

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES - 1992

The 1992 year was, again, one of progress for Gilmanton in regards to the reclamation and maintenance of our Town Cemeteries.

On June 20, 1992, many citizens joined together at the Copp Cemetery to celebrate the erection of 11 original Gilmanton gravestones that had been found and returned to Gilmanton by Old Sturbridge Village. A great deal of time and effort went into getting the stones back in their original resting places and the support of the Town in making this happen was tremendous.

Gilmanton voters also adopted a Cemetery and Burial Site Ordinance at the 1992 Town Meeting. Such an Ordinance will afford a greater level of protection to our cemeteries.

Thirty cemeteries and/or burial sites are under the care of the Cemetery Trustees. Four other Organizations, the Pine Grove, Beech Grove, Buzzell and Smith Meetinghouse Associations, undertake the care of the cemeteries at those locations. Efforts were made during the year to continue with the repair and upkeep of those cemeteries under our care.

Signs were erected at the Page, Friends, Plummer, Buzzell and Hillside Cemeteries.

Gates were repaired and or replaced at the Friends and Hillside Cemeteries.

Stone, marker and boundary repairs were undertaken in the Page, Friends, Buzzell, Parsons and Plummer Cemeteries as well as the Mary Butler Homesite.

We have begun the process to erect permanent markers at the Levi Hutchinson grave site. This lone burial site of a Gilmanton civil war veteran was in danger of being lost over time due to its location. We hope that these permanent markers will preserve this important site for the future.

Work is still underway to complete the repairs at the Tibbetts/Alton Road Cemetery and to locate all known sites on the Town Maps.

Again we thank all those volunteers who work so diligently in reclaiming and maintaining our heritage as found in Gilmanton's cemeteries. Thank you.