

In November 2022, a ground penetrating radar scan found at least twelve gravesites. Records show an Almshouse burial for ten individuals. The list includes, in order of date of death:

**Sarah Chase**, widow of Nathan, died at the Almshouse on February 3, 1850. She was 98 years old. Almshouse Master Oliver Brown was her undertaker.

**William Burrill**, widower of Sarah who had died at the Almshouse in 1847, died there on December 2, 1855. He was about 92 years old. He had been a laborer, but became a pauper in the last decade or so of his life. The death registry says he is buried at the Almshouse Cemetery.

**Widow Hannah England** died of paralysis at the Almshouse at age 82 on January 10, 1857. She is buried at the Almshouse Cemetery, according to the register of deaths.

**Gilman Tewksbury**, a farmer with a wife and daughter, died of general debility at the Almshouse on March 26, 1859. He was 44 years old. The death registry identifies the Almshouse Cemetery as his burial place.

**Miss Anna Woodman**, 75, died of cancer at the Almshouse on June 23, 1859. According to the death register, she is buried at the Almshouse Cemetery.

**Thomas Tewksbury**, once a shoemaker, died of liver disease at the Almshouse on December 15, 1859 at age 68. Death records set Thomas Tewksbury's burial place as the Almshouse Cemetery.

**Elizabeth M. Tewksbury**, unmarried, died of consumption at the Almshouse on June 27, 1866 at age 44. She was the daughter of Thomas and sister of Gilman Tewksbury, both of whom died and were buried at the Almshouse in 1859. Almshouse Master Daniel P. Nelson was her undertaker.

**Adolphus Sabine Noyes**, 26, died at the Almshouse on July 23, 1866. A shoemaker, he died of heart disease. Daniel P. Nelson, the Almshouse Master, served as undertaker

**Stephen Ordway**, 78, died of old age on April 16, 1873 at the Almshouse. He had been a mariner. Rebekah Chase Ordway, who died at the Almshouse in 1849 was his mother; baby Adeline Ordway, who died at age 4 ½ months in 1842 at the Almshouse, was his granddaughter. His undertaker was Daniel P. Nelson, the Almshouse Master.

**Daniel W. Bailey**, unmarried and once a farmer, died at age 84 of epileptic convulsions at the Almshouse on July 3, 1879. West Newbury's 1881 annual Town Report itemized an 1879 Almshouse expense of \$16 for a coffin and robe for his interment.

*Names of those likely to be laid to rest  
at the West Newbury Almshouse Cemetery*

The 23 remaining inmates known to have died at the Almshouse with no other recorded burial place likely remain there, in the cemetery. The majority of these arrived at the Almshouse debilitated by illness or old age. Over half of them were 60 or older, mostly alone in the world, when they died. They are, in order of date of death:

**Abigail Bailey**, unmarried and in her 80s, entered the Almshouse on the day it opened. Three months later, on December 10, 1837, she became the first to die there.

**George B. Rogers** entered the Almshouse with his parents and older brother at the end of 1837. Within a month he died there on January 20, 1838. He was only 2 years old. His family later came and went frequently at the Almshouse.

**Lydia Brewster**, a single woman, died at the Almshouse on April 23, 1839. She was 64 years old.

**Thomas Emery**, age 51, died at the Almshouse on November 12, 1840, only a day after he was taken there.

**Moses Clark** died at age 66 at the Almshouse on March 26, 1841, 2 months after his arrival.

**Prudence Bailey**, a single woman whose name is the first in the Almshouse listing of inmates, died on May 15, 1841. She was 93 years old.

With her mother 19-year-old mother Adeline Ordway, **baby Adeline Ordway** joined her aunt and young cousin at the Almshouse on December 16, 1841. She spent all but a month of her short life at the Almshouse, dying on April 2, 1842 at age 4 ½ months.

**Robert Rollins**, a laborer, contracted consumption. At age 47, he died at the Almshouse on March 14, 1845, roughly a month after he was admitted.

**William Preble**, an Englishman, entered the Almshouse with his wife and children on January 5, 1846. Less than 2 weeks later, on January 18, 1846, he died there of “exposure to cold” at age 32. His family left days later.

**Aron Sargeant**, 45, died of intemperance at the Almshouse on July 4, 1846.

**Jonathan Stevens**, designated a State Pauper, died at the Almshouse at age 82 on May 8, 1847.

**Sarah Burrill**, 75, entered the Almshouse with her husband William on April 5, 1847, and died there on May 15, 1847.

**Widow Rebekah Chase Ordway**, age 86, died at the Almshouse on February 10, 1849. Her great-granddaughter was baby Adeline Ordway, who had died at the Almshouse in 1842.

**Susan Rogers Gould**, widow of Joseph, died at the Almshouse on October 27, 1857 at age 92.

**Miss Hannah A. Ordway**, 88, died of old age at the Almshouse on April 27, 1858. She had been an inmate for just over a decade.

**John Moulton**, 77, died of diabetes at the Almshouse on August 3, 1863. He had been a laborer, a farmhand, and finally, a pauper.

**William Gould**, a shoemaker, died at age 63 on November 16, 1865, at the Almshouse. He had married Nancy Downer and was the son of Susan Rogers Gould, who had died at the Almshouse in 1857.

**William Noyes**, 85, died of old age at the Almshouse on November 29, 1866. He spent his last 5 years at the Almshouse.

**Miss Susan Gould** died at age 42 at the Almshouse on May 14, 1868. She was the granddaughter of Susan Rogers Gould who had died at the Almshouse in 1857 and the daughter of William, who had died at the Almshouse in 1865.

**James Burrill** died at the Almshouse on October 26, 1868 at age 81. Between his first admission in January, 1853 and the time of his death, he was in and out of the Almshouse 5 times.

**Moses Bowley**, once a laborer, died of consumption on May 6, 1869 at the Almshouse. He was 70. His widow Mary, who entered the Almshouse with him 3 months before, departed the Almshouse 4 days after his death.

**Joseph K. Moores**, 66, died of jaundice at the Almshouse on November 8, 1869.

**Miss Helen or Ellen Balford** died of heart and liver disease at age 60 at the Almshouse on December 8, 1870, less than a month after she was admitted. Born in New Jersey, she was an unmarried woman of color who had once been enslaved.

**Abigail Follansbee**, an unmarried woman, died of softening of the brain at the Almshouse at age 78 on February 3, 1872.