermuchty Fifeshire
Scotland, / Sept. 2, 1789 / Died in Buffalo / July 30, 1858.

(south face) Mary Doat / Died / Nov. 9, 1848. / Aged / 29 yrs. 10 mos.

(north face) Thomas Doat / Died / Oct 14. 1868 / Aged / 46 yrs 6 mos.

(bottom) ? DOAT / Oct. 18, 182?

64 - FATHER (DOAT)

65 - THOMAS (DOAT)

Row - 10

66 - (tall monument) (front face) George BOOTHROY / Died Dec. ? 18__ / Mary /
Wife of / Geo. Boothroy / Died Oct ? 1851/ Elizabeth / ? / 18__ (bottom) In
Memory of George BOOTHROY

(south face) Julia ? / daughter of / George & Mary Boothroy / died ? / Martha
Jane / daughter of / Geo. Boothroy

