

**COTTON CEMETERY  
Portsmouth, NH**

The main entrance, on South Street, has a sign which reads: **"SOUTH STREET CEMETERY"** There are, within this area, five separate cemeteries;

**COTTON CEMETERY  
ELMWOOD CEMETERY  
PROPRIETORS' CEMETERY  
HARMONY GROVE CEMETERY  
SAGAMORE CEMETERY**

The date of establishment of Cotton Cemetery is generally regarded as **1721**. William Cotton and his heirs were granted pasturage under the terms of agreement: "The said land shall remain for a "training field" and to bury the dead in". The City of Portsmouth now owns and maintains this property. It is located to the far left when entering the main gate.

**ELMWOOD CEMETERY  
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There are twelve burials in **Elmwood Cemetery**. The first being in **1859**. It is located at the "end" of Cotton Cemetery (See Map Section "N")

In 1907 the late Arthur Horton Locke published a collection of his tombstone records. Some two thousand of Portsmouth's oldest stones, Cotton Cemetery included, were recorded.

John Eldridge Frost undertook the monumental task of recording tombstones in the entire "South Street Cemetery" in 1945. He was aware, and pleased, with our efforts to continue his very important work. We regret the passing of John Frost.

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