



## Historic Burying Grounds and Cemeteries in Newport, Rhode Island

The city owns or maintains eight sites under the direction of the Building and Grounds Supervisor with assistance from the Historic Cemetery Advisory Commission. The sites are:

Braman Cemetery , Clifton Burial Ground/Golden Hill, Coddington/Governors Burying Ground , Coggeshall Burial Ground (owned by the city, maintained by the Preservation Society of Newport County), Common Burying Ground , John Clarke Burial Ground, Judge Anthony Wilbur Lot, North Common Burying Ground

Slate stones carved in the 1600s and 1700s are not only historic artifacts from Colonial times but also exquisite pieces of American folk art. They reflect the artistry, society, and history of colonial New England. Many of these stones were created in the Stevens Shop in operation since 1705.

*Please report any problems or concerns to the Supervisors office.  
Meetings of the commission are open to the public.*

### **You are welcome to visit Newport's historic burying grounds but for your safety, please . . .**

- No climbing, lying or sitting on stones
- Walk carefully, uneven ground
- Supervise children at all times
- Only visit between 7am and sunset

### **For the benefit of this site, please . . .**

- No littering
- No stone rubbing
- Report concerns to Public Services Dept.

The cemetery at Ft. Adams is also a public site and maintained by RIDEM.

Newport has a number of private cemeteries that include; Brenton, Coaster, Collins Burial Ground (north of Castle Hill Ave.), Congregational Cemetery, Easton (off Annandale), Friends (owned by Island cemetery?), Island Cemetery, Governor Benedict Arnold- owned by Preservation Society of Newport County, St. Mary's New (Warner St), St. Mary's old (Barney St), Trinity Church, and Touro

*For information and locations of gravesites, visit the Rhode Island Historic Cemetery website at <http://www.rihistoriccemeteries.org/searchgravesnameonly.aspx>*

*For information about God's Little Acre visit <http://www.colonialcemetery.com/>*

*For additional information about our historic cemeteries, visit <http://www.cityofnewport.com/departments/public-services/buildings-and-grounds>*