

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES 1991

Gilmanton experienced a very rewarding and exciting year in 1991 with regards to their Town Cemeteries.

We were very fortunate to be able to locate and have returned 11 gravestones that were lost from the Copp Cemetery many years ago. The replacement of these stones to their rightful place is planned for the spring of 1992, and we appreciate the efforts of everyone involved in this rare opportunity to recover a part of Gilmanton's heritage. This situation has brought to the Trustee's attention Gilmanton's need for a local Ordinance to protect our cemeteries and burial sites. We, therefore, are proposing such an Ordinance on the 1992 Warrant.

Many other projects were undertaken during the year in which we have continued our policy of bringing our cemeteries up to a condition where they can be kept mowed and cleared for the enjoyment of our citizens and the preservation of our history. Some of these projects were:

Volunteer assistance of the members of the Gilmanton 8th grade class who raked and cleaned the Griffin/Range Road Cemetery, the Sawyer Lake Road Cemetery and the Crystal Lake Road Cemetery.

Members of the Sawyer Lake Association volunteered to cut and remove the trees from within the Sawyer Lake Cemetery.

Mr. Dean Bennett of Tibbetts Road has been working diligently to cut and remove trees from the Crystal Lake Cemetery so that a general clean can be undertaken and routine summer maintenance can be done.

The Merrill Cemetery on Pancake Hill Road was cleared and raked by several volunteers. The iron gate is now being repaired at no cost to the Town.

Mr. Alfred Wedel of Alton Mountain Road is also currently cutting out the Emerson Cemetery off Old Stage Road.

Clearing work and stone repair and straightening has begun at the Tibbetts/Alton Road Cemetery.

The Trustees have begun to locate all known cemeteries on the tax maps to better inform all residents and interested individuals of their existence.

In 1992, we hope to complete work at the Tibbetts/Alton Road Cemetery as well as work towards clearing more of the abandoned cemeteries with the help of Gilmanton's wonderful volunteers. Our thanks to all. See you in the spring!