

Gravestone	REED	Area	1812 cemetery
Christian Names	Mary	Row	D.
Year died	1824	Grave	35.

Material Portland
 Condition Weathering
 Photo? perhaps

Sketch/Height
 3'6" headstone; footstone in situ, but
 early initials gone.

Notes (e.g. FS, mason, lettering)

A slot has been cut in the stone at the point of inscription of the grandchildren who died young, presumably altering the number from one or two to the total of three.

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INSCRIPTIONS (refer to Millward, position on sketch, or FS)

Millward No. 322, p. 205, for earlier inscriptions; these, on W. face, now 50% illegible:

Sacred to the memory of / Mary wife of Mr. W. Reed / of Great Radlow Essex / who died on the 8th of May 1824 / Aged 76 years. / Also of the above named Mr. W. Reed / who died on the 18th of May 1836 / Aged 89 years / Also three grandchildren* / Also William Archer Reed / grandson of the above / who died 13th of October 1847 / in the 17th year of his age. / Also Fanny Reed / who died 21st Feby 1849 / Aged 7 years & 8 months.

* of above who died young (omitted by Millward)

Later additions:

Also John Herbert Reed, Grandson / Born at Hampstead 11th August 1830 (?) ... (stone sunken, death date hidden)

(Millward noted that footstone was buried, but it has now been disinterred and stands in situ; only initials visible are J.H.R. 1919 - presumably those of last-named above.)

On E. face modern inscription:

Langford Reed / Author / Passed away 8th March 1954 / * / There once was a fellow named Reed / Who knew that the world had a need / For Limericks and fun / And all hearts he won / Since laughter and joy were his creed / // The Laughter and joy will not die / As angels laugh with him on high / While we here on earth / Should cultivate mirth / 'Tis better to laugh than to cry /

Hill's list gives also Henrietta Elizabeth Langford REED, January 1973, in this grave. (= his wife)

Surveyed on 18.4.76

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PTO for further inscriptions and biographical notes.
 Also leave one inch margin on right, 6 3/4 ins for photo