

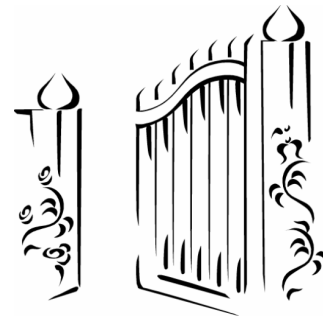


TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

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The 2003 year was a busy one for the Trustees. Several administrative projects were begun and two beautification projects that have been ongoing over the last few years were completed.

Stonewall reconstruction projects at both the Tibbetts Cemetery on Rte 140 in the Iron Works and the Parsons Cemetery on Rte 107 in Lower Gilmanton were completed this year. These projects have been ongoing over several years as funding was available. The stone work was by Kevin Fife of Twin Elms Landscaping. The focus of the project was to reconstruct walls that have fallen into disrepair since originally placed to protect the burial site of family and friends within the community. This is often more difficult when, as in these instances, we were matching into existing walls and in some cases only reconstructing a portion of a wall. Kevin did an excellent job in both cases and we are extremely pleased that we have a durable end product that clearly retains the character of both sites. We also want to extend our great appreciation to the abutting property owners who graciously allowed us easy access to these sites for the work. The Tibbetts Cemetery is now complete as to walls, gates and signage. The Parsons Cemetery will still need gates.

The Trustees have also begun the detailed administrative work of defining ownership, access and mapping for the 31 burial and historic sites currently under our care. In each case we would like to document ownership and access of the sites, collect copies of existing surveys or other maps that show their location and confirm that all are appropriately shown on the Town's assessment maps. To this end, we are researching town records and records in the Registry of Deeds. We would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who has documents that may reference burial sites within the Town. We would be more than happy to arrange for copies of deeds, maps or other documents so that our records may be complete as they relate to each site.

In the upcoming year the Trustees plan to review options for the placement of gates at the Parsons Cemetery, repair of fencing at the Mary Butler Homestead site, and continue with the work of maintaining and repairing the sites under our care. As always we appreciate the continued support of the community in providing funding, maintenance and other assistance to protect and preserve this important community heritage. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the Trustees in regards to comments, questions or recommendations you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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