

- 1 Alexander Caldwell (1747-1832), makers of Caldwell Rum
- 2 Reverend Charles Milton (1767-1837), Fourth Religious Society preacher
- 3 Timothy Dexter (1748-1806), benefactor and eccentric
- 4 Charles Herbert (1757-1808), prisoner in Mill Prison, England
- 5 Richard Hunnewell (1773-1839), Keeper of the Powder House
- 6 Fortune, died 1804, servant for the Dalton family
- 1 John H. C. Young, died 1889, African American businessman



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## OLD HILL BURYING GROUND

Once known as Snelling's Hill, Old Hill Burying Ground was established in 1729 and is the final resting place of soldiers, ministers, Caribbean refugees, and clockmakers. Take a walk and visit gravesites of makers of rum, of early African Americans, a sailor captured on the high seas, and a benefactor. There is a gravestone restoration project underway supported by a Community Preservation Act Grant.

1 Alexander
Caldwell (1747-1832)
came to Newburyport
from Litchfield,
New Hampshire and
worked for a distillery
before establishing
Caldwell's distillery in
1772. His son John
and later John's sons
Alexander and George,



and the next generations, continued to own the famous New England rum distillery. The factories were located at the foot of Kent Street. Caldwell's Old Newburyport Rum was sold all over the world, and its trademark was the earliest registered after Old Medford.

- **2** Charles W. Milton (1767-1837) was born in London, England. At the invitation of Reverend John Murray of the First Presbyterian Church, known as the Old South Church, Reverend Milton arrived in 1791 to assist with the local ministry. Dissenters from Murray's Federal Street Church enjoyed the young preacher and a new society was incorporated, Fourth Religious Society on Prospect Street in 1794. Reverend Milton was remembered as a man of "marked individuality, eccentric in habits and style of dress."
  - 3 Timothy Dexter (1748-1806) is remembered by Frederick
    T. Somerby (1814-1871):
    "Of course, you and the whole world have heard of Lord Timothy Dexter...

But whilst all his little foolish eccentricities have been published to the world, I am sorry to say that his many virtues have been hid under a bushel. He gave, as a Christian and a MAN, a goodly sum to

be put in the care of the town, the interest of which, annually, to be invested in provisions for the poor, who kept themselves out of the almshouse. In short, he did many noble things, which he should be credited for, and which are now lost sight of through his peculiarities."



**Charles Hebert** (1757-1808) kept a journal entitled *A Relic of the Revolution*, published in 1847, about his incarceration in Mill Prison, Plymouth, England. "... Mr. Herbert entered on board the Dolton, Nov. 15, 1776, being less than nineteen years of age, and returned to Newburyport Aug. 23, 1780, having been absent nearly four years, two of which he spent as a prisoner, in a foreign land. After his release, Charles joined the Alliance frigate, forming part of the squadron of Commodore J. Paul Jones."



S Richard Hunnewell (1773-1839), was a militia soldier, Captain of the Newburyport Artillery Company, and Keeper of the Powder House (1823 to 1836), which stored gunpowder, flints, musket balls, and camp kettles used by the local militia to defend the community. The earlier 1754 Powder House was

located at Old Hill Burying Ground. Visit the 1822 restored Powder House and Learning Center at 57 Low Street. The slate gravestone is located down the hill under a chestnut tree.

**6** Fortune, who died in 1804 was the "faithful servant" of the Dalton family who lived on State Street in a home built in 1746. As many of the earlier residents of Newburyport, the Dalton family owned slaves. Fortune's grave-



stone was erected by the Dalton family. For the past 100 years the house has been home to the Dalton Club, a private organization.

72 years old. His marble gravestone is located behind Fortune. He was a barbershop owner. John's epitaph reads: "A colored man of many virtues, poor as the poorest. He fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and was a father to the



fatherless. Kind and obliging to all, he has finished his course and has gone to rest. This tablet is erected by his friends."