

Freemen of Hopkinton



This monument sits in front of the Hopkinton Town Clerk's Office. In 1982, for the 225th anniversary of town, the Hopkinton Historical Association paid to have the monument made at Bonner Monument, which was located in Ashaway at the time.

The title of the monument is very misleading. The individuals listed on the monument were not "founders" of the town. Their fathers and grandfathers did, these men listed were already established here when the town was divided off from Westerly in 1757.

The term Freeman meant the men had land and finances enough so they would not become a financial burden on the town.

The names on the monument are as follows; Parsavel Allen, George Babcock, Oliver Babcock, Benjamin Barber, Samuel Brand, Ebenezer Burdick, Ezekiel Burdick, Hubbard Burdick, Hubbard Burdick, Capt. Hubbard Burdick, John Burdick, Nathan Burdick, William Burdick, Daniel Butler, Samuel Button Jr., Joshua Clark, Hezekiah Collins, John Cottrell, Peter Crandall, Jedediah Davis, Thomas Foster, Benjamin Hall, David Hall, Ezekiel Hall, John Hall, John Hall Jr., William Hasfall (Hadsfall), Ebenezer Hill, John Hill, Josiah Hill Jr., Samuel Hill, Peter Kinyon, Joshua Lanphere, John Larkin, Samuel Larkin, Joseph Lawton, Elisha Lewis, John Lewis, John Lewis, John Maxson, John Maxson, William Maxson, Daniel McCoon, Daniel McCoon Jr., Elisha McCoon, John McCoon Jr., Nathan McCoon, Simeon Perry, Zaccheus Pooler, Timothy Porter, George Potter, Thomas Potter, Benjamin Randall, Joseph Reynolds, Zaccheus Reynolds. Edward Robinson, John Robinson, George Thurston, John Weaver, Edward Wells, Edward Wells Jr., Jonathan Wells, Thomas Wells, Thomas Wells Jr., Benjamin Wibor, John Witter Jr., Joseph Witter and Roger White.

If the committee had read three pages further in the Town Council records, they would have found the following Freeman that should have been included on the monument. John Brown Jr., John Button, Andrew Elliot, Jonathan Foster, William Guile, Jonathan Lankfort, Isaiah Maxson, Joseph McCoon, Lawton Palmer, Nathan Palmer, Benjamin Randall Jr., David Wells, Elnathan Wells, Joseph Wells, Walter Worden, William York.