

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PETITION



Gravestone of Elizabeth Darling (1880-1947)
Courtesy of Marel Rogers & Myra Plescia

ELIZABETH DARLING

Elizabeth Darling is buried in Hillside Cemetery, near the graves of Katherine Hotaling and Beatrice Fay. She and her husband, David, ran a livery/stage business transporting people to and from the train station. After her husband's death in 1913, Elizabeth continued to operate the stage business. She outlived David by 34 years and never remarried.



Gravestone of Beatrice Fay (1879-1962)
Courtesy of Marel Rogers & Myra Plescia



Bartram Inn, Sharon, Connecticut (left)
Sharon Historical Society and Museum, Photographic Collection

BEATRICE FAY

Beatrice Fay was the proprietress of the Bartram Inn. Both the 1910 and 1920 census state that her occupation was boarding house and public trade. In 1910 Beatrice was renting a house and employed at the Bartram Inn. By 1920, she owned her own home and was the owner of the Bartram Inn. Beatrice was unmarried, but her parents were a part of her household and it appears she supported them financially. Beatrice died at age 83 in a Pennsylvania nursing home. She is buried in Hillside cemetery, near the graves of Katherine Hotaling and Elizabeth Darling.



Miss Katherine Hotaling
Sharon Historical Society and Museum, Photographic Collection

KATHERINE HOTALING



Gravestone of Katherine Hotaling (1885-1963)
Courtesy of Marel Rogers & Myra Plescia

Katherine Hotaling is not cited as an example of a taxpayer in the 1918 petition, but she was certainly prominent in Sharon government after the passage of the 19th Amendment. Town Clerk from 1930-1952, she was responsible for recording and preserving Sharon's history.

We suspect that Katherine was the scribe of the petition. Katherine is buried in Hillside Cemetery, with her parents William and Temperance. Her brother Fred is buried in Kensico Cemetery but is commemorated on the family stone.

ELIZABETH CROWE HOAG

Elizabeth Crowe Hoag and her husband Henry owned a grocery store in Sharon. She is listed as a taxpayer on the petition, but in Sharon tax records she is not listed. We assume that Henry was listed as the taxpayer and that Elizabeth was the "silent partner".

Elizabeth did not sign the petition but was an active member of the Sharon Woman's Club and voted regularly after the passage of the 19th Amendment. Elizabeth and her husband are buried in Hillside Cemetery with other members of their family. The grocery store building still stands and is now being renovated. Look for it right next to Autosport.



Gravestone of Elizabeth Hoag (1882-1958)
Courtesy of Marel Rogers & Myra Plescia



Present condition of the Hoag store, 2020
Courtesy of Marel Rogers & Myra Plescia