

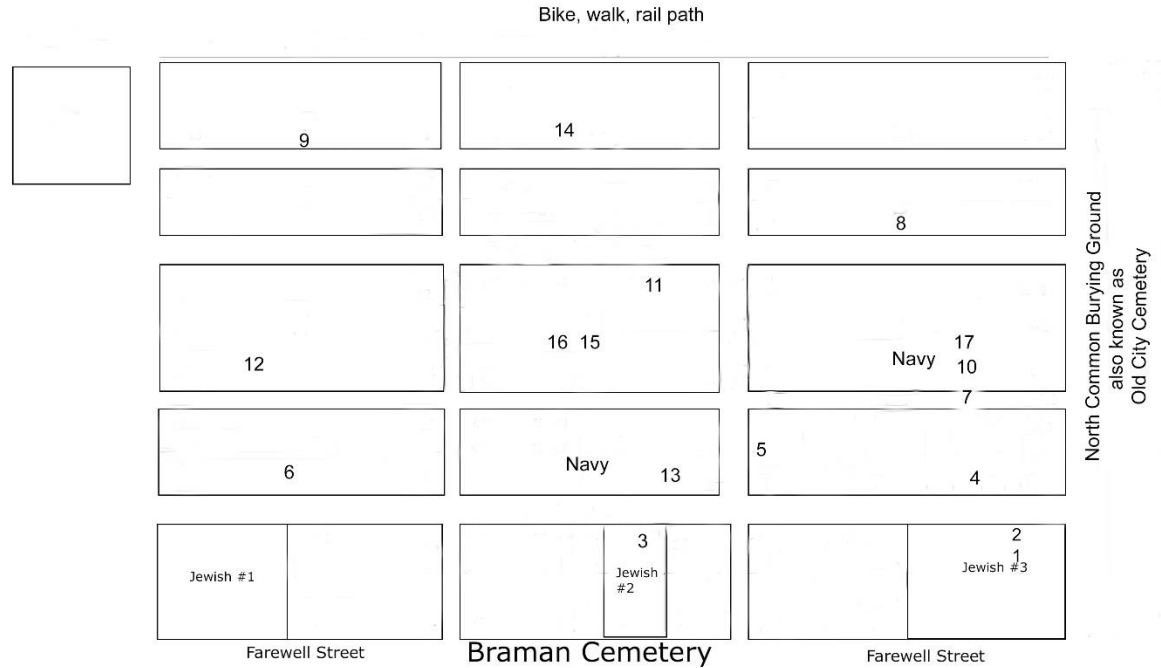


WELCOME TO
BRAMAN CEMETERY
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Owned and maintained by
 the City of Newport

- Established in 1898 by David Braman, Daniel Braman, and Robert Fell on land that had been part of the family farm
- Active during most of the twentieth century
- Includes Jewish sections and sections for U.S. Navy related burials
- The North Common Burying Ground, also known as the Old City Cemetery, borders Braman on the north and continues to Van Zandt Ave.

Burials in Braman Cemetery showcase the diversity of 20th century America. The people were proud of their heritage as well as in their American citizenship. The importance of education and community service is reflected in their lives.



1-Dr. Sam Adelson (1897-1965) Dr. Adelson treated Newporters and served as president of Newport County Medical Society (1961-62).

2-Rabbi David Baruch (1847-1899) Born in Amsterdam, Baruch was living in New York City when he was hired in 1894 to serve as spiritual leader at Touro Synagogue. He was the second rabbi to serve the congregation, which reformed in the 1880s.

3- Rabbi Jacob Bernstein (1885-1937) Rabbi Bernstein was one of the spiritual leaders of the other Orthodox Jewish congregation in Newport, Ahavas Achim. The congregation formed in 1915 and disbanded in 1981.

4-David Braman (1845-1921) One of the founders of the Braman Cemetery on land he helped his father farm with his brother Daniel. He was active in Newport and served on the boards of a number of banks.

5- Daniel Burdick Braman (1850- 1907) One of the founders of the Braman cemetery on land he helped his father farm with his brother David. He was an 1875 graduate of Brown University and, like his brother, served on a number of boards of Newport banks.

6-Apostolos B. Cascambas (1879-1950) Cascambas arrived in New York City from Greece in 1892 as a candy maker (confectioner), became a naturalized citizen in 1912, and registered for the WWI and

WWII draft. He was the first president of the local American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association chapter. His shop served soda with cream “right off the farm” in an attractive store for 40 years at corner of Long Wharf and Thames St.

7-Rev Daniel Chase Easton (1844-1907) Rev.

Easton was a Baptist minister with deep roots in the city. His ancestors include Governor Nicholas Easton one of the founders of Newport.

8-Dr. Samuel G. Elbert, Sr. (1865 -1939) Born in Maryland, Dr. Elbert was one of the first African American doctors in Delaware. There, he devoted much of his time to advance the education of youth in his community. His wife, **Ella Smith Elbert (1865-1955)**, was born in Newport.

9-Major William Jackson Gaines (1923-2012)

Gaines graduated Rogers High School in 1940 and worked in hotels, shining shoes to earn money to attend college. While attending Virginia Union University, he left to enlist in the army and fight in WWII. During his decades of service to the country he saw active duty at Iwo Jima and Korea and was in Europe during the Cold War. He pioneered the design, development, and implementation of a standard Army-wide automated munitions management and reporting system, for which he was inducted into the US Army Ordinance Corps Hall of Fame (1994). He was the first African-American to be so honored.

10-Joseph J. Henry (1889-1908) Seaman Henry’s clothing got caught in the gears of a gun turret during training in Newport and snapped his neck. This monument was funded by his shipmates on the *USS Mississippi*.

11-Armstead Hurley (1854-1932) Hurley arrived in Newport in 1886 from Culpeper County, Virginia, and was a successful house painter. He was a deacon and treasurer at Shiloh Baptist Church and active politically in the Republican party. Armstead was also a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and the Masons.

12-Rev. Louis Victor Jeffries, (1881-1935) Rev.

Jeffries arrived in Newport to be the spiritual leader of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 1926-1935. Under his leadership the church was raised and the Sunday School room enlarged. His wife, **Martha Rebekah Goode Jeffries Calloway (1899-1968)** was in charge of the Vacation Bible School, served as president of the Newport Women’s Christian Temperance Union and lectured in the community. She remarried after her husband’s death and is buried in Virginia with her family.

13-Rev Carl A.R. Liljewall (1886-1942) Rev.

Liljewell emigrated from Sweden in 1906 and served as minister of the Calvary Methodist Church on Annandale Ave.

14- Rev N.A. Marriott (1861-1924) Rev. Marriott

was called to Shiloh Baptist Church in 1917 as its spiritual leader, but resigned in 1924 due to ill health.

15-Rev Henry Clay Owens (1847-1933) Rev. Owens

was born in Augusta, Georgia and arrived in Newport in 1900 to serve the congregation at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.

16-Nicholas G Spiratos (1894-1967) Spiratos was

born in Cephalonia Greece, and served as president of St. Spyridon Church twice, 1946-48 and 1952-53.

17-Axel Sundquist (1867-1910) Sundquist was born in Finland and emigrated to the United States. He enlisted in the Navy in 1893 and, while serving during the Spanish American War, cleared 27 contact mines from Guantanamo Bay. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his bravery.

Naval burials- Newport has had a connection to the U.S. Navy since Colonial times. A “new” Navy hospital opened in 1910 and was expanded in 1918 to accommodate 1,000 patients. In addition to graves for service members and veterans in Newport, the cemetery also has two sections purchased by the hospital for those who died there.

Greek burials- By 1896, four Greeks from the island of Skiathos are known to have been in Newport and would be soon joined by others from Skiathos and Lesbos. Opportunities in the local fishing industry and tensions between Greece and Turkey may have encouraged emigration to Newport. The growing Greek community was employed in a variety of jobs in the city in addition to the fishing industry. The Hellenic Orthodox Community was chartered in 1915 and worshiped at Trinity Church’s Kay Chapel before purchasing their present building on Thames Street in 1924.

Jewish sections- When Touro Synagogue reopened in the late 1880s, the Colonial-era burial site was not an option for burials and a new site was needed. Over a period of about 30 years Jewish organizations and individuals bought burial lots in Braman Cemetery. The stone pillars located at the oldest Jewish section date to 1911.