



Bean Cemetery
Single Burial

On Rt. 11 go East from the junction of 11 and 11B 2.8 miles to Ellacoya State Park. Park your car on Rt. 11 just West of Poor Farm Brook which goes under the road at Ellacoya State Park. Walk the old logging road on the right of the brook up hill for about 8 min. The single headstone is on a hill, on the right, about 200' from the logging road. It cannot be seen from the road because of the hill unless you go past and look back.

PAGE SIX

June 1-1957

Grave of Boy in Blue, Small Pox Victim, Among 100 Decorated in Gilford

Body of Civil War Soldier Placed in Isolated Pasture Near
Pest House; Cpl. Bower, Killed in Korea, Labeled to
Be Honored

By EUNICE HUNT

of the Rob. Morrill place in Gilford is the lonely grave of C.W.M. Bean, Co. A, 30 N.H. Inf. This soldier of the Civil War came down with smallpox while home on leave. At this time the farm was the town poor farm and he was cared for at the place on the farm reserved for pest cases. So great was the horror and superstition concerning this disease that at his death his body was buried in this isolated spot. This grave was decorated by his comrades of the G.A.R. for years until at their passing it was taken over by the Sons of Veterans and later by others. Children passing this grave on their way cross-lots always left their wild flowers there.

Dead of Four Wars

Gilford has been observing Memorial Day since its inception and according to rather incomplete records there are one hundred soldier dead in her present boundaries. Forty-eight of these lie in the McCoy cemetery—the oldest burying ground in town. Here are soldiers of the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Civil War, and one soldier of World War I. Several unknown soldiers are also in this cemetery. In the older part of the yard are the Hunt brothers, Enoch and Abel, both present at the surrender of Burgoyne, and Enoch's great grandsons, Charles W. Hunt, M.D., and Hosp. Steward Thomas E. Hunt, veterans of the Civil War. Also there are the great-grandsons of Abel, Andrew H. and Joseph P. Whittier. Of these cousins two did not return, Doctor Hunt died of typhus at Point Lookout and Andrew Whittier was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville, Va. Years later a farm laborer found the identification tag of Andrew and it was sent to his sister, Miss Ann Whittier, shortly before her death.

38 in Pine Grove

In Pine Grove cemetery at Gilford Village taps sounded this year for 38 veterans. These are mostly from the Civil War although there are a few from World War I. Here Cpl. Arthur J. Bower was laid to rest on May 20, 1951, when his body was returned from Korea. It is believed that he is the 100th soldier to be buried here.

At smaller cemeteries that dot the town are other soldiers' graves. The Hoyt cemetery has six. This yard was in the center of the old Hoyt neighborhood near the home of Dan Rogers. At the James cemetery on Cotton Hill is one Revolutionary soldier, Jabez James. There are six soldiers in the Morrill and Lamprey cemeteries in East Gilford. Although many more went from Gilford, these are all that are now within the present limits of the town.