

calleChrist Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 26 Space: E

Find A Grave # 11921334

Name: **Newman, Margaret (Maggie)**

Birth date: July 14, 1859 Death date: May 14, 1891 Burial Date: May 17, 1891 Age: 31

Parents: Orphan raised by the family of Chancellor Saulsbury

Siblings:

Residence: Dover, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: Accidental death; see next page for account of the tragedy

Service/occupation information: Worked at Richardson and Robbins Cannery, Dover

Officiate: Rev. Lewis W. Gibson

Lot Owner: LeGrand Abbott (may have been sold to the Saulsbury family for this burial)

Inscription:

Maggie Newman
Born
July 14, 1859
Died
May 14, 1891

“ Asleep in Jesus! Far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be:
But there is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep.

Footstone:

Our Beloved

DIMENSIONS: H approx. 11' x W 30" x D 30"

Footstone:

Lot border around her monument only

STYLE: Tall monument with inscription on footstone: “ Our beloved one”

Repairs needed: cleaning



Inventory date: November 21, 2019 Recorder: Ellen Richardson

Maggie Newman, July 14, 1859 – May 14, 1891

Tragic news about death of Maggie Newman, Lot 26E

Inscription of this hymn is on Maggie's marker

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165 Asleep in Jesus! Blessed Sleep

MARGARET MACKAY REST WILLIAM B. BRADBURY

1. A-sleep in Je-sus! bless-ed sleep, From which none ev-er wakes to weep;
2. A-sleep in Je-sus! peace-ful rest, Whose waking is su-preme-ly blest;
3. A-sleep in Je-sus! oh, for me May such a bliss-ful ref-uge be;
4. A-sleep in Je-sus! far from thee Thy kin-dred and their graves may be;

A calm and un-dis-turbed re- pose, Un-bro-ken by the last of foes.
No fear, no wee, shall dim that hour That man-i-fests the Sav-iour's power.
Se-cure-ly shall my ash-es lie, Wait-ing the sum-mons from on high.
But thine is still a bless-ed sleep, From which none ev-er wakes to weep.

The Evening Journal, Wilmington, DE
Friday May 15, 1891

HURLED TO DEATH.

Evening Journal, Fri. 5. 15. 1891
Two Young People of Dover Instantly Killed By a Train.

Special Correspondence EVENING JOURNAL.
DOVER, Del., May 15.—John Benn and Miss Maggie Newman were killed by the 8.26 o'clock train, last night, while on their way to the Baptist Church to attend the wedding that was solemnized there. The news of their death reached the wedding party at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Mr. Benn and Miss Newman had driven a short distance out of Dover to the home of Miss Phillips, whom they were to take to the wedding. She had gone, so they returned towards the town. Although the 8.26 train was due they thought they would have time to cross the track safely. Mr. Benn was slightly deaf and may not have heard the train. They drove upon the track and the horse had just cleared the rails when the locomotive struck the carriage tearing it to splinters and throwing the occupants some distance. Miss Newman was killed instantly. Her head was crushed and it was difficult to recognize her. Mr. Benn lived for a few seconds and then died. There was a slight bruise on the side of his head.

The train hands brought the bodies to the station and they were afterward taken to their homes. Miss Newman was 25 years old. The wife of Chancellor Saulsbury took her from a home for orphans years ago and she lived with her benefactress for several years. Recently she worked in Richardson & Robbin canning establishment and was a favorite among her associates. She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church.

Mr. Benn was 25 years old and a fine young man. He was employed in the canning factory. The sad tragedy has cast a gloom over Dover, and the family of Mr. Benn has the sympathy of the community. The inquest will be held at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The Morning News, Wilmington, DE
 Tuesday, May 19, 1891

John Benn and Maggie Newman at Rest—The Latter's Presentment.

Special Correspondence of THE MORNING NEWS.

DOVER, May 18—The funerals of John Benn and Maggie Newman, who were killed on Thursday night by being struck by a railroad train, took place yesterday. The funeral of Miss Newman took place at 2 o'clock from her home on New street below Division. The street was crowded with people. The funeral procession to Christ's Church, where the services were held, was led by the employes of the Messrs. Richardson. The pallbearers were six young women, friends of the deceased. The Rev. L. W. Gibson conducted the services and paid a fitting tribute to the character of the young woman. The church was crowded. The services at the grave were brief. The floral offerings were numerous.

After Miss Newman's funeral those who had been present went to the home of young Benn on Governor's avenue, where the scenes at Miss Newman's home were repeated. Presiding Elder Wilson conducted services at the house and the funeral procession proceeded to Lakeview Cemetery.

A peculiar thing now much talked about by her shopmates was the presentment Miss Newman apparently had that her life would soon be ended. Only a week ago she made her will and told her shop mates that she expected death soon. She enjoyed apparently good health and was happy, but without betraying any fear of death she even went so far as to personally invite the six young women, who yesterday acted as her pallbearers, to perform that office at her funeral. They laughed at her fancy and in this humor accepted the invitation. Hence the shock to them when they read of her sudden and tragic death can be imagined.

Morning News, Tues. May 19, 1891

The Evening Journal, Wilmington, DE
 Saturday, May 16, 1891

Evening Journ., Sat. 5.16.1891

BENN-NEWMAN TRAGEDY.

Railroad Company Exonerated From All Blame by the Jury.

Special Correspondence EVENING JOURNAL.

DOVER, May 16.—The inquest on the bodies of Miss Newman and John Benn was held yesterday afternoon. Evidence was heard from the conductor, brakeman, fireman and engineer. The latter stated that he had blown the usual signal for the crossing and was looking out of the window while he rang the bell. When he saw the team driving east with the top down and saw the horse step on the track. He supposed that they had crossed safely, but seeing a cloud of dust and fearing he had struck them, stopped the train and sent a brakeman back. He went on to Dover and then backed up and found the bodies. The other employes of the train did not know of the accident until the train stopped.

The jury rendered a verdict that the deceased came to their death by being accidentally struck by the locomotive of train No. 61, and exonerated the railroad company from all blame.

Miss Newman's funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in Christ Church. The funeral of Mr. Benn will be at 2 30 o'clock at the residence of his parents on Governors avenue, interment in Lakeside cemetery.

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