#### Royalston Cemeteries

- Riverside Cemetery, South Royalston, located on River Road. #1. This is a large active cemetery and is maintained.
- South Royalston Cemetery, South Royalston, located about 100 feet on left from junction of road near country store. It is on Route #2. #68 going towards Royalston almost directly across from the fire station. This is an older cemetery, needs some maintenance, it is rather small with white marble stones and surrounded by a fence an stone wall. It appears this is no longer used for burial.
- Shepardson Cemetery. The cemetery is located on Route #32 on the #3. right side, just above Doane Hill Road going towards West Royalston. The cemetery is in excellent condition both the stones and area have been well maintained. The cemetery contains graves of many persons bearing the name Shepardson. Some of the family names found on gravestones in this cemetery:

Bemis Forbes Fisher Tandy Shepardson Chapin Walker Wood Jacobs Stewart Whitcomb Davis Corser Cook Moore Herrick

#4. Lawrence Brook Cemetery. The cemetery is located on Route #68 directly across from Winchendon Road. It sets in about 100 or so feet from Route #68 but can be seen from the road. It is an active cemetery containing both white marble and present day granite stones and monuments. It appears to be properly maintained. This is a fairly large cemetery.

#5. / Center Cemetery. This cemetery is located on Athol Road a short " old Cometory" distance from the Histoical Society Building, on the left, going towards Athol. This appears to be one of the older cemeteries containing many beautifully carved and interesting slate grave stones along with many white marble stones. It is in very good condition and is maintained.

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This cemetery is located about 150 feet in from Route #68. It is on the left going towards West Royalston not too far below Falls Road. Falls Road is on the right and below this road is a connector from Route #68 back to Falls Road also on the right. From Falls Road to entrance to cemetery, which is on the left, is approximately .03 tenths of a mile. From the connector to cemetery entrance is approximately .01 tenth of a mile. This cemetery contains many beautifully carved slate stones and appears to be another older cemetery. There are also some field stone grave markers along with two marble stones. The cemetery is overgrown and needs maintenance work along with repairing and resetting of some of the gravestones. The cemetery is surrounded by a stone wall Some of the family names found on gravestones in this cemetery:

Peter Thurston John Chamberlain

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- #7. Jonas Aliene Cemetery. This cemetery is a new cemetery and is located on the left side of Winchendon Road going towards Winchendon from Route #68. It is not too far from the Royalston Highway Department Garage and on same side.
- #8. Bullock Cemetery. This cemetery is located about 200 feet in from Route #32, on right side of road going towards Richmond N. H. The entrance to the cemetery is a narrow cart path which leads to the cemetery. Coming back towards Royalston, from the Richmond N. H. and Royalston, Mass. town line marker, the entranceto the cemetery would be on the left about .05 tenths of a mile.

The cemetery contains slate stones, white marble stones, one field stone and one polished red marble small monument of recent date.

Dates of death range from about 1791 to 1879. There is one recent burial of 1985. The cemetery is enclosed by a stone wall.

Within the cemetery there is one section enclosed by granite posts

and pipe railing.
The condition of the cemetery is fair and could stand some

maintenance

Some of the family names found on gravestones in this cemetery:

Goddard Weeks Davis Handy Wheeler McKinney Buffum Blanding

The below four family names will be found within the enclosure as mentioned above

Tandy Davis Bullock White

( See REAR FOR )

#9. Butterworth Road Cemetery. This cemetery is approximately .04 tenths of a mile in on Butterworth Road from Route #32. It is on the left side of the road. The cemetery is surrounded by a stone wall with an opening to the road. It is located on edge of road. The cemetery has been vandalized. Many of the white marble stones are broken and lying down. It also appears the cemetery is neglected. Butterworth Road is located on the left side of Route #32 going towards Richmond N. H. It is about 2½ miles from Shepardson Cemetery.

Some of the family names found on gravestones in this cemetery

Cementha OsgoodFeranda DavisCharles OsgoodElma DavisMary Ann DavisLewis DavisIsrael LambJoseph DavisMary WebsterLyman PeckLouvina Peck

#10. Joshua Doane Mounment and gravesite on Fitzwilliam Road.

This is a beautiful white marble monument marking the gravesite of Joshua Doane and his wife Ruth. The site sets up on a banking about 50 feet in from the road edge and is surrounded by a pipe railing fence. There is a stone wall running parallel with the road but a break in the wall shows where the gravestone is located. The stone is located .01 tenth of a mile, on the right, from Taft Road, going towards Fitzwilliam N.H. The stone is located .08 tenths of a mile from end of hard surface road and junction of Fitzwilliam Road and Stone Road which goes to South Royalston.

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The Joshua Doane Monument Inscription

JOSHUA DOANE

DIED

JULY 22 1835

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RUTH R

wife of J Doane

DIED

OCT 5 1840

AE 65

#11. Gale-Gates Cemetery. To get to this cemetery from Route #32; Take Bliss Hill Road, which is the dirt road on the left at the Richmond N.H./Royalston Mass town line marker, going towards Richmond, NH. Go down approximately 1 and 07 tenths of a mile to Warwick Road, which is a hard surface road. Cross over Warwick Road, which is a continuation of Bliss Hill Road, and continue on approximately .05 tenths of a mile and the cart path to the cemetery will be on the right. This cart path is quite an incline and the cemetery is located about 500 feet up this cart path. There is a sign locating Gale-Gates Cemetery at foot of cart path. The cemetery is enclosed by a stone wall. There is also a tomb near the entrance to the cemetery. Dates of death cover period from about 1800 to 1900. There is one later burial of 1963 so it appears burials can still be done. The cemetery is in good condition but could stand a bit of maintenance and stone repair, or resetting. There are slate stones, white marble stones and two granite monuments. The two monuments; one for the Gale Family and one for the Gates Family along with many other grave markers for these two families. There are also many grave markers for the Bliss and Goddard Family. Some of the family names found on gravestones in the cemetery: Garfield Kennedy Peck Goddard Gibson Kendall Abbott Connant Hill Bliss Gale Drewry ( See REAR FOR Andrews Fisher Wakefield Smith Brewer Matthews Guerney Perry Kenney Gates

#12. Bliss Family Cemetery. This family cemetery is located on Route #68, on the left hand side of the street going west towards Route #32. It is on a slight knoll at edge of street line and is opposite the white home of Sherman Hamlett.

The cemetery is .03 tenths of a mile from the junction of Route #68 and Route #32, going from the junction of these two routes towards Royalston Center and would be on the right side of Route #68

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The cemetery has three monuments; onewhite marble gravestone and five field stones with no markings. Two of the monuments are white marble and one is grey granite. There is a portion of a wooden fence which suggests the cemetery was enclosed by a wooden white fence at one time. The area is partially overgrown and could stand some maintenance. The gravestones and monuments are in good condition.

## The inscriptions

Julia L

wife of

Wm F Gordon & dau of

Nathan & Emily Bliss

died Mar 21 1860

Aged 22 yrs & 2 ms

a white marble upright gravestone



Nathan Bliss

Born Sept 15 1808 Died Aug 7 1885

Emily Lovett

his wife

Born Jan 21 1806 Died Mar 16 1865

A grey Granite Monument

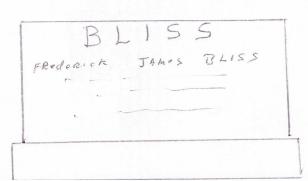
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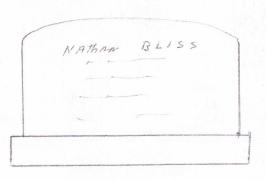
Frederick James Bliss Born June 21 1844 Died Oct 9 1916

Marie Louise Cooke his wife Born Mar 4 1849 Died July 7 1906

Edith Alta Bliss Born July 28 1887 Died May 5 1907

(A white Marble Monument)





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Nathan Bliss died Jan 31 1852 AE 90

Ruth his wife died Nov 28 1862 Æ 97

Annie Bliss died June 26 1884 Æ 92

#### right side

Benjamin Buffum died Jan 21 1887 Æ 87

> Sally his wife died May 28 1891 Æ 84

#### rear

Sarah A wife of E M Bliss died Sept 2 1878 Æ 37

This is a white marble pyramid type marker or monument

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