

# St. Mary's Churchyard

St. Mary's churchyard is the burial place for many distinguished clergy, military servicemen, academics, scientists, diplomats, businessmen, and financiers from the 1850's to the present. The following highlights a selection of noted Newport residents who are interred in the churchyard. The founding vestry wardens and seven rectors of St. Mary's are also buried within the churchyard.

**Sarah Gibbs (1864).** Founder of St. Mary's. Headstone designed by Richard Morris Hunt.

**Bishop Thomas March Clark (1812-1903).** Bishop of Rhode Island 1854 and in 1899 Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in America.

**Admiral Stephen Luce (1827- 1917).** Founder of the United States Naval War College.

**McCarty Little (1845-1915).** Founder of the Naval War College War gaming exercises.

**Major General James Parker (1854-1934).** Served in the US Army. Awarded a CMOH for action in Vigan, Luzon, Philippines.

**Major General Cortland Parker (1884-1960).** Major General in the US Army serving during WWI and Infantry Division Commander during WWII.

**Colonel George Gibbs III (1776-1833).** Aide de Camp of the Governor of RI. Renowned mineralogist and mineral collector. The mineral gibbsite is named after him. His collection is at Yale University.

**William Fitzhugh Whitehouse (1846-1909).** Financier, lawyer, and Director of Louisville and Nashville Railroad. Donated the stones to mark the grave of Hobart Williams, St. Mary's founding rector.

**Sheldon Whitehouse (1883-1965).** US Foreign Service Officer and Minister to Guatemala 1930-33 and to Colombia 1933-34. Grandfather of Sheldon Whitehouse, US Senator from RI.

**Clark Burdick (1868-1948).** Mayor of Newport (1917-1918). US Congressman (1919-1933).

**Brevet Major General Alfred Gibbs (1823-1868).** Career officer in the US Army. Served in the Mexican American War and frontier service. Union Army Brigadier General during the American Civil War.

**George Gibbs IV (1815-1873).** Ethnologist, naturalist, geologist and ethno-linguist in the Washington Territory. Laid the groundwork for the 40th parallel. Advocated for indigenous rights in treaties negotiations with the US government.

**Lucius Tuckerman (1818-1890).** Patron of the arts and professor of metallurgy. Pioneer in the manufacture of Ulster iron.

**Oliver Wolcott Gibbs (1822-1908).** American chemist. Rumford professor at Harvard University. Performed the first electro-gravimetric analyses.

**Laura Wolcott Gibbs (1794-1870).** Niece of Sarah Gibbs. Daughter of Oliver Wolcott, Gov. of CT and Sec. of Treasury under George Washington. Granddaughter of Oliver Wolcott, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

**Harold Stirling Vanderbilt (1884-1970).** Financier and director of the New York Central Railroad. Father of contract bridge. Long-time defender of the America's Cup.

**Anita O'Keefe Young (1892-1985).** Noted hostess and philanthropist. Married to Robert R. Young, a US financier, industrialist, and railroad magnate. Sister of Georgia O'Keefe.

**Mabel Norman Cerio (1876-1949).** Founder of the Norman Bird Sanctuary.

**Suny Von Bulow (1932-2008).** American heiress, socialite, and philanthropist.

**Rufus Bent Kingsley (1797-1870).** Founder of Bank of Rhode Island.

**Frederic Home Wiggin (1821-1869).** Leading physician in women's health. Grave marker designed by Richard Upjohn.

**Louis Livingston Lorillard (1919-1986).** Tobacco heir. Incorporated the Jazz Festival of Newport.

## St. Mary's Former Rectors Buried in the Churchyard

The Rev. Hobart Williams, The Rev. Daniel O'Dell, The Rev. Everett P. Smith, The Rev. James P. Conover, The Rev. Arthur F. Roebuck, The Rev. Edward Price, The Rev. Gordon Stenning