



the top edge. The notation below indicates that he was the first white child born in Coventry. Interestingly, he is buried in Hartford, and this is a much

later memorial erected by the family, whose enclosed plot stands nearby. By the middle of the century, symbols from nature emerged. The finger pointing upward, indicating the supposition that the interred was heading for heaven, was popular; see the grave of Olive Hoxie, 1871.



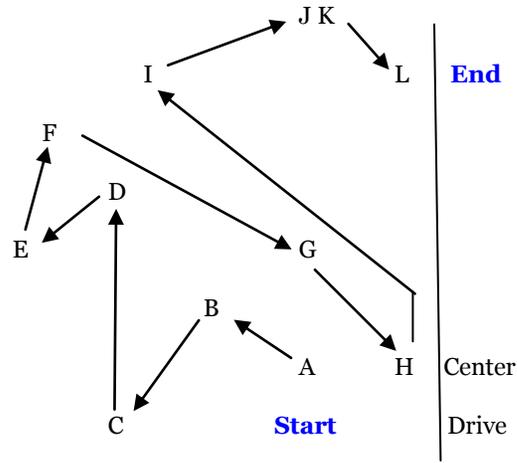
An open book is seen on her husband Martin V. Kempton's stone, symbolizing wisdom and religious dedication; both have comforting epitaphs. There are roses in bloom on the stone of Lydia Brown, 1856, suggesting that she died in the prime of life; a wish that she might rest calmly is carved at the bottom. Further back, in the row of Walker family graves, the stone of Rufus P., 1870, shows a broken flower, symbolizing a life cut short. There is an oak branch with an acorn on the marker of Lucy, 1882, associated with victory over



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Map of Tour Stops



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- A. Reverend Nathan Strong and wife Esther Strong
- B. Lillie family
- C. Oliver Porter
- D. Ebenezer and Anna Hunt
- E. French children, Oliver and Delia
- F. Ebenezer Carpenter
- G. Olive Hoxie
- H. Martin V. Kempton
- I. Lydia Brown
- J. Rufus P. Walker
- K. Lucy Walker
- L. William Cady

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