

## **Benjamin Alton**

Husband of Salome  
Joslin

He is buried in this  
Joslin Cemetery

Cemetery of his  
Wife's family



**Benjamin Alton** Born March 11, 1800 Died Nov 11, 1835, only 35 years old  
He married Salome Joslin March 30, 1828, and they had 3 children.

“Because of the ages of these 3 children Salome was compelled to “bind them out” (place them in families to be supported). They were supposed to work for their living until they were 16 years old or older. The people with whom they were placed were to send them to school the winter term and give them one new suit of clothes per year.” From the Ballard Family History

**Erastus Alton**, age 7, was placed with Deacon Welcome B. Joslin. Welcome was a cousin of Salome. Erastus stayed with this family until he was 17 yrs old when he went to Boston. He returned to the Webster/Dudley area, married, was in business and had a farm there. His first wife was Ann Shumway and they had 3 children. His second wife was Emma Jane Nichols. They had four children. Erastus and both wives are buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Webster, MA

**Ann Jane Alton**, age 5, was placed with Harvey and Sophia (Joslin) Davis. Sophia was Salome's sister. 1850 census has Ann Jane, age 20, living with Harvey and Sophia and their 5 children. Ann Jane married Thomas Orlando Alton in 1852 and they had 3 children. They are buried in New Boston Cemetery, Fabyan (village of Thompson)

**Harriet Frances Alton**, age 4, Salome kept with her. Salome married Winthrop H. Ballard in 1840. The 1850 Census shows Frances, 17 yrs old, living with Winthrop and Salome. Winthrop and Salome have 3 children in this census and his son, Horatio, by his first marriage. Harriet Frances married Jerome Nichols and had one child. They are buried in West Thompson Cemetery.

So Salome did have a good life after the death of her first husband and having to “bind out” her children. She was able to keep in touch with her children, living near them. The descendants to this day get together at The Ballard Family Reunions. Salome was a descendant of the Ballard family in her own lineage and married her distant cousin, Winthrop. Salome and Winthrop are buried in the Tourtellotte/Homes Cemetery. Along with Winthrop's first wife, Abigail Holmes.