Mowry Sayles Gravestone Transcription

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Transcription of Headstones:

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Transcription of Mowry Sayles Head and foot stone:

- Location: Smithfield historical cemetery 15: Pole 183 Douglas Pike.
- Former transcriptions: Transcribed by Irene Nebicker in early 1970's. Transcribed by Ron Farrar who described lot as: "Across from Decotis Farm" Transcribed by Roger Beaudry December 23, 1996 saying the lot is open so size is an estimate.
- The stone is a completely carved made of grey slate 25inches high and 13inches wide.
- The stone includes an identical foot stone with the initials of M. S and 1822 on the foot stone.
- The head stone includes a weeping willow tree in an earn.
- The stone does not indicate the company of origin or the carvers name.
- The most obvious meaning of a weeping willow would seem to be the weeping part in relation to mourning or grieving a loved one. The saying “she is in her willows” implies the mourning of a female for a lost mate/husband in this the loss of a son at a young age.
- The head stone inscription reads:

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In Memory
Mowry Sayles
Eldest Son of
JONATHAN & ZERUIAH
Mowry
Who Died Feb. 3, 1822
23 Years of Age, 8 Weeks and 20 Days
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Pictures of Head and Foot Stones:
Cyles, Feb. 3, 1821, 3 years. 20 days.
Died Feb. 3, 1821, 23 years. 20 days.