

Colchester Cast Iron Grave Markers

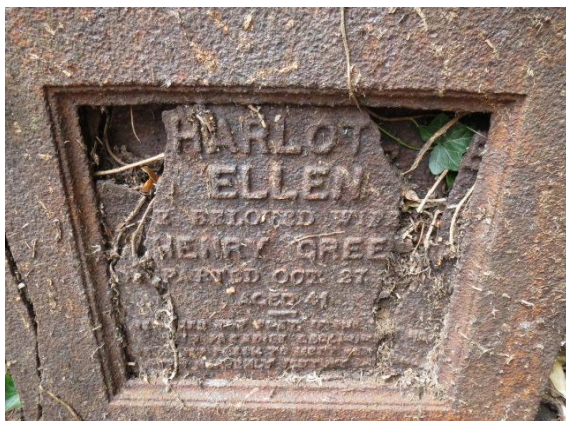
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Cast iron grave markers are an unusual sight to us today and there are only a few in the Colchester area. Only the reasonably wealthy would have been able to afford to pay a monumental mason to make a grave stone let alone a grand tomb . The majority would have been buried with no marker except perhaps a short term wooden marker.

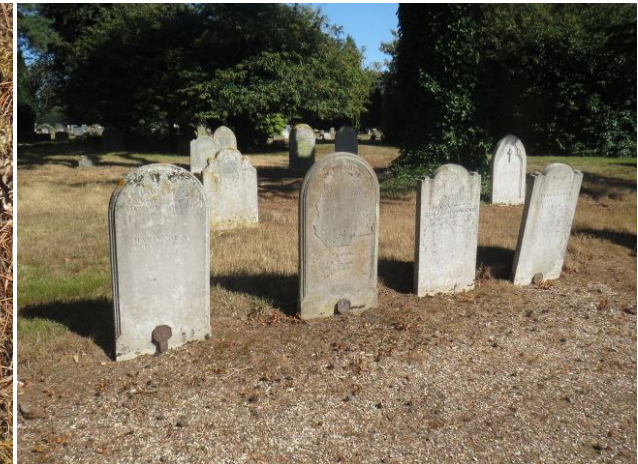
Stanford's foundry did make cast iron numbers for cemetery's burial plots and also grave markers with individual detail. Perhaps other foundries made them too. I have only found too examples of iron grave stone types : one at Myland Church and one in Marks Tey.



Cast Iron Grave Marker at St Andrew's Church ,Marks Tey for Annie Maria Moules who died 17th Febuary 1948.



Cast Iron Grave Monument at Myland Church to Charlotte Ellen , wife of Henry Green who died 27th October 1888. E.J.Russell argues that her father was a moulder almost certainly in a foundry and is equally sure her husband was too. The moulds must have been time consuming and costly.



Plot number markers at Ardleigh Cemetery.



Grave markers at St Andrew's ,Marks Tey dated to 1909 and 1889 but no casting maker.



Grave marker at St Andrew's to Edward Mumson died 21st May 1912 with Stanford & Co of Colchester, pattern no 85.



Grave marker to Mary Ann Ringe who died 25th June 1913 with the Stanford & Co mark.



This marker for Sarah West who died on 21st

Feb 1900 and the ones above to James Gardiner dated to 20th May 1909 and Will West have no makers marks and are a different pattern .

This is not an exhaustive search and I am sure there are more examples of these markers to be found in the area.