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Progress was made on several projects during 1997. Broken stones were repaired and replaced at the Lougee Cemetery on Crystal Lake Road. Additional work was completed within that cemetery to keep it clear of brush.

Major tree trimming was done at the Guinea Ridge Cemetery. This project has been completed in several other cemeteries and we hope that such precautionary work will prove most valuable when we're able to assess the damage caused by the early 1998 ice storm.

The front stone wall at Copp Cemetery on Route 107 was reset as was the north wall at the Parson's Cemetery further south on Route 107.

During a review of a proposed subdivision on Old Stage Road, the Trustees were able to obtain a permanent right-of-way to access the Cochran cemetery from the landowner. Such permanent easements assure that access to cemeteries will be always be available in a location that's convenient to the landowner.

We especially want to thank Carl Moorehead this year for his dedicated work in the cemeteries. One of our larger, and more unkempt cemeteries, the Kelley Cemetery in Lower Gilmanton was reclaimed to a mowable condition. This took a great amount of time and effort on Carl's part and we're very appreciative to have found someone so interested in helping us reclaim these sites.

In 1998 we hope to begin the restoration of the front wall at the Tibbetts Cemetery on Route 140 in the Iron Works.

We appreciate those who have donated their time in helping us maintain cemeteries in their neighborhoods. We face some large cleanup projects as a result of heavy ice damage, as do many others in Gilmanton, and appreciate any help offered.