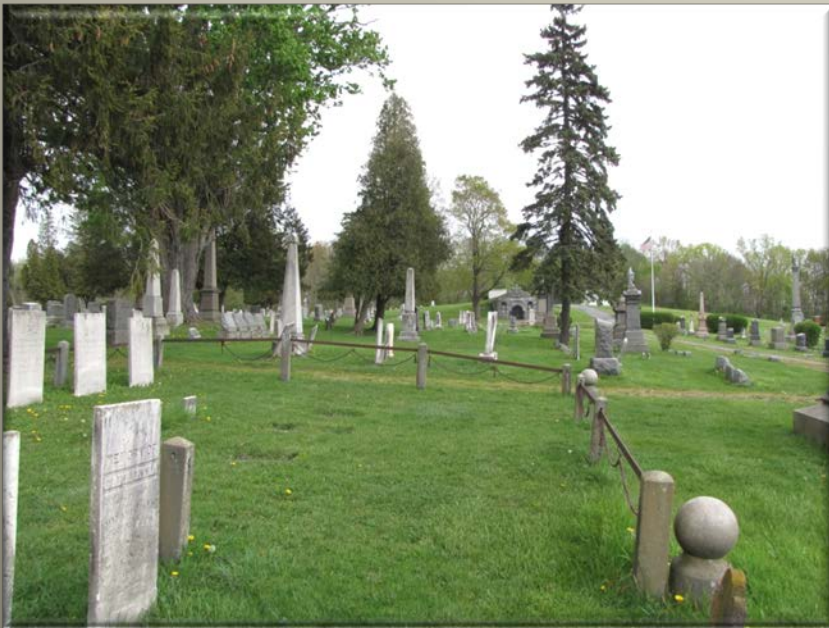


# Cemeteries & Burial Grounds In the Town of Coeymans

A Ravena Coeymans Historical Society  
Presentation



# Brief history

- Much can be learned about our forbearers in the small burying grounds found in the Town of Coeymans.
- Early gravestones are archeological artifacts and unlike so many artifacts, they are still where they were originally placed.
- As settlers arrived they buried their dead in private, church, or neighborhood graveyards.
- Rural families often had family plots on their property.
- Early gravestones sometimes revealed information about their lives providing descendants and historians valuable information.

## Little Known Facts About our Small Cemeteries:

- Ten Revolutionary War soldiers are buried in the Town of Coeymans
- There is one, and possibly two slave cemeteries found in the area.
- In the Van Daltsen Family Cemetery, John Van Daltsen traces his family back to the first white male child born in Nieu Amsterdam (NYC)
- Barent Pieter Coeymans and his family were thought to be buried north of the Ariaantje Coeymans House.

# Larger Area Cemeteries

- Grove Cemetery - Coeymans
- Saint Patrick's Cemetery - Coeymans
- Coeymans Hollow Cemetery – Coeymans Hollow
- Alcove Cemetery - Alcove
- Chestnut Lawn Cemetery – Town of New Baltimore, but many local residents buried there.

# Located Private Burial Grounds in the Town of Coeymans

1. Mull Fox Street, North Coeymans
2. Ten Eyck-Crum Old Ravena Road
3. Ten Eyck Old Ravena Road
4. Titus & Slave Old Ravena Road
5. Ten Eyck McCulloch Ave., Village of Ravena
6. Van Dalfsen West of Route 144, East side of Saint Patrick's Cemetery
7. Terry Corner of Route 143 & Stott Drive
8. Davis Whitbeck Road off Route 143
9. Blodgett Route 143 opposite Methodist Church
10. Parish End of Uthe Boulevard, Coeymans Hamlet
11. Cary Alcove Road (on left)
12. Slack Mud Hill
13. Waldron Behind RCS High School next to bus garage
14. Old Church corner of Copeland Hill and Appleby Road
15. Stanton Tracy Road

# Many other Burial Grounds have not been located

- Colvin Family
- Coonley Farm
- Dean Farm
- Copeland Family
- Green-Sarles Families
- Crum Family
- Keefer Family
- Lawson Family
- Mosher Family
- Mossy Hill Cemetery
- New Bridge Cemetery
- Niles Family
- Row Family
- John Law Farm
- Simpson Carr Place
- Miller Road Pictuary
- Harvey Shear Farm
- Nolie DePuy Farm
- Dziobeckie Farm
- Fred Miller Farm
- Cary Farm
- Len Vincent Farm
- Milt Slingerland Farm
- James Wiltsie
- Ten Eyck Cronk (moved to Grove)
- Baeren Island Graves

This listing has not been verified but the names have been listed on various other lists as possible sites.

# Crypts & Vaults



- Niles Crypt - Coeymans



- Whitbeck Crypt - Whitbeck Road



- Verplank Crypt - Off route 143 near Collins Farm

# The Niles Crypt



*Sepulcher of*  
**HENRY NILES**  
*Deceased Feb 20, 1817*  
*In the 60<sup>th</sup> year of his age*





# Additional graves at Niles Crypt



# Whitbeck Crypt



Inscription:  
This vault Built  
1840  
By  
Andrew Whitbeck



# Verplank Crypt



Date crypt built  
18 ? 3 appears  
like a reversed 4



# Grove Cemetery



- Walking through Grove Cemetery you see many familiar names from our community: Colvin, Civil, Blaisdell, Vanderzee, Cronk, Briggs, Andrews, Baker, Bishop, Verplank, Van Antwerp, Niles, Keller, Powell, Bronck, Crandall, Ten Eyck, Seabridge, Powell, Gedney, Houghtaling, Huyck,

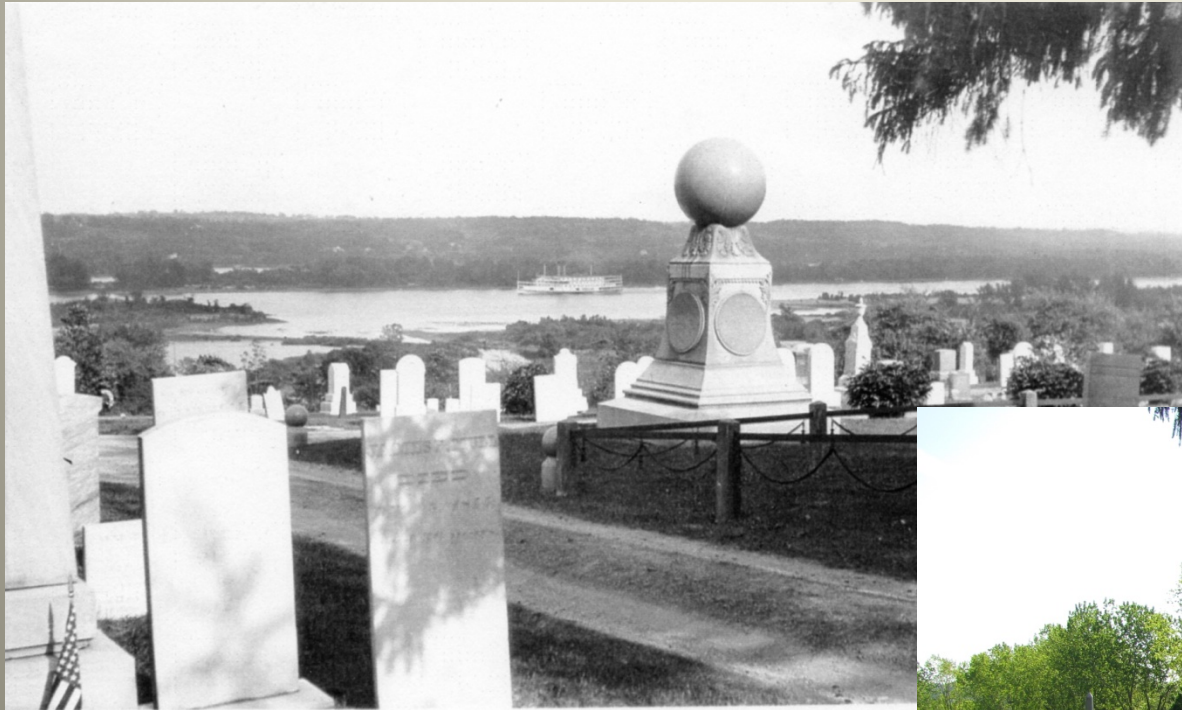
# Acton Civil Monument



# Robert V. B. Blaisdell & Marguerite Briggs Blaisdell



# View of J N Briggs Monument Grove Cemetery



Note the view in the photo above was taken in 1920 you can see the River and day boat in background.

At right the same view today ->



# Grave of Verplank Colvin



Discovered Lake Tear of the clouds and directed the surveying of the Adirondacks.



# Dr. Wesley Blaisdell



Dr. Blaisdell graduated in Medicine and was a Brigade Surgeon during the Civil War. He died on October 22, 1863 at Fortress Monroe of Yellow Fever.

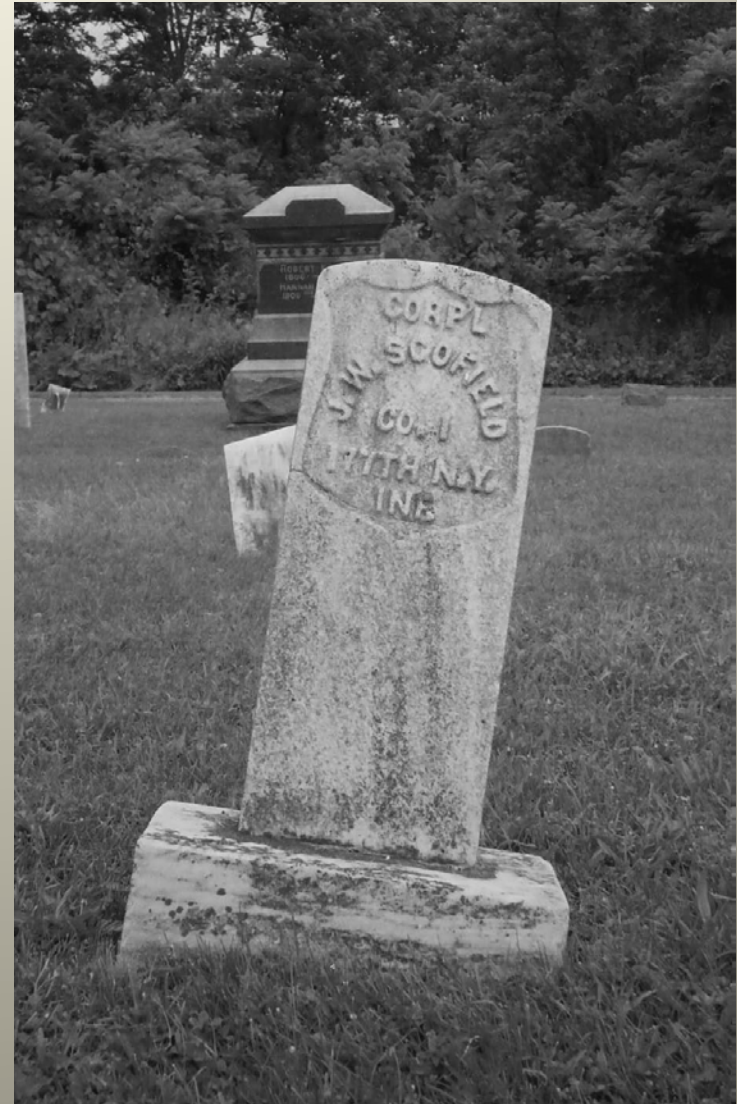


Wesley Blaisdell House in Coeymans

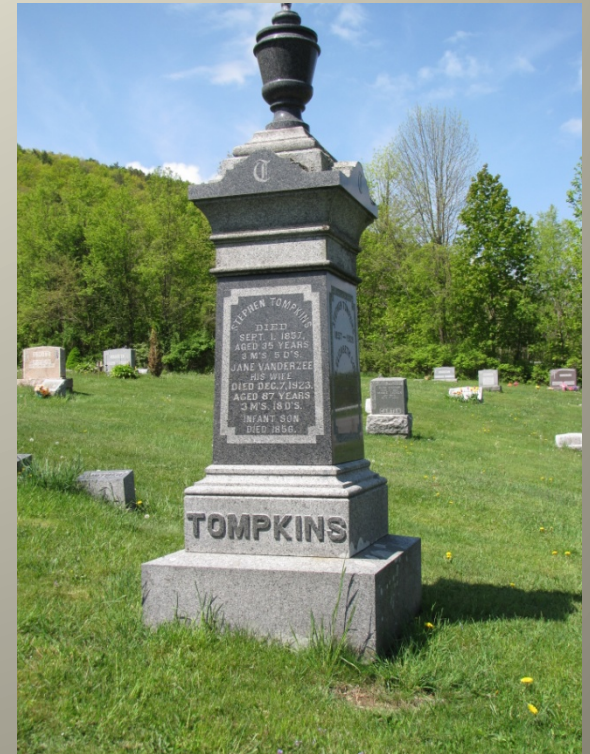
# Corporal James Scofield



Civil War Veteran  
Co 1, 177<sup>th</sup> NY infantry



# Coeymans Hollow Cemetery



Many Coeymans Hollow families final resting place is the Coeymans Hollow Cemetery. These two views show the Tompkins Family plots

# Peter Van Hoesen

## Civil War Veteran – Medal of Honor Recipient



The Coeymans Hollow Cemetery is also the final resting place of approximately 23 Civil War Veterans. The photo shown is the resting place of Peter Van Hoesen also known as James Sullivan. The Story of Peter Van Hoesen was featured in our Summer 2011 “Hitching Post”

# Ten Eyck-Crum Cemetery



In 2000 this Cemetery was cleaned and restored, the photo on left was before work was done, the photo below was taken after.



# Ten Eyck-Crum Cemetery

From this in 2000



To this in 2012



Leaving old sites unattended they quickly become overgrown and hard to find.

# Ten Eyck Burying Ground

The graves are in this overgrown hedgerow



One stone can be seen next to tree, almost grown over

# Mull Cemetery



Ravine Below on edge of Mull cemetery





# Waldron Cemetery



Waldron House



# Van Dalfsen Family Burying Ground



Located east of Saint Patrick's cemetery just off the old road on the former Henry Niles farm.

Burial place of John Van Dalfsen, died June 11, 1823 in 66<sup>th</sup> year. Veteran of both the revolutionary war and the war of 1812.

# Indian Fields Cemetery



# Graveyard Guide

*Behold my friend as you pass by  
As you are now, so once was I  
As I am now, you soon must be  
Prepare for death and follow me.*

- Common gravestone inscription circa 1800 -



## A Graveyard Guide

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