

## Hartford Cemeteries and dates established.

Those listed as 1,5, 6,8 & 12 are Hartford City owned cemeteries

- 1)- **Ancient Burying Ground** – AKA – Center (Church) Burying Ground, Established **1640**  
First burying ground used in Hartford was eradicated in 1712, as it had gone abandoned after the Colony council secured land from Mr. Olmstead, now between Main & Gold St. in Hartford.
- 2)- Second Burying Ground of Hartford – **Center Burying Ground**, was established. **1709/10** – located now on Main St. of East Hartford. The land was owned and secured by same colony council in Hartford for those residents living East of the Great River, which at that time was almost 2/3's of the population.
- 3)- **West Hartford's Center Cemetery** Established **1719** on Main St. in West Hartford
- 4)- Next was what is now **West Cemetery in Manchester** (earlier part of Hartford, Orford Parish then East Hartford) was established in **1740**... The land was given by resident owner Mr. Olcott – location is now Spencer St. in Manchester
- 5)- **Old South Burying Ground**, Hartford, Established **1800** for the city – making it the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest burying ground Within the present day boundaries of Hartford.  
Given to the city by the First Mayor Thomas Seymour (previous burials 1700's for Benton Family) on Maple St. in Hartford (adjacent to Fox Middle School AKA old Bulkley School)
- 6) – **Old North Cemetery**, Hartford, Established **1807** – first burial 1809  
Land given to the city by resident owner Mr. Bushnell on North Main St. in Hartford which includes Holy Trinity; the first Catholic Burying Ground **1839**  
(Holy Trinity is managed by Mt. St. Benedict's)
- 7) **St. Patrick's Cemetery** – Established (behind Old North Cemetery) Hartford (managed by Mt. St. Benedict's) **1848(?)**
- 8) **Zion Hill Cemetery** – Established **1843**  
Behind Trinity College Harford
- 9) **Spring Grove Cemetery**, Established **1840**  
on North Main St., Hartford
- 10) **Cedar Hill Cemetery** – Established **1864**  
On Fairfield Ave. Hartford – Privately run
- 11) **Mt. St. Benedict's Cemetery** Established **1874**  
Blue Hills Ave. Bloomfield – Hartford line.
- 12) **Northwoods Cemetery** Established **1925**  
North Main St. on Windsor town line.

**Ancient Burying Ground of Hartford** Web Site: <http://theancientburyingground.org/>

**Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford**

Web Site: <http://www.foundersofhartford.org/>

**Descendants and Founders of Ancient Windsor**

Web site <http://ancientwindsor.org/>

**Connecticut Gravestone Network** [www.ctgravestones.org](http://www.ctgravestones.org)

Links on CGN site include CT State Library, CT laws, Genealogy, as well as other cemetery and preservation sites.

For other **Hartford area Preservation** activities go to <http://www.hartfordpreservation.org/calendar/>

**Karen Omaxfield's web site for Hartford History** is great and here is her page for Hartford cemeteries [www.hartford.omaxfield.com/burying.html](http://www.hartford.omaxfield.com/burying.html)

**You can also find the Ancient Burying Ground,  
Friends of Center Cemetery of East Hartford and Cedar Hill Cemetery on Facebook..**