

Roswell Bacon Ann Pierson Bacon

1801-1860

Died 6/30/1865

Plot 6 Lot 13

Roswell Bacon, whose name was actually Oscar, was born in 1801. He married Ann Pierson Bacon in 1823 and the couple moved to Queensbury in 1827. They had five children: Charles, who was born in 1829 and died at age 12; Oscar, born in 1831, Frederick, born in 1835 and died at age 4; Joseph, born in 1838 and died at age 1; Julia, born in 1842, died at age 7. Yellow fever took Charles, Frederick and Joseph over a one year period, leaving only Oscar. Then Julia, who was born a short time later, died of cholera in 1849.

Roswell worked as a stone carver and was in the marble business. He built the family home, located at what is now 11 Bacon Street. Oscar learned his father's trade and together they carved many of the tombstones in the Bay Street Cemetery, including Julia's.

Roswell, Ann and Oscar moved to New York City in 1851, where they lived on West 53rd Street to Ann's great sorrow. Roswell and Oscar had incurred debt "over their heads," and were being forced into bankruptcy. In 1855-56, records indicate that Roswell and Oscar were living in New York City in the marble business on West 14th Street. They were listed as sculptors, but were in essence still carving tombstones.

Roswell died in 1860 at the age of 59 and Ann returned to Glens Falls to live with her mother. Oscar went on to be somewhat successful, living and raising a family in Connecticut, with offices in New York City. He did not maintain a close relationship with his mother.

Ann passed on June 30, 1865 and is buried in the family plot.

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