

Gilmanton Annual Report for 1990
REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Cemetery Trustees held very few meetings in a formal sense during 1990, although we did get together several times at the Copp Cemetery (at Copp Road), again at the Stage Road Cemetery (in Lower Gilmanton), and at the Hillside Cemetery (in the Iron Works). These three cemeteries were the first to see the results of our policy, enunciated last year, of straightening, and, where possible, repairing some of the old head and foot stones. This restoration and repair of the town's history, which should not be allowed to deteriorate any further, will be carried out in the future as funds become available.

The Trustees have decided to concentrate on those cemeteries under their care which are first, along the state highways and main roads and subsequently, those cemeteries which are further away from the main traffic arteries. We anticipate that we will spend some time and effort in the Alton Road Cemetery (up Rte. 140 toward Alton from the Iron Works) next summer and possibly the following two years. There are innumerable grave-stones lying on the ground up there and our estimates of the cost to repair indicate that it will take more than one year's appropriation to finance the entire job.

The past year saw a breakdown in our communications with our lawn care maintenance contractor, Mr. Edward Kelley and as a result our annual maintenance program was not up to the standards that we like to provide. We believe we have solved this problem and that 1991 will find our cemeteries back at the level of care that they have seen in the past. Mrs. Mildred H. Alward has advised the other Trustees that she will not be standing for reelection in 1991 and we would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for her valued assistance and counsel.

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