

“NAMING THE UNNAMED”



Concord Reformatory Prison Cemetery



Concord Prison Outreach

- CPO was founded in **1968** by **Jean Bell** and **Diana “Di” Clymer**
- CPO is a network of individuals, faith communities and funders
- CPO works in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC), serving incarcerated people in seven prisons and one jail in Massachusetts (Billerica House of Corrections)
- CPO offers transformative programs that focus on families and children, socio-emotional and personal growth, and reentry support
- CPO offers educational workshops, sessions and events external to prisons
- CPO recruits, trains, and supports volunteers to implement programs

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Memorializing the 218 men who were buried in the Concord Reformatory Prison Cemetery with no one to claim their remains

Project Components:

- 1. Cemetery Improvements: Tree Clearing, Cross Restoration, Site map**
- 2. Biographies and demographics of men**
- 3. Art Panels created by students at Mass College of Art for each man**
- 4. On-Line Gallery in Concord Library Special Collections**
- 5. CPO Minisite: Interactive site map and website**
- 6. Contemplative seating area with bench and interpretive panel**
- 7. Community curating with public awareness, education and outreach**



Cemetery

Cemetery location



CPO, Concord Reformatory Prison Cemetery

Markers



Restoring the Cross



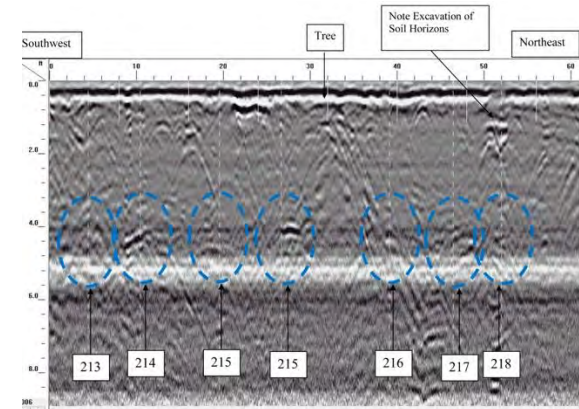
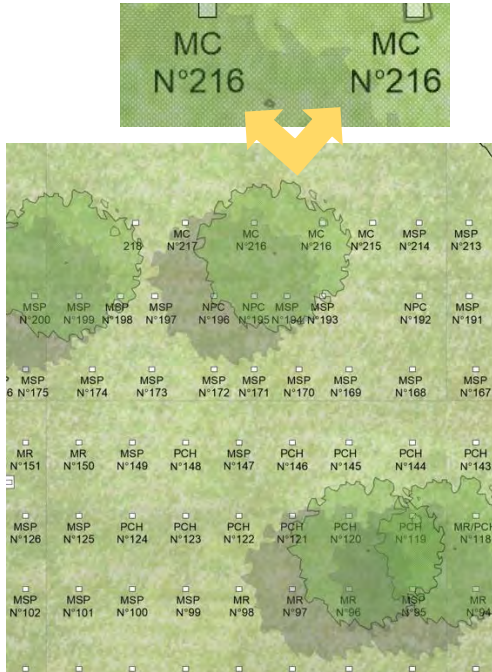
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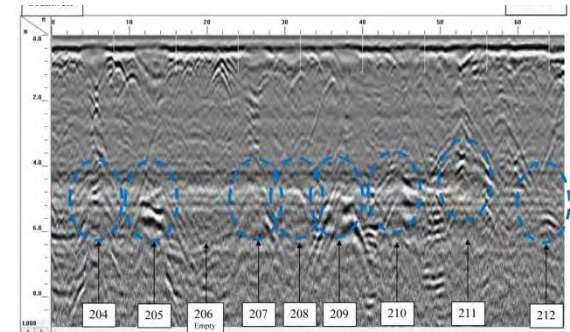
Freeing the View of the Cross



Ground Penetrating Radar



GPR TRANSECT 6 ACROSS AREA B



GPR TRANSECT 19 ACROSS AREA A



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Biographies

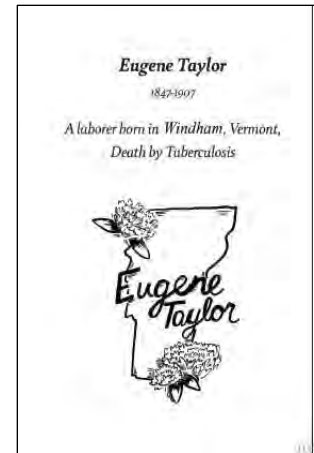
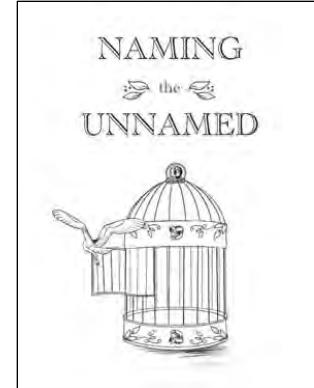
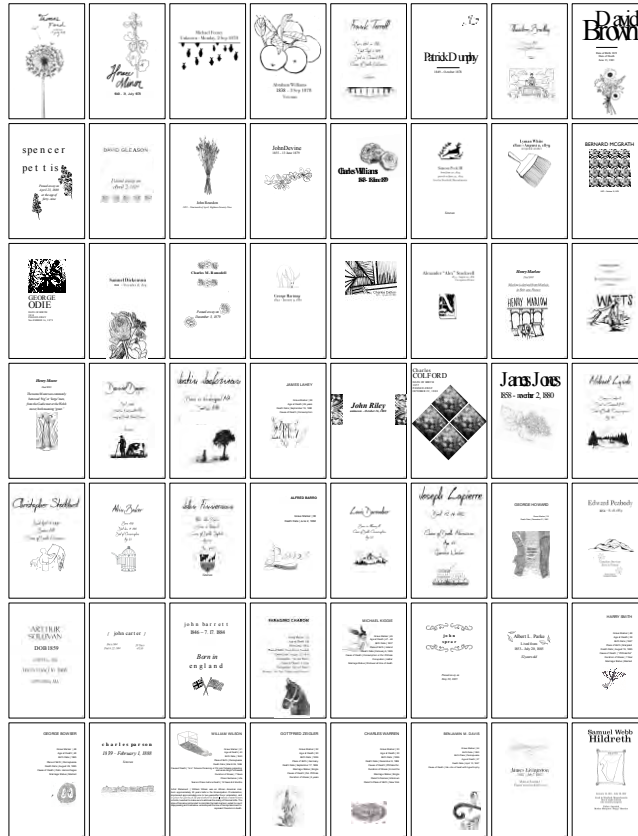
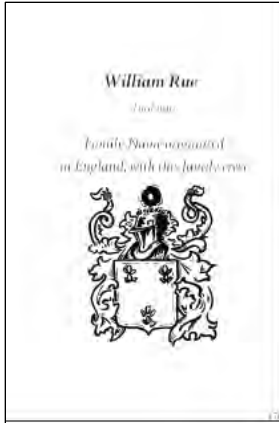
Name	Date	Age	M S P	M N N	Remarks
Henry Moon	May 17. 1851	25	.	.	
Daniel Dwyer	June 18. -	26	.	.	
Justin E. Packman	Aug 21. -	27	.	.	
James Lakey	Sep. 14. -	28	.	.	
John Riley	Oct. 16. -	29	.	.	
Charles Colford	- 22. "	30	.	.	
James W. Jones	Nov. 2. -	31	.	.	
Michael Lynch	Mar. 23. 1851	32	.	.	
Christopher Goddard	Apr. 17. -	33	.	.	
Elvin Baker	June 14. 1853	34	.	.	
John Finnanen	July 18. -	35	.	.	Soldier
Joseph Parre	June 2. -	36	.	.	
Louis Daroucher	July 23. -	37	.	.	
Joseph La Parre	Dec. 16. -	38	.	.	
George Howard	- 21. -	39	.	.	
Edward Peabody	Aug 28. 1854	40	.	.	
Arthur Sullivan	May 16. 1854	41	.	.	
John G. Carter	June 22. -	42	.	.	
John Barrett	July 17. -	43	.	.	
Harague Chason	Aug 22. -	44	.	.	
Michael Rizzio	Feb. 7. 1855	45	.	.	
John Spear	May 30. -	46	.	.	324
Albert L. Parke	July 20. -	47	.	.	
Henry Smith	Aug 14. -	48	.	.	



Plot 40 (MSP): Edward Peabody

Edward Peabody was born in 1854 to Joseph and Matilda Peabody in Vermont. By 1870, he worked as a farm laborer in Woodstock, Connecticut. Upon moving to Massachusetts, Mr. Peabody worked as a hat maker until his incarceration in the Massachusetts State Prison. He remained incarcerated for five years until his death at 29 on August 28, 1883, due to paralysis of the brain.

Art Panels



Concord Library Special Collections



William Munroe Special Collections



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Concord Reformatory Cemetery - Naming the Unnamed

You can see the large white cross through a break in the trees, standing tall at over 7 feet atop its stone pedestal, along Route 2 in Concord, Massachusetts, which marks the Concord Prison Cemetery. This land has been owned by the Department of Correction since 1878 and has been relatively out of site to the public until the renovation of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail in 2022.

Yet from 1878 until 1996, this plot of land was the final resting place for 217 people who served time in the Massachusetts Correctional system.

These people did not have friends or family claim their bodies after they died. Their former existence is now reduced to only a small, numbered stone marker placed flat on the ground with a hand-drawn number. The markers do not record any other details of these people, and very little is known about them until now.

[Plot 1: Thomas Ford](#)

[Plot 2: Horace Miner](#)

[Plot 3: Michael Feeney](#)

[Plot 4: Abraham H. Williams](#)

[Plot 5: Frank N. Terrell](#)

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CPO Website



Seating area



Interpretive Panel

CONCORD REFORMATORY CEMETERY

THIS CEMETERY IS THE FINAL BURIAL SITE FOR 218 MEN WHO WERE BURIED HERE BETWEEN 1878 AND 1996. THEIR BODIES WERE NEVER CLAIMED.

WHO IS BURIED HERE?

Many of the men were immigrants (35%), One third of those from Ireland and the UK. Most, 76%, were noted as White, with 18% as Black or other persons of color.

WHEN AND HOW DID THEY DIE?

Tuberculosis was a major factor in the deaths, with 35% over the turn of the century. The Rutland Prison Camp Hospital was dedicated to TB care. Other causes were heart and other diseases (23%), suicide and executions (14%). Ages at death ranged from 17 to 76, with 45% dying before the age of 30. Of the 218 men, 80% were buried before 1920.

WHERE WERE THESE MEN INCARCERATED?

72% from Charlestown
17% from Concord



TREAT THE LAND WITH RESPECT AND SENSITIVITY.

THE CONCORD REFORMATORY CEMETERY CONTAINS NO PATHS BETWEEN BURIAL PLOTS.
THE LAND IS OWNED BY THE DOC WHO MAINTAINS SECURITY PROTOCOLS.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS STAFF AND RESIDENTS WHO HAVE MAINTAINED THE LAND SINCE 1878



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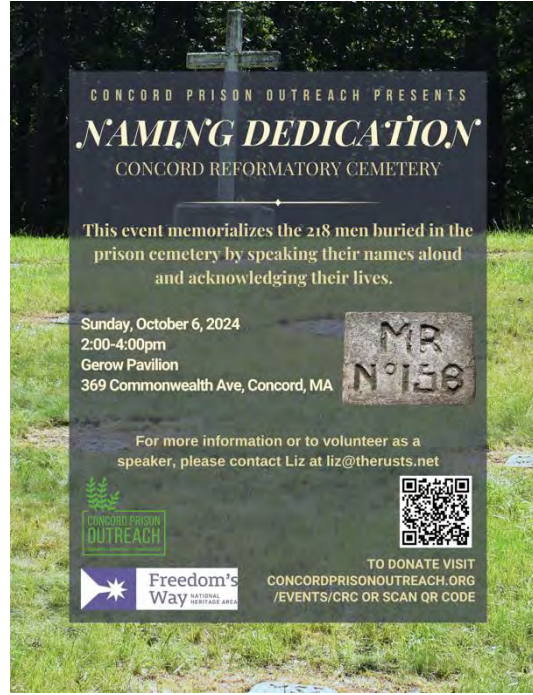


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Naming Dedication

10.6.2024



Simeon Peck

#14



- He fought in the Civil War serving in the 21st Regiment of Massachusetts
- Surviving the bloody battle of Antietam with others of his regiment
- Returning to Massachusetts to die here fifteen years later
- One of the veterans



Acknowledgments

- Project Sponsor: Concord Prison Outreach
- Massachusetts Department of Corrections:
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- Concord Library Special Collections: Hosting the on-line gallery, promoting and encouraging from day 1
- Town of Concord
 - Boards, Committees and Staff: Land Use and Planning, Public Works, Select Board, Cemetery, DEI
 - Town residents
- Dee Funeral Home: Providing burial arrangements for unclaimed bodies with dignity for decades
- Donated Cemetery Improvements:
 - Cross Restoration: SelectDemo
 - Radar Detection: GeoView
 - Tree Removal: New England Tree Masters
- Grant Funders: Concord Community Preservation Fund, Freedom's Way National Heritage Area, Mass Humanities, Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board