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The Hopper Family Burial Ground  
Glen Rock, NJ.  
As recorded by the Glen Rock Historical Society

The Cemetery is located in Glen Rock, NJ. Off of Spotswood road and next to the play field behind Coleman School . The Grave Stone Inscriptions are available through either the Glen Rock Historical Society or through the Librarian handling the Bergen County Genealogical Societies records. The following is a listing of the facts recorded on the tomb stones when they were still readable in an earlier time. It contains the following surnames. HOPPER, DEMAREST, VANEMBURGH, SPEAR, COURTER, GOETSCHIUS, ACKERMAN, WESTERVELT, LYDECKER, WILLIAMS, VOORHIS, and VANWAGNER.

Anne Hopper d. Feb 2 1839, Age 88 y, 3 m, 27 d.  
Jacob Demarest d. Dec 22 1832, Age 11 y, 3 m, Son of James & Ann Demarest.  
Peter Hopper d. Aug 28 1818, Age 73 y, 6 m, 26d.  
John VanEmburch d July 13, 1852, Age 28 Years. Son of James J. and Anna Demarest.  
Maria Hopper d. March 30, 1851 Age 4 Y, 6 m, 13 d. Daughter of Garret H and Eliza Hopper.  
Theunis Hopper d. July 22, 1854, Age 4, Child of Garret H. And Eliza Hopper.  
Eliza Spear b Feb 7, 1814, d. March 5, 1897, Wife of Garret H. Hopper.  
James J. Demarest d. August 6, 1849, Age 56y, 7 m, 2d.,  
Henry J. Hopper d. Feb 5, 1849, Age 42 y, 1m, 22d.  
Sophia Courter d March 4, 1860, Age 84y, 6m, 16 d wife of Aaron Courter  
Aaron Courter d Feb 28, 1862, Age 85y, 2m, 5d.  
Caroline Hopper d. Oct 25, 1897, Age 78y, 1m, 28d.  
Maria Goetschius d June 15, 1889, Age 79y, 2m, 12d. wife of Abraham H. Hopper.  
Garret H. Hopper d. Jan 10, 1870, Age 60y, 1m, 8d.  
Peter Hopper d March 3, 1879, Age 73 y, 4m.  
Ann Hopper d. Dec 27, 1888, Age 74y, 7m, 17d.  
Henry G. Hopper d. June 22, 1859, Age 24 y, 3m, 13d.  
Dorcas Ackerman d. Aug 11, 1866, Age 92y, 11m, wife of Garret P. Hopper.  
John A. Hopper d. May 25, 1863, Age 22y, 6m, 14d . Civil War casualty.  
Henry P. Hopper d. March 28, 1870, Age 85y, 11m.  
Abraham Hopper d. March 20, 1856, Age 48y, 6m.,  
Elizabeth Ann Hopper d. March 10, 1868, Age 19 y, 7m, 17 d.  
Garret J. Hopper d. Sept. 12, 1876 Age 55y, 1m, 23d.,  
Eliza Westervelt d. Oct. 22 1894 Age 68y, 8m, 22d., wife of Garret J. Hopper.  
Garret P. Hopper d. May 12, 1852, Age 82, 3m, 13d.,  
Albert J. Hopper d. Nov 5, 1818, Age 38y, 11m, 28 d.,  
Elizabeth Ackerman d. Jan 17, 1864, Age 87, 1m, 8d., wife of Henry P. Hopper .  
Jacob Demarest d. April 23, 1829, Age 65y, 8m, 27d.,  
John J. Lydecker d. August 14, 1846, Age 52y, 10m, 4 d.,  
Sarah M. Hopper d. June 2, 1819, Age 30y, 12m, 12d., Wife of James Williams.  
John H. Hopper d. Aug 7, 1859, Age 71 y, 2m, 7d.,  
Mary Voorhis d. April 7, 1870, Age 84y, 1m, 20d., wife of John H. Hopper.  
Clarence Williams d. July 19, 1873, Age 2 mos. Son of James and Sarah Williams.  
Baby d. May 4, 1828, Age 2 months, Son of Garrett and Jemime VanWagoner.  
Catherine Hopper d. Aug . 9, 1838, Age 40y, 11m, 12d., wife of John J. Lydecker.  
Kacia Demarest d. Aug 4, 1849, Age 76y, 3m, 27d.  
Ann VanEmburch d. April 19, 1833, Age 35y, 10m, 14d. wife of James Demarest.

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In the mid-1700's branches of the Hopper family settled on property included within Glen Rock's present boundaries. Four homes which are attributed to Hoppers are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The houses are situated on the streets we now refer to as Prospect Street and Ackerman Avenue. Many of the Hoppers and their relatives were buried at a site which can be viewed from Spottswood Road.

This burying ground's first known burial is that of Peter Demarest who died at age six February 26, 1804. The most recent burial is believed to be that of Caroline Hopper who died on October 25, 1897. Forty-four burials have been counted, four of which were infants. Most of the burials are of persons named Hopper and include that of John A. Hopper, a Civil War veteran who died May 25, 1863, Garret J. Hopper, Henry J. Hopper, John H. Hopper, Garret P. Hopper, and Henry P. Hopper.

Inscriptions on grave markers become hard to read as time passes due to air pollution, weather, and even grave rubbings. The stones have been laid within the ground to prevent further damage due to vandalism and for ease of grounds maintenance. Many years ago the inscriptions were recorded and some read as follows. See if you can find them.

In  
Memory of  
Anne Hopper  
who died February 2,  
1839  
Aged 88 Years 3 Months  
27 Days  
Hark from the tomb a doleful sound  
My ears attend the cry  
Ye living men come near the ground  
Where you must shortly lie.

~  
Jacob Son of  
James & Ann Demarest  
who died Dec  
22nd 1832 Aged  
11 years 3 months  
Snatcht from this world  
In the twinkling of an eye  
Released from this world of troubles  
And in Christ we hope he has died

~  
In  
Memory of  
Peter Hopper  
who departed this life  
August the 28th 1818 aged  
73 years 6 months and  
26 days  
Remember me as you pass by  
As you are now so once was I  
As I am now so you must be  
Prepare for death and follow me

~

Clarence  
son of  
James & Sarah  
Williams  
died  
July 19, 1873  
aged 2 months  
~

In  
Memory of  
the infant of Garrett and  
Jemime Van Wagoner  
who died May 4th 1828  
aged 20 days  
Here lies the infant from his mother's breast  
Whom the Lord has call'd to take his rest.  
Dear parents I can't come to visit thee  
Prepare for death and follow me.  
~

In  
Memory of  
Catharine Hopper  
wife of  
John J. Lydecker  
who died Aug. 9th 1838  
Aged 40 years 11 mos  
& 12 days  
I shall be satisfied  
When I awake before  
Thy throne.  
(St. John)

In memory of  
Kacia Demarest  
who died  
Aug. 4th 1849  
aged 76 years  
3 months and  
27 days  
The Lord is my shepherd  
I shall not want  
(23 Psalm)

In memory of  
Ann Van Emburgh  
wife of James Demarest  
who died April 19th  
1833 Aged 35 years  
10 months 14 days  
My flesh shall slumber in the ground  
Till the last trumpets joyful sound  
Then bursts the chain? with sweet surprise  
And in it my Savior ?  
~

Sacred to the Memory  
 of  
 Jacob Demarest  
 who  
 departed this life April 23rd  
 1829  
 Aged 65 years 8 months  
 and 27 days  
 As for me to live is Christ  
 and to die is gain?

~  
 In  
 Memory of  
 John J. Lydecker  
 who died  
 Aug 14th  
 1846  
 Aged 52 years 10 mos  
 4 days  
 When he shall appear we shall be  
 for we shall see him as he  
 (St. John)

~  
 Sarah M. Hopper  
 wife of  
 James Williams  
 Died June 2-- 1819  
 aged 30 years 12 months 12 days  
 Asleep in Jesus? blessed sleep  
 From which ? ever ?to weep  
 How still and peaceful is the grave  
 where lifes vain tumult past  
 The appointed house by Heavens decree  
 Receives us all at last.

~  
 In memory of  
 John H. Hopper  
 who died  
 Aug. 7, 1859  
 aged 71 years, 2 months  
 and 7 days  
 This world is vain and full of pain  
 With cares and troubles sore  
 But they are blest who are at rest  
 With Christ forevermore.

~  
 Mary Voorhis  
 wife of  
 John H. Hopper  
 who died  
 April 7, 1870  
 aged  
 84 years, 1 mon, 20 days  
 Blessed are the dead, who died in the Lord

Garret J. Hopper  
Died  
Sept. 12, 1876  
aged  
55 years 1 month  
23 days  
[epitaph unreadable]

~  
Eliza Westervelt  
wife of  
Garret J. Hopper  
died  
Oct. 22, 1894  
aged  
68 years, 8 monthss  
& 22 days  
Her busy hands are folded  
Her work on earth is done  
Her trials on earth are ended  
Her heavenly crown is won

~  
In  
Memory of  
Garret P. Hopper  
who died  
May 12th 1852  
Aged 82 Years 3 Months  
and 13 days  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous  
had the Lord delivered him out of them all.

~  
In  
Memory of  
Albert J. Hopper  
who died  
Nov. 5th 1818  
Aged 38 years 11 mos  
& 28 days  
O dearest father thou art blessed  
And gone to thine eternal rest  
Left children wife and friends behind  
On earth so precious to thy mind.

~  
In  
Memory of  
Elisabeth Ackerman  
wife of  
Henry P. Hopper  
who died  
Jan. 17, 1864  
aged 87 years 1 month  
and 8 days  
Blessed are the dead  
who die in the Lord.

In  
 Memory of  
 Dorcas Ackerman  
 wife of  
 Garret P. Hopper  
 who died  
 Aug. 11th 1866  
 Aged 92 years & 11 months  
 My dearest friends they dwell above  
 Then will I go to see  
 And all my friends in Christ below  
 Will soon come after me.

~  
 John A. Hopper  
 Died  
 May 25, 1863  
 Aged  
 22 Years, 6 Months  
 & 14 Days  
 A little while and ye shall see me  
 And agian a little while and ye shall see me.  
 (from St. John)

~  
 In  
 Memory of  
 Henry P. Hopper  
 who died  
 March 28th 1870  
 Aged 85 years &  
 11 months  
 There remaineth? therefore a rest  
 to the people of God.

~  
 Abraham Hopper  
 Died  
 March 20th 1856  
 Aged  
 48 years 6 months  
 Remember me as you pass by  
 As you are now so once was I  
 As I am now so you must be  
 Prepare for death and follow me.

~  
 Elisabeth Ann Hopper  
 Died  
 March 10, 1868  
 Aged  
 19 Years 7 Months  
 & 17 Days  
 Why should we grieve from thee to part??  
 Our loss is but your gain  
 We trust in God tho sad each heart  
 That we shall meet again

6.  
Caroline Hopper  
Died  
Oct. 25 1897  
Aged  
78 Years 1 Month  
& 28 Days  
Asleep

~  
Maria Goetschius  
Wife of  
Abraham H. Hopper  
Died  
June 15, 1889  
Aged  
79 Years 2 Months  
& 12 Days

Twas by his bidding we were wedded  
In pain awhile to part  
Tis by his care we meet again  
And gladness fills our hearts.

~  
In  
Memory of  
Garret H. Hopper  
who died  
Jan. 10th 1870  
Aged 60 years 1 month  
& 8 days  
The righteous hath ? in his death

~  
Peter Hopper  
who departed this Life  
March 3, 1879  
Aged  
73 years & 4 months  
I have placed my only trust  
in my Redeemers name.

~  
Ann Hopper  
Died  
Dec. 27th 1888  
Aged  
74 Years 7 Months  
& 17 Days  
At Rest

~  
In  
Memory of  
Henry G. Hopper  
who died  
June 22, 1859  
Aged 24 Years  
3 Months  
and 13 days  
In the midst of life we are in death?

In  
 Memory of  
 Maria  
 who died  
 March 30th 1851  
 aged 4 years 6 months  
 and 13 days  
 and  
 Theunis  
 died July 29th 1854  
 Aged 4 years  
 Children of Garret H.  
 & Eliza Hopper

~  
 ~  
 Eliza Spear  
 wife of  
 Garret H. Hopper  
 Born Feb. 7th 1814  
 Died March 5th 1897  
 Blessed reward of Dead  
 Who die in the Lord

~  
 In  
 Memory of  
 James J. Demarest  
 Who Died  
 August 6th 1849  
 Aged 56 Years 7 Months  
 and 2 days  
 Boast not thyself of tomorrow  
 For thou knoweth not what a day  
 May bring forth

~  
 Henry J. Hopper  
 died Feb. 5th 1849  
 Aged 42 yeras  
 1 month & 22 days  
 Thou are my hiding? place and my shield  
 I hope inthy reward

~  
 Sophia  
 wife of  
 Aaron Courter  
 Died March 4, 1860  
 Aged 84 years 6 mos  
 & 16 days

~  
 Aaron Courter  
 died  
 Febr. 28, 1862  
 Aged 85 years 2 mos  
 & 5 days

In  
Memory of  
John Van Emburgh  
son of James J. &  
Anna Demarest  
who died  
July 13th 1852  
aged 28 years.