Bunker Family Graveyard

Bunker Lane, Durham, Strafford Co., New Hampshire

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Directions from Google Maps, Milford, NH to Bunker Lane, Durham, NH:

1.) Head North on South St. toward Nashua St/NH 101A-East - 62 ft.
2.) Turn right at Nashua St/NH 101A-East - 2.0 mi.
3.) Slight right to merge on NH 101-East toward Amherst/Manchester - 12.9 mi.
4.) Turn right to stay on NH 101-East - 1.6 mi.
5.) Merge onto I-293-South - 3.1 mi.
6.) Continue onto NH 101-East (signs for US-93N/Concord/Portsmouth) - 0.8 mi.
7.) Merge onto I-93 North - 1.4 mi.
8.) Slight right at NH-101 East (signs for Portsmouth/Seacoast) - 19.0 mi.
9.) Take exit 7 for NH-125 toward Epping/Kingston - 0.3 mi.
10.) Turn left at NH-125 N/Calef Highway - 9.7 mi. - 6.8 mi.
11.) At traffic circle take 1st exit onto US-4E/Concord Rd and follow for - 6.8 mi.
12.) Turn left at Bunker Lane -131 ft.

Directions provided by Doug Detling:

1.) Bunker Lane is a right turn off Highway 4 (Piscataque Road) just after you cross the bridge. If you hit Shearwater Street (a cross roads) then you've gone too far.
2.) Bunker Lane is a short street. Park near the barn and walk the path to the left of the barn and behind it. It will be overgrown with raspberry plants, shrubs and grass.
3.) A short walk will bring you to a clearing in the woods were the cemetery is located.
4.) It can be located on Google Earth at lat., 43.1366098917, long., 70.88883123275

The cemetery seems to have 9 rows. I have listed the tombstones beginning with what I believe is the 1st row (near the gate) from right to left when facing the cemetery. I have numbered the stones in the order of numbers 1 to 32, beginning with those closest to the gate. Some are full stones and some are just markers with no names.

From what I can see, there are:
2 stones in row 1 (1-2), over to the left of the gate
5 stones in row 2 (3-7),
3 stones in row 3 (8-10),
7 stones in row 4 (11-17)
1 stone in row 5 (18)
1 stone in row 6 (19)
9 stones in row 7 (20-28)
3 stones in row 8 (29-31)
1 stone in row 9 (32) which has been pushed over by a growing tree

Buried in the Bunker Graveyard at Bunker Lane are the following people:

Row 1:

1.) Unknown, stone has fallen and is mostly buried and unreadable

2.) Unknown, stone has fallen and is mostly buried and unreadable

Row 2:

3.) Unknown, stone has sunk into the ground and cannot be read

4.) Unknown, stone has sunk into the ground and cannot be read

5.) Unknown, stone has sunk into the ground and cannot be read

6.) Unknown, stone has sunk into the ground and cannot be read

7.) Unknown, stone has sunk into the ground and cannot be read

Row 3:

8.) Unknown, stone has sunk into the ground and cannot be read

9.) Unknown, stone has sunk into the ground and cannot be read

10.) Unknown, stone has sunk into the ground and cannot be read

Row 4:

11.) Abbie G.
Daughter of George F. & Nancy S.
Bunker
Died Aug., 22, 1869
AE. 11 yrs. 15 days

12.) Nancy S.
Wife of
Geo. F. Bunker
Died Jan., 13, 1869
Aged 28 yrs. 6 mos. 5 days.

13.) George F. Bunker
Died Oct., 14, 1873
Aged 32 yrs. 8 mos.
He lived in God

14.) Annie
Daughter of Ephraim (may be spelled Ephromie on stone)
And Sophie Bunker
Died
March 29, 1866
AE. 87 yrs.
(There are 3 lines below her age that are too worn away to be able to read).

15.) Aaron Bunker
Died
Jan., 10, 1838
AEt. 55 yrs.

16.) Sally F.
Wife of
Aaron Bunker
Died
Oct., 7, 1861
AEt. 75 yrs.

17.) Unknown, stone has sunk into the ground and cannot be read

Row 5:

18.) Unknown, stone has sunk into the ground and cannot be read

Row 6:

19.) Unknown, stone has sunk into the ground and cannot be read

Row 7:

20.) Abbie J. A.
Wife of
William H. Bunker
Died
May 4, 1867
AE. 31 yrs. 3 mos. & 10 days.
Her trust was in Christ

21.) William H. Bunker
Died
Oct., 12, 1876
AE. 51 yrs. 9 mos. & 21 days.
Home is sad without thee

22.) Hannah J.
Wife of
John Foss
Died
Feb., 9, 1854
AEt. 19 yrs. 7 mos. & 27 days

23.) Mary S.
Daughter of
William & Sarah
Bunker
Died May 1, 1853
AEt. 14 yrs. 10 mos. & 6 days

24.) Mother
Sarah
Wife of
William Bunker
Born
March 2, 1799
Died
Sept., 19, 1889

25.) William Bunker
Died
Nov., 15, 1845
AEt. 46 yrs. 11 mos. & 23 days.

26.) Unknown, stone has sunk into the ground and cannot be read

27.) Unknown, stone is almost completely covered and looks like a rock instead of a headstone

28.) Unknown, stone has sunk into the ground and cannot be read

Row 8:

29.) Lavina
Wife of
Valentine Bunker
Died
March 11, 1851
AE. 22 yrs.
For what was life, life's work all done
The hopes, joys, loves that clings to day
[?] all departed one by one
And yet life's load borne an for aye
(The last 4 lines were very difficult to make out so I may have made some errors in the translation.)

30.) Valentine Bunker
Died
Oct., 18, 1852
AE. 25 yrs.
Here to thy bosom mother earth
Take back in your care what thou hast given
And all that is of heavenly birth
O God in peace, we call to Heaven

31.) The Children of Valentine
and Lavina Bunker

Valentine	Charles H.
Died	Died
Oct., 21, 1852	May 1, 1852
AE. 2 months	AE. 1 yrs, 5 ms.

Sleep on sweet babes and take thy rest
God called thee home, he thought it best

Row 9:

32.) Unknown, stone was pushed over by the stump of a growing tree