CEMETERY RECORDS

NASSAU

RENSSELAER COUNTY

NEW YORK, USA

The booklet for each town is made up of:

- Title Page
- Introduction
- Table of Contents
- Town Cemetery Location Map
- Plot Location Map for any large cemetery copied by LDS group
- Alphabetical List of those interred with their data for each cemetery
- Alphabetical index of all inscriptions for that town.

A note on the first page of each cemetery gives credit to the source of the information included.

The project could not have been completed without the cooperation of many people, both members of the LDS Church and members of the communities. Thousands of hours were volunteered. The enthusiastic cooperation of Town Historians, Town Supervisors, Cemetery Managers, Pastors and Priests was evident and vital to the success of this project.

A special thank you goes to the LDS authorities in Salt Lake City and the Microfilming Director for the Northeast located in Montreal, Canada for their support. Peter Brickman, a member of the Latham Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, did nearly all of the data entry, giving countless hours as he entered each name and did all the subsequent corrections. James Maxwell, also a Latham Ward member, drew maps for many of the cemeteries we copied, dividing each by section to aid anyone searching for a particular stone in the future. As a result of the combined efforts of all these people, the records will be available to the public through the thousands of Family History Centers located worldwide.

Thousands of pioneers, immigrant and native born, are interred in Rensselaer County. It is our fondest desire that their posterity will find these records to be of use as they search out their families.

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> "Behold, I will send Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.
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> And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."
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> 4 Malachi, 5 and 6

Nassau cemetery information was collected by members of the Latham Ward of the Albany, New York Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and microfimed in 1998.

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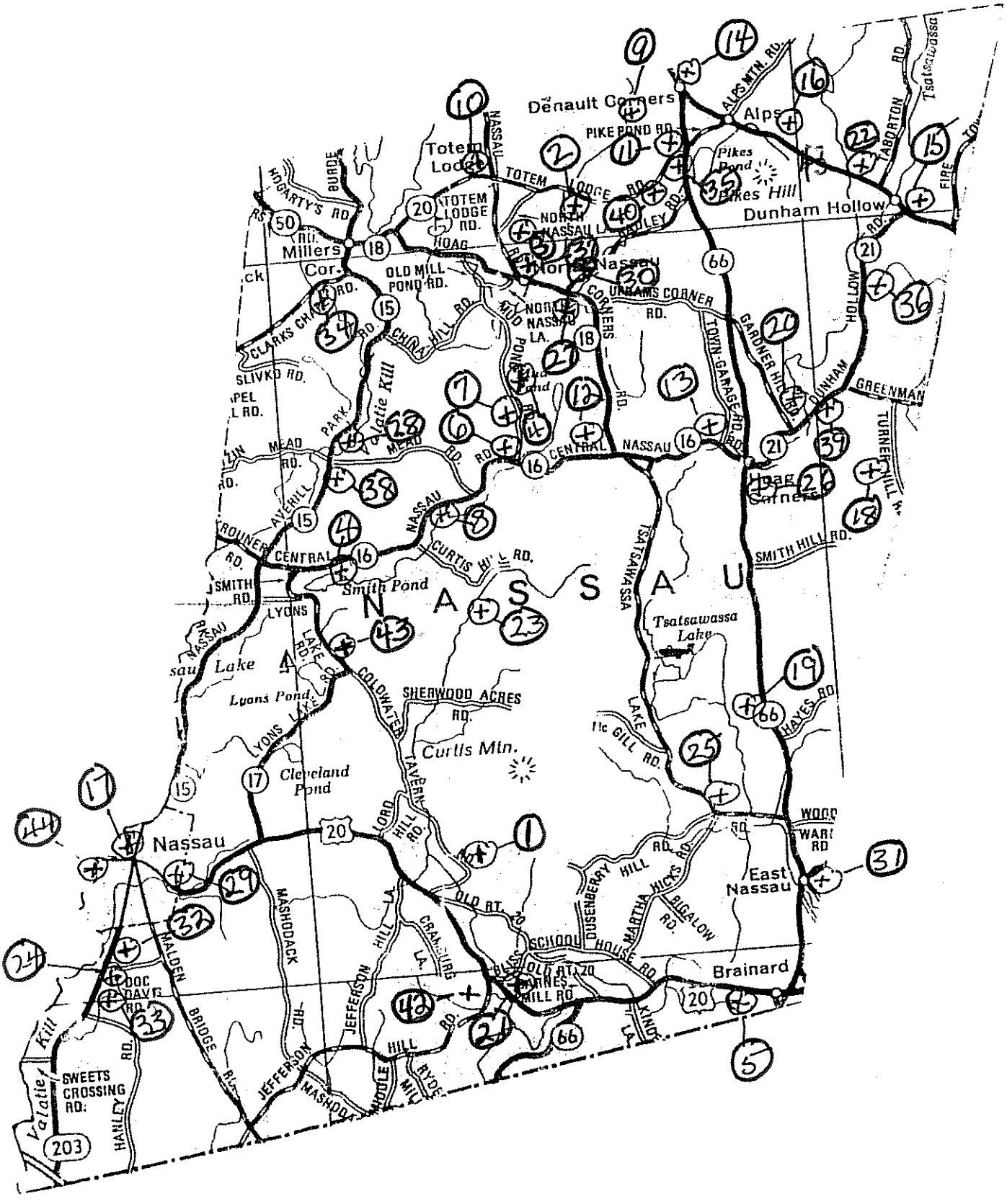

TO THE READERS OF THIS CEMETERY RECORD

Although we were diligent in locating all possible cemeteries, we realize that some may exist which we have not included. We urge anyone who does know of cemeteries not included or who may have knowledge of those who are buried in cemeteries now destroyed to contact us. We will take the steps necessary to add any information we receive.

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INTRODUCTION

The Rensselaer County Cemetery Name Extraction Project began in the Fall of 1991 when Don and Clare Radz noted that many of the stones in the old cemeteries of the county were rapidly deteriorating. Clare had recently returned to visit the grave of her great grandfather in a small plot at Hoag's Corners and had found that in the 20 years since she and her mother had copied the inscriptions there, the cemetery had nearly disappeared. All that was found was one intact stone used as a "bridge" over a ditch and bits and pieces of some of the others. During that same Fall while hunting, Don began to share in the concern that the many family plots he came across deep in the wooded hills of Rensselaer County would soon be lost. Acid rain, mosses and lichen were rapidly rendering many of the stones unreadable and many had already toppled and crumbled into the earth.

They formed a plan to copy the important data from the stones of the cemeteries in the 14 towns of rural Rensselaer County. Their goal was to preserve the information on the stones for those who in the future would be doing their genealogy. The experience they had as volunteers in the Latter Day Saint Family History Center in Loudonville, N.Y. had impressed upon them the importance of correct historical records for those searching out their families.

The project began in the Spring of 1992. It was soon apparent that the task was too great for two people to accomplish. The members of the Latham Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints were interested in doing a community service project at that time and agreed to join in this endeavor. A plan to provide each town with a copy of all those inscriptions found in that town was enthusiastically approved by the Latham Ward Council of the Church. Clare was called by the Bishop as Coordinator of the project and Don as her assistant.

They began the project by securing maps of each town from the County Planning Board. The Board had already shown on their maps, with the aid of town historians, the approximate location of the known cemeteries. LDS films were searched for additional cemeteries; DAR cemetery records were checked and the records of Town Historians were recorded. Notices were placed in local newspapers in the county asking anyone who had knowledge of abandoned cemeteries to call the Radzs. The cooperation and response to these endeavors was beyond expectations.

By late Spring of 1993, Ward members and a few community members began copying those cemeteries not previously recorded. All work copied was carefully proof read and entered into a computer. The computer printouts were rechecked with original records and corrections made. The final copy was again proof read before it was considered ready for release.