

An Archive
of
Memorials
&
Remembrances
in
Little Compton, RI



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How This Project Began

A lone tree in front of Wilbur & McMahan School started this project. Some felt it was too big and should be removed. Then someone mentioned it was a memorial planting for a student who died.

Thus began our quest for information. Many people have helped with this project; we have walked many sites, viewed many markers, consulted books written about Little Compton, posted inquiries in the newspaper and talked to residents. By no means is this a complete listing of our loved ones who are no longer here – we will continue to update the information as it becomes available. As with any project there will be errors and omissions and it will be on-going but we have tried to be as accurate as possible.

What Makes Little Compton so special?

Why do many people want to live here?

These are questions a native Little Comptonite asks new families who move into this peaceful seaside community. What do they see here that they want or need?

They see people who preserve the lush fields of new mown hay or fields that are cluttered with wild flowers; they see open space that has been preserved for everyone to enjoy; they see rumpled and structured stone walls that mark boundaries or keep livestock safe and confined; they see memorial plantings of trees, shrubs, gardens, memorial plaques on buildings and vintage lanterns in and around the Commons and Adamsville.

BUT most of all, they see a community of caring and loving people who have kept Little Compton as a town that preserves land and areas people will be able to enjoy ad infinitum for all now and for those who come after us.

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When researching memorials in and around the town of Little Compton and the village of Adamsville, we became convinced people want to remember their forebears, their relatives, their friends who have left this “Camelot” and want them to be remembered forever.

In retrospect this committee wanted to make a permanent record of these remembrances and memorials and, therefore, we submit the following information as near to every reliable resource we were able to find.

Enjoy and remember these citizens, young and old, who gave so much to be honored in many ways.

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