# Olde Towne of Flushing Burial Ground records compared with 1880 federal census (FamilySearch)

https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYBX-98J2?wc=X4VQ-HZ9%3A1589409304%2C1589410660%2C1589406982%2C1589398626&cc=1417683 (Enumeration District 266)

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#### Sources

1880 federal census, ED 266 (FamilySearch)

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Burial-Ground-in-Flushing-Death-Records-1-1.xlsx

#### **Explanatory Notes**

- Burial records are sometimes missing information (often the mother's name).
- Variations in the spelling of names, middle initials, and places of origin or residence are common (for example, Black Stump or Fresh Meadows vs. Flushing).
- Some family names from the 1880 federal census for Enumeration District 266 appear in the burial records, but family relationships cannot be traced or inferred with certainty from these two sources alone.
- Censuses may not account for all residents of a household and may contain misspellings or errors in names or other information. If the residents of a household were not at home when the census taker arrived, information was often gathered from neighbors or landlords.

#### Forrester Family

#### **Parents: John and Margaret Forrester (speculative)**

Burial records list John Forrester as parent; mother not listed. "Richmond" appears next to John's name, for reasons unknown; it may refer to present-day Staten Island. 1880 census lists his place of birth and that of his parents as New York.

Three Forrester children died in a diphtheria epidemic in 1881:

Alfred M. (5 yr/6 mo), died December 24, 1881

1880 census: Page 28, Row 12 (age 4)

**John R**. (1 yr/10 mo), died December 19, 1881

1880 census: Page 28, Row 14 (as John H., age 3 mos)

Mary L. (4 yr/7 mo), died December 11, 1881

1880 census: Page 28, Row 13 (age 3)

## **Hicks Family**

**Parents: Valentine and Julia Hicks** 

Page 36, Rows 41 and 42, 1880 census

Julia (32), died February 28, 1890; maiden name Bunn

1880 census: Page 36, Row 42 (age 21)

Unidentified child (3 mo), died November 22, 1881

Clara (12 years) died April 18, 1889

1880 census: Page 36, Row 44 (age 5)

Ida (5 yr/9 mo), died July 26, 1889

Valentine (1 yr/2 mo), died December 6, 1889

#### Santon Family

Parents: William Santon; mother unlisted

Possible match: 1880 census: Page 36, Row 20: Laborer, age 40

Not a match: 1880 census, Page 31, Rows 7-13 (William age 70)

William Santon (age 2 days), died September 18, 1881

## Townsend Family

Charles Townsend family, 1880 census, Page 31, Rows 1-3

Charles (age 70) died October 22, 1885.

Charles was age 65 at 1880 census.

## Washington Family

Parents: George Washington and Rose Williams

Possible match: George Washington, 1880 census, Page 19, Row 41, age 22, laborer.

Laura V. (age 28 days), died January 6, 1886

## Wilson Family

Parents: Edward Wilson; mother unlisted

Possible match:

Edward Wilson, age 50, laborer, 1880 census Page 28, Row 1 Jane Wilson, age 45, wife, 1880 census Page 28, Row 2

Augustine (age 10), died March 22, 1886

Possible match: Augustus Wilson, age 4, 1880 census Page 28, Row 5