

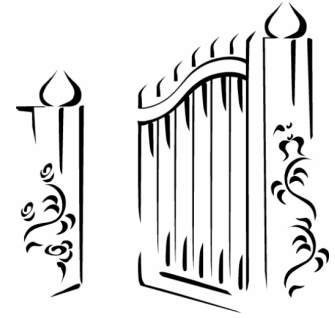


TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

Town of Gilmanton, New Hampshire

ANNUAL REPORT

2005



It was a busy year for the Trustees. At the 2005 Town Meeting voters accepted the Buzzell Cemetery on the dissolution of their Association. We worked closely with Association members on the actual transfer to the Town in September and are drafting operational guidelines for the maintenance of the cemetery and sale of lots. Some of our other 2005 projects included:

- Gathering and cataloging all existing cemetery records. Originals will be stored in the Town's vault. Thanks to Town Clerk Debra Cornett and her staff for their diligence and foresight in administering the collection and storage of the Town's vital records so that they will be safeguarded for future generations.
- Trustees attended two workshops presented by the NH Cemetery Association and the NH Attorney General's Office during the year to stay abreast of changing laws and gain knowledge and insight into the preservation and administration of our local cemeteries.
- A general mailing was sent to all Funeral Directors in the Lakes Region to update them on the status of our cemeteries and provide them with contact information and local rules to better assist them in providing service to the members of our Community.
- Ongoing research on two possible burial grounds not currently included on our list of known sites. The sites are located on Allens Mills Road (Weed/Ham) and Stone Road (Unknown).
- A site on Allens Mills Road (Foster) was investigated earlier this year and it was determined to have been laid out as a family cemetery and will be protected as such.
- The Trustees were also called on to investigate the discovery of headstones during excavation on private property. They were found to be duplicate discarded stones.
- Each Memorial Day the American Legion Post 102 places flags at the graves of all Veterans buried in the Community. We have put together a list of known Veterans to assist the Legion in this duty. If you know of other graves where flags are needed, please contact Post 102.
- This year Trustee Stockwell cleared the area immediately around and in the Town Pound on Province Road and revealed the inscribed initials of the individuals who placed the huge wall stones in 1807 when the Pound was moved to this location.
- The Trustees are working with the DAR to provide replacement fencing at the Mary Butler home site.

The major 2005 project was to begin the reclamation and delineation of the Hatie Smith Road Cemetery. Trustee Stockwell spent many hours clearing the area. A lone Civil

War marker identifies the site and deed research to date follows the title back to Brickett in 1886. In 2006 the Trustees hope to have posts w/chain erected around the perimeter of the Site.

We want to express our appreciation to Carl Moorehead, Dick Foss, Cub Scout Pack 242, cemetery abutters and others who allow us access to, and assist in maintaining these important community sites. Carl spent many hours of labor this year at the Wilson Hill Cemetery to re-erect or straighten many of the stones that had fallen or been disturbed over the years. Stones were also repaired at Page and Hilliard, and we wish to express our appreciation to Perry Brothers Monument Company in Concord who has offered to assist in the repair of three additional stones.

On this year's Town Meeting Warrant you will see an Article to establish a cemetery fund for general maintenance and capital improvements. At the end of each year any money left in the cemetery budget raised by the voters for that year would be placed into the fund. It will allow funds from more than one budget to be available for larger maintenance projects. We appreciate your consideration and support of this Article.

The Trustees are looking for information on a cemetery in the vicinity of the Parker Albee farm on Stone Road and on the Town Farm facility that was located on Town Farm Road. If you have info on these or any other sites, please let us know.

As always we appreciate the support of the community in providing funding, maintenance and other assistance to protect and preserve these sites. Please do not hesitate to contact us with comments, questions or recommendations.

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