

Preble Family Stones Among Oldest in Sagadahoc Co.

(Located at Preble Point near the north end of Arrowsic, this is one of the oldest cemeteries in Sagadahoc Co. It is now a pasture and stones are fallen and covered with mud; this cemetery may soon disappear. Jonathan & Rebekah Preble were parents of Ebenezer Preble who, with wife Mary Hamden, were killed by Indians in Woolwich June 9, 1758; this was the last Indian attack in Maine. Five stones have the conventional death's head of the period; three have the inscriptions given below.)

<p>PREBLE, Joseph, d. Jan. 30, 1808 in his 80th year. Mary (Hodgkinson), wife of Joseph, d. Jan. 24, 1821, a. 86 y. Mr. John, d. Aug. 5, 1839, a. 69 y. Mrs. Lydia (Cross), wife of John, d. Aug. 15, 1813, a. 33 y. Joseph, s. John & Lydia, d. Apr. 9, 1877, a. 68 y.</p>	<p>This stone preserves the memory of Mr. Jonathan Preble. Who was born at York April 11, 1695 and died March 7, 1768 Acttis Suici 73 He was of uncommon sagacity in Judgement and affectionate, just, benevolent husband, father, neighbor, friend and a firm believer in ye Christian Religion and shewed his faith by his good works. John II.18 in a word, "He was a good man". Acts XI. 24</p>
<p>(Joseph, above, was son of Jonathan & Rebekah. Mr. John was the son of Joseph and Mary.)</p>	<p>Here lyes interred the body of Mrs. Rebekah the amiable consort of Mr. Jonathan Preble. She was born in Old England and in the mids't of her days died September 1739. The memory of the just, though dead, live and to the living friendly warnings given.</p>
<p>In memory of Mehitable, ye pious consort of Mr. Jonathan Preble Who died March 4, 1768, aet 73 the widow of Nicholas Sewall of York and the daughter of Samuel Storer.</p>	<p>She was born in Old England and in the mids't of her days died September 1739. The memory of the just, though dead, live and to the living friendly warnings given.</p>

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