

Last Resting Place

Fifty meters east of here, on the side of an old sand dune, is the location of the cemetery used by the earliest European settlers of Presqu'ile Point. Almost nothing is known of this cemetery but it appears to have been used during the first half of the 19th century. While there are undated records of there being up to a dozen gravestones, by the 1940s there was only one left. This last stone disappeared by 1969. Today the site has returned to a natural state. As a monument to all the early pioneers of Presqu'ile Point and their contribution to the development of this region the inscription of the only documented gravestone is reproduced here.

In Memory of Parmelia,
wife of Alex R. Sutcliff
Died Sept. 1, 1865, aged 34 years, 1 month, 3 days.

*Farewell my friends and children dear,
I am not dead but sleeping here,
As I am now so you must be
Prepare in time to follow me.*

The Presqu'ile cemetery as it looked in 1956, with only the one remaining headstone.

