

## The Small Tomb.

In the Autumn of 1848, Humphrey<sup>7</sup> and his brother Major Henry<sup>7</sup>, together with their brother-in-law, William Thompson and Mr Thompson's sons, Henry<sup>8</sup> and Sewall<sup>8</sup>, built a family tomb in what had once been the cellar of Henry's<sup>6</sup> second house in Limington, situated a few rods north of his last house, and in a private road leading from the main road to the Thompson house. In consideration of a fifth interest in the tomb, Elmira, widow of Humphrey's<sup>7</sup> brother Joseph<sup>7</sup>, gave the triangular bit of ground of perhaps one-third of an acre upon which the tomb is built. This land has been in the family since 1668, and as it now can never be sold it will remain in the family for ever. Amen and Amen.

Thus the five original owners of the tomb were: 1. Humphrey<sup>7</sup>; 2. Major Henry<sup>7</sup>; 3. Elmira, widow of Joseph<sup>7</sup>; 4. William and Sewall<sup>8</sup> Thompson; 5. Henry Thompson<sup>8</sup>.

June 5, 1849, the bodies of the following named persons were disinterred in the field where they had been buried and removed to the new tomb.

1. Mary McKenney, the fairy born widow of Major John<sup>5</sup> Small and of Mr. Haskins, 1731-1823, aged 92.
2. Henry<sup>6</sup> Small, son of Maj. John<sup>5</sup> and Mary, 1757-1826, aged 69.
3. Elizabeth Dam, wife of Henry<sup>6</sup> Small, 1758-1841, aged 83.
4. Mary<sup>7</sup> Small, Dau. of Henry<sup>6</sup> and Elizabeth, and wife of Wm. Thompson, 1780-1846, aged 66.
5. Joseph<sup>7</sup> Small, son of Henry<sup>6</sup> and Elizabeth, 1806-1838, aged 32.
6. Freeman<sup>8</sup> son of Wm. and Mary<sup>7</sup> Thompson, 1813-1824, aged 11.
7. Orinda Higgins, wife of Henry<sup>8</sup> Thompson, 1802-1841, aged 39.
8. Ann Maria<sup>8</sup>, dau. of Maj. Henry<sup>7</sup> and Eliza Small, 1834-1835.
9. William, son of Henry<sup>8</sup> and Orinda Thompson, 1823-1824.
10. William O.<sup>9</sup> son of Henry<sup>8</sup> and Orinda Thompson, 1827-1829.

The bones of all save Elizabeth Dam Small; Mary<sup>7</sup> Small Thompson and Orinda Higgins Thompson were placed in the stone vault, as their coffins were decayed. The coffins of the three women before named were in fair condition and were placed in the tomb in the above named order commencing at the inner end.

The bodies of the following named persons have since been placed in the tomb in the order here given, commencing at the inner end next to those afore named:

1. Theodosia<sup>7</sup> Small, Dau. of Henry<sup>6</sup> and Elizabeth, wife of Hugh Libby, 1801-1850, aged 49.
2. Mary L.<sup>8</sup> Small, Dau. of Humphrey<sup>7</sup> and Sarah, 1817-1853, aged 36.
3. Statira Libby, Dau. of Harvey and Sarah, wife of Sewall<sup>8</sup> Thompson, 1807-1855, aged 48.
4. Humphrey<sup>7</sup> Small, Son of Henry<sup>6</sup> and Elizabeth, 1787-1863, aged 76.
5. Hugh Libby, Died 1872.
6. Sarah Libby, wife of Humphrey<sup>7</sup> Small, 1792-1873, aged 81.
7. Henry<sup>8</sup> Thompson, Son of Wm. and Mary<sup>7</sup>, 1802-1873, aged 71.
8. William Thompson, 1775-1876, aged 101.
9. Sewall<sup>8</sup> Thompson, Son of Wm. and Mary<sup>7</sup>, 1805-1888, aged 83.

#### Eighth Generation.

Lauriston<sup>8</sup> Ward Small, son of Humphrey<sup>7</sup> and Sarah, is the writer of these hasty sketches.

(This material was copied from a small booklet that Anna Larrabee let me copy from. Miss Larrabee and others have had the tomb door cemented up, after putting some of the stones inside.)

I called on her the first week in Nov. 1954.

(Eddie Emery owns Old Dundee now.)