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THE ANNOTATED CEMETERY BOOK II, STOWE, VERMONT, 1798-1915: FOUR BURIAL RECORD BOOKS

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This is a must companion to Patricia Haslam's Book I, the 1998 *The Annotated Cemetery Book, Stowe, Vermont, 1798-1998: Histories and Inscriptions*. Not an update nor errata, this book documents more than 300 newly-discovered burials with no grave stones, and brings to 39 the known Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Stowe. This book is the result of discoveries made by Ms. Haslam during the preparation of her 1998 book where she found there were more burials in Old Yard, West Branch, and Riverbank Cemeteries than corresponding markers. Who were these people?

Using the burial record books of Old Yard/ a.k.a. Center Cemetery, the West Branch and Riverbank Cemeteries, and "Record of Age and Death of Stowe People" by Jess S Towne 1896, Ms. Haslam identified and then cross referenced those names WITHOUT grave markers. For verification, Stowe and Vermont Vital records and the U.S. Census were three of the primary sources consulted. The compiler's 38 year collection of family information, published genealogies, online databases and other secondary resources were also used.

For those researchers and family historians who are fairly certain that an ancestor died or was buried in Stowe, this book is a major time saver. For example: Little was known about Mr. Kelsey and Mrs. Z.W. Bennett. A search of the 1810 census revealed Giles Kelsey was living with son Nathan. By consulting the *KELSEY GENEALOGY, 1950*, Ms. Haslam found that this Mr. Kelsey is identified as a Revolutionary War soldier from New Hampshire who died at Stowe, 9 Oct 1824. Mrs. Z. W. Bennett is known now as Sophia, wife of Zebina, age 41 died 25 June 1837.

For those who have a general interest in the people of Stowe this book will quench their curiosity.

The book contains facsimile pages from the four burial books, extensive annotations, photos, a list of epidemics in Stowe and causes of death during the 19th century. The book is 8.5" x 11" and has a leather- flex, TRADE COVER with a sewn binding.

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