

**EAST FARMINGTON CEMETERY**  
**(The Utley Burying-ground)**



In 1824 Sanford M. Utley came west with his family, including two sons, Peleg and George. His wife, Patience, fell off the wagon when they arrived in July; two months later on September 26, 1824, she was buried on Peleg's farm.

The section of the Utley farm, where Patience was buried, became Farmington's first cemetery. Hers was the first death in the township.

The cemetery was maintained by the East Farmington Cemetery Association with a group called the Mystic Workers taking care of the cemetery with various fund raising activities and their own labor.

The cemetery is now maintained by the City of Farmington Hills. It is listed on the Michigan Registry of Historical Places.