

American Veterinary Medical History Society

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Ithaca (Tompkins County), New York

James Law, F.R.C.V.S.



BIRTH: 13 February 1838
Scotland

DEATH: 10 May 1920 (age 82-83)
Springfield (Hampden County), Massachusetts

BURIAL: Pleasant Grove Cemetery, 184 Pleasant Grove Road, Ithaca, New York 14850
(<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/65677/pleasant-grove-cemetery>)
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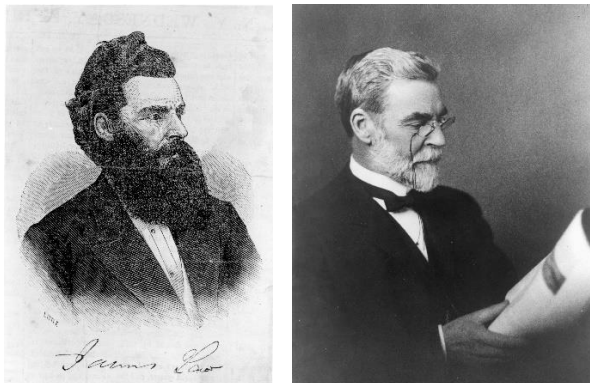
PLOT: The large granite monument is located in back left corner at end of main driveway at top of small slope.

FIND-A-GRAVE: Dr. James Law, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/118335264/james-law>
Elizabeth Crichton Law (wife), <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/165109534/elizabeth-law>

CAREER: Internationally known veterinarian, educator, author, public health sanitarian

NOTABLE FOR: First professor of veterinary medicine in the US (1868); founding dean (1894-1908) of New York State Veterinary College at Cornell University

BIOGRAPHICAL:



James Law (1838-1921)

“Professor James Law, M.R.C.V.S. (1838-1921) who was Professor (1868-1896) of Veterinary Medicine and Science, Professor (1896-1908) of the Principles and Practice of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Science, and Veterinary Therapeutics, and Emeritus Professor (1908-1921) of the Principles and Practice of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University. He was also founder and Director (1894-1908) of the New York State Veterinary College and Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. During his pioneering career spanning 50 years at Cornell, he was influential in promoting veterinary education to the rank of human medicine, conducting research and epidemiological investigations, and advancing the practice and treatment of animal diseases. He authored numerous articles, reports, and books, including, *Farmer's Veterinary Advisor* (1876) and the 4-volume set, *Text Book of Veterinary Medicine* (1896).” (Cornell eCommons)



Elizabeth Crichton Law (1838-1925) From: Leonard, v.1, p. 70.

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