

and of his widow,  
**MARY FITCH WINSLOW,**  
 who completed it;  
 The Society, February 17, 1862,  
 adopted the corporate name it now bears.  
 The Church, first opened for divine service  
 February 23, 1862,  
 was solemnly consecrated to the worship of God  
 June 30, 1863,  
 according to the order of the Protestant Episcopal Church,  
 in the United States of America.

*In perpetual memory of these events*

*This tablet has been inscribed and is now set up by order of*

**WILLIAM HENRY BENJAMIN, Rector.**  
**JOHN CLEAVELAND and WILLIAM H. MARVIN, Wardens.**

**WILLIAM WOOD,**  
**JOHN F. BULKLEY,**  
**ELIJAH S. DOWNES,**  
**JOHN H. GRAY,**  
**CHARLES J. KETCHUM,**  
**GEORGE JELLIFFE,**  
**HENRY TAYLOR,**

*Vestrymen.*

The following is copied from a letter received from the present Rector of Memorial Church:

WESTPORT, Fairfield County, Connecticut, 19th June, 1883.

DR. R. C. M. PAGE, New York City.

MY DEAR SIR: I send you the names of the first class confirmed in Memorial Church. They were confirmed by Assistant Bishop John Williams (Bishop Brownell being too old and infirm), of Connecticut, May 8th, 1860, and were as follows: Elizabeth I. Townsend, Jane Howel Townsend, M. A. Perring, James Frederick Perring, Laura Sophia Perring. It is impossible to find out who was confirmed first. The first person baptized (and consequently the first person made a member of the church) was William Payne, baptized June 24th, 1860, by the Rev. John Purves. The first marriage in the parish was that of Henry Augustus Ogden to Abbie Jane Coley, May 16th, 1860, also by Rev. John Purves. The first marriage in the church was that of William Kirk to Miss Smith, March 10th, 1863, by the Rev. Rufus Emery, of Southport, Connecticut. The first burial in the parish was that of the founder, Hon. Richard Henry Winslow, Feb. 18th, 1861.

Yours truly,

ALONZO NORTON LEWIS, D.D., Rector.