

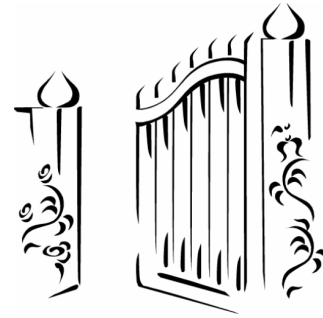


TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

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Work continued during 2004 to define ownership, access and mapping for the 31 burial and historic sites under our care. In October, under NH RSA 289:19-21 the Trustees legally assumed the same authorization and rights of natural lineal descendants to continue to protect those 27 burial sites from intentional and inadvertent damage. The sites were:

Clough, Old Stage Rd	Hatch Rd, Geddes Rd	Page, Middle Rte
Copp, Province Rd	Hatie Smith Rd, Hatie Smith Rd	Parsons, Province Rd
Edgerly (1), Old Stage Rd	Hilliard, Thistle Rd	Plummer, Sawyer Lake Rd
Edgerly (2), Hatch Rd	Leavitt Road, Leavitt Rd	Sanborn, Middle Rte
Emerson, Geddes Rd	Levi Hutchinson, Middle Rte	Sawyer Lake, Sawyer Lake Rd
Foss, Pine Hill Road	Lougee, Crystal Lake Rd	Sleeper, Old Stage Rd
French, French Rd	Merrill, Pancake Hill Rd	Tibbetts, Route 140
Guinea Ridge, Guinea Ridge Rd	Mudgett, Loon Pond Rd	Wicka, Meadow Pond Rd
Harrison Carr, Upper City Rd	Osgood, Loon Pond Rd	Wilson Hill, Upper City Rd

We are grateful to Carl Moorehead who continued to provide repair and maintenance services during 2004. Again this year, Cub Scout Pack 242 assisted with the spring cleanup and fall flowers at the Copp Burial Ground. All sites were inspected this year for a comprehensive list of needs including gates, fences, maintenance, signs and stone work. Two gates, fabricated by Blacksmith Normand Pinette were installed at the Parson Burial Ground for a fine finish to the restoration. At the request of the Selectmen, we also drafted a General Acceptance Policy to guide the Town when considering the acceptance of burial sites.

The Buzzel Cemetery Association has voted to disband due to lack of members and is petitioning the Town accept the cemetery to be managed by the Trustees. The request will come to the Voters at Town Meeting. We support the proposal and recommend that the voters accept the site.

We continue the title work and gathering of available plans to better understand and document the history of these sites and would appreciate hearing from anyone who has copies of deeds, maps or other documents to share. Projects for 2005 include a fence at the Mary Butler home site and amending the current cemetery rules.

As always we appreciate the 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 Trustee with comments, questions or recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

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