

CAMBRIDGE, MAINE MORTALITY CENSUS

The 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses have a separate schedule telling who died in the past 12 months. The censuses were taken as of June 1, so for example the 1850 mortality census would tell who died between June 1, 1849 and May 31, 1850. This can be an invaluable aid because many people did not have death certificates, and their gravestones, if they had one at all, may no longer exist.

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*= also recorded in Cambridge cemeteries.

1850 – with name, age, month died, occupation, cause of death, length of illness

*Robert Gould	57	mar	Sept.	shoemaker	Typhus fever	5d
*Charles H Quimby	9		Sept.		dysentery	12d
*Betsey Davis	55		June		typhoid fever	8d
Desdemona H Bean	2		April		consumption	32d
*Ellen J Hamilton	1		Sept.		diarrhea	4d
Edwin S Herrick	1		July		dysentery	3d
Corridon F Herrick	9		Oct.		acc wound received by cutting bands of wheat	5d
Esther Harris	29		May		consumption	6d
*Cyrus S Lowell	8/12		Sept.		dysentery	11d
*Bradbury N Lowell	4		Sept.		dysentery	11d

1860

Inf of W A Woods	age 2d	May				
*Lydia Gilman	25	May			consumption	
*Ephraim Chadbourn	65	Sept.	farmer		consumption	2 yrs

1870 – first column is # of family on regular census

*1	Charles D Heald	54	mar	Sept.	farmer	dropsy of the heart
20	Lucy B Leighton	4		July		whooping cough
20	Louis Leighton	2/12		July		whooping cough
*23	Sylva Ham	1		Feb.		scalded hot water
34	Sarah Hamilton	88		Dec.	domestic spinster	consumption
56	William H Smith	5		Sept.		Typhoid fever
*60	Charles H Bradbury	23		Oct.	farmer	consumption

1880 - also gives POB of person and parents; all these are Maine for all. Last column resident of county

*25	Fanny Herrick	68	mar [to Alonzo]	May	consumption	43y
*28	Rufus Clement	88	mar farmer	Feb.	old age	50y
36	Ella Lancaster	16	single	school teacher	Jan. consumption	13y
38	Eliza J Lowell	18	single	Feb.	diphtheria	2y
*60	Bessie E Cole	10/12		April	whooping cough	
*78	John Downing	83	mar farmer	April	old age	50y

Listed for Cambridge, but may be Ripley:

127	Pheboe S Page	72	wid	April	old age	45y
130	Phinneus Lowell	57	mar	Feb.	[named crossed out - ?]	50y
137	Roxy A Boynton	30	mar	Aug.	diphtheria	2y
137	Flora B Rogers	15		Aug	diphtheria	15y
173	Charles Marble	21		April	typhoid fever	21y
189	Jodie M Skillings	3		July	diphtheria	3y
189	Effie L Skillings	8		April	diphtheria	8y