Ladd

Old Presbyterian Meeting House burial ground · the Rhode Island delegate who completed the union, and his poet son

Meeting House burial ground · Context, or burial not confirmed

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Capt. Benoni & Sarah Rogers Gardner
Of Newport, Rhode Island

Capt. William Ladd
(Oct 30, 1736 – Dec 4, 1800) · Little Compton, R.I.
Soldier in the Revolution; R.I. General Assembly
Helped found the Marine Society of Newport, 1785
Society of the Cincinnati
Delegate to the 1790 convention at which
Rhode Island ratified the Constitution,
the last of the thirteen states
Died of pleurisy visiting his children here
Burial: *flat table marker; buried by Rev. Muir*

m. Dec 22, 1761

Sarah Gardner Ladd
(c. 1734 – Oct 30, 1807) · born near Kingston, R.I.
Eight children; she outlived five
Burial: *beside William; her table stone is lost, its epitaph recorded by Timothy Alden, 1814*

Dr. Joseph Brown Ladd
(July 7, 1764 – Nov 2, 1786) · eldest surviving son
Physician in Charleston; the poet **“Arouet”**;
dedicated “The Prospect of America” to Washington
Duel with Ralph Isaacs, Oct 23, 1786: he fired
over Isaacs’s head and was shot in the knee
Died ten days later, aged 22; sent home for burial
Burial: *his epitaph was carved on his mother’s stone*

Elizabeth Ladd Haskins
His sister; published *The Literary Remains of Joseph Brown Ladd*, 1832

Six more children
Three died in infancy and one at eight;
others lived in Alexandria

“He liv’d and he was all-belov’d, / He died, and all-lamented fell.” Joseph Ladd’s own lines, from his mother’s lost stone.