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IN June, 1914, the writer, with the assistance of Messrs. William C. Smith and Frederick G. Hopkins, copied and carefully checked all the inscriptions on the gravestones in three private smallpox cemeteries in Chatham, Mass. They also checked the copies of inscriptions in the Old Baptist Cemetery, near the railroad station at Chatham, which were made in August, 1906, and presented to the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, by Mr. Arthur E. Linnell and Rev. Robert E. Ramsay.

All records prior to 1851 (with two of later date) were copied in the Baptist Cemetery.

The following abstracts include all the information contained in the inscriptions.

[ON HILL WEST OF HEAD OF RYDER'S COVE, NEAR RESIDENCE OF CHARLES J. JAGER]

Rider, John, died with the smallpox, 10 January, 1766, in his 76th year.

Rider, Zenas, died with the smallpox, in [\*] January, 1766, in his 41st year. [On stone with Bethiah.]

Rider, Bethiah. "Sister to y<sup>e</sup> Above Named", died "at the same time", in her 39th year. [On stone with Zenas.]

Rider, Elizabeth, wife of Zenas, died with the smallpox, in [\*] January, 1766, in her 39th year.

\* The day of the month was omitted.