

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES TOWN OF GILMANTON NEW HAMPSHIRE

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During 1995, the Trustees continued to oversee the regular maintenance of the cemeteries under their care including spring and fall cleanups and mowing. We also were able to make progress on efforts to reclaim those cemeteries which have fallen into disrepair.

During the year we completed tree limbing in the Tibbetts cemetery on Route 140 in the Iron Works. The remaining stones have also been reset. This four year project is now complete and the cemetery will require only periodic maintenance. The stones at both the Hillside and Friends Cemeteries were also cleaned.

We have made additional progress on the cemetery located on Crystal Lake Road. The brush and trees have been removed and the stones reset. We hope to complete this project with a gate and sign in the upcoming year.

We are sorry to say that our annual fall volunteer project was cancelled, first several times, and then finally, due to the unusual weather in late fall. The object of the cleanup project was the Foss Cemetery on Pine Hill Road. We will certainly be rescheduling this for 1996.

This year we also were able to have a single grave site, that of Levi Hutchinson, adequately marked by the placement of four granite posts around the site. The Hutchinson site is particularly significant as it is the oldest veteran's marker in Gilmanton, Mr. Hutchinson having served in the Revolutionary War. This project took some effort as the site is not easily accessible and the posts had to be carried some distance. Chain placed between the stones will complete this project in 1996.

The Trustees also undertook the permanent closure of a private burial crypt that had been located on a Town owned parcel in the Iron Works. Although no information was readily available on the crypt, Marion McIntyre's investigations led her to an identification of the crypt through discussions with local records, townspeople and experts at the University of New Hampshire.

During 1996 our projects will include cemeteries on Hatch Road, Crystal

Lake Road and Guinea Ridge. We encourage anyone having a free afternoon to contact any Trustee in regards to volunteering some time in the cemeteries. Much of the work is performed by volunteers. This not only saves precious financial resources, but encourages people to become aware of the historic marvel of their cemeteries. Please also let us know if you have any questions or concerns in regards to Gilmanton's Cemeteries.

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