



*In Memory of Mr Benjamin Ashley
who died May 11, 1772 in ye
76th Year of his Age*

*Were Death deny'd the Saints would live in vain
Death frees him from a world of sin and pain
What Eden lost death gives with vast increase
The King of terrors is the prince of peace*

Aaron Bliss

Benjamin Ashley accumulated considerable property, at his death it included a wharf, millpond, mills, and a large amount of land.

“His wife, Jane Shaw was a native of Ireland and very industrious. She was on her death bed and the minister was called to pray with her. When he arrived he found her in bed picking a large fleece of wool. The minister asked her if she hadn’t already done enough work and she replied, ‘I thought I would be picking a little wool while I was in the land of the living.’ ”



Raw Wool - Day House Museum