

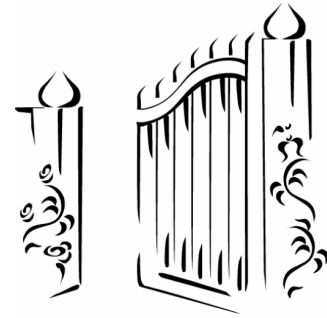
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Town of Gilmanton, New Hampshire

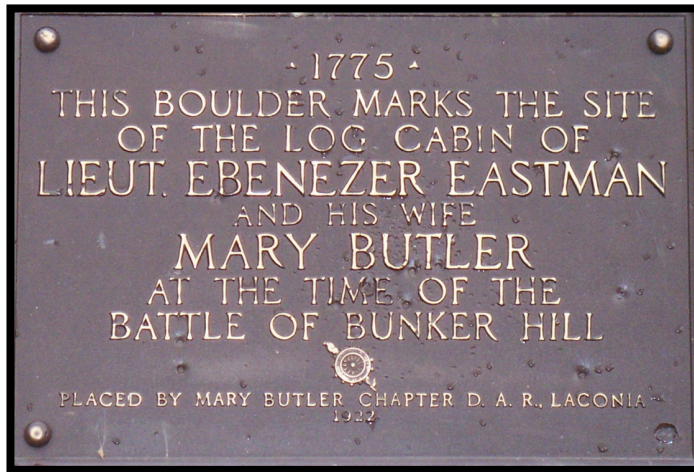
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As caretakers of the Mary Butler Homesite, the Trustees wish to express their great appreciation to Mrs. Virginia Stanley and her son William D. Stanley III for their donation of a protective easement around the perimeter of the Homesite, and to Mr. Paul Darbyshire who donated the easement plan. The easement protects the area from development, building, excavating and tree clearing.



In 1775 Mary Butler Eastman became famous for her ride from her wilderness home in Gilmanton to Cambridge to learn the fate of her husband after the Battle of Bunker Hill. In 1918 a chapter of the D.A.R. was organized in Laconia and named for Mary Butler, one whose courage and devotion at the time of the Battle of Bunker Hill made her the woman pre-eminent in the locality which the chapter would serve. In 1921 the D.A.R. erected a boulder on the site.

In 1922 the D.A.R. acquired ownership of the 10' x 18' site from the abutting landowner Joseph Kitchen and in 1963 established a trust fund with the Town for the maintenance of the site located on Mary Butler Lane off Rte 140 and Currier Hill Road. In 1988 the Cemetery Trustees were entrusted with the care of this site along with the historic Town Pound.

We apologize for any delay in getting our spring maintenance done during 2007. We're very glad to report that Carl Moorehead has returned to his work in the cemeteries and want to thank Margo Healey and her crew for pitching in and helping us with the spring cleanup.

Other 2007 Cemetery projects included:









Cemetery Regulations to clarify who designates individuals having the right of burial and adding a list of *Other Resources*.

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-  Sawyer Lake Road Cemetery walls by Kevin Fife and Trustee Stockwell. We appreciate that the Sawyer Lake community watches over and assists to maintain this site.
-  Clearing out the Edgerly(1) site.
-  Interment Handout to assist in planning and documenting burials.
-  The small balance of the 2007 Cemetery budget was transferred into the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund created by the 2006 Town Meeting to assist in funding future projects.
-  Provide assistance to the Belmont Cemetery Trustees to develop procedures and Regulations protecting their cemetery sites (which were part of Gilmanton until Belmont's separation in 1859!)
-  Reflagged lot markers at Buzzell Cemetery.

All Known Gilmanton Cemeteries:

Beech Grove ^{PA} Province Road	Foster ^{NS} Allens Mill Road	Lougee ^{NS} Crystal Lake Road	Sanborn ^{NS} Middle Route
Besse ^{PA} Hall's Hill Road	French ^{NS} French Road	Mary Butler Homesite ^{HS} Mary Butler Lane	Sawyer Lake ^{NS} Sawyer Lake Road
Buzzell ^S Shellcamp Road	Friends ^{NS} State Route 140	Merrill ^{NS} Pancake Hill Road	Sleeper ^{NS} Old Stage Road
Carr ^{NS} Upper City Road	Guinea Ridge ^{NS} Guinea Ridge Road	Mudgett ^{NS} Loon Pond Road	Smith Meetinghouse ^{PA} Meeting House Road Contact Directly
Clough ^{NS} Old Stage Road	Hatch Road ^{NS} Hatch Road	Mudgett Homesite ^{HS} Pancake Hill Road	Tibbetts ^{NS} Route 140
Copp ^{NS} Province Road	Hatie Smith Road ^{NS} Hatie Smith Road	Osgood ^{NS} Loon Pond Road	Town Pound ^{HS} Province Road
Edgerly (1) ^{NS} Old Stage Road	Hilliard ^{NS} Thistle Road	Page ^{NS} Middle Route	Weed ^{PID} Allens Mill Road
Edgerly (2) ^{NS} Hatch Road	Hillside ^{NS} Edgerly Road	Parsons ^{NS} Province Road	Wicka ^{NS} Meadow Pond Road
Emerson ^{NS} Geddes Road	Leavitt Road ^{NS} Leavitt Road	Pine Grove ^{PA} Stage Road Contact Directly	Wilson Hill ^{NS} Upper City Road
Foss ^{NS} Pine Hill Road	Levi Hutchinson ^{NS} Rogers Road	Plummer ^{NS} Sawyer Lake Road	

^S-Lots for Sale







^{PA}-Private Association

^{HS}-Historic Site

^{NS}-No Lots for Sale

^{PID}-Pending ID

Cemetery Projects for 2008 include:

-  Posting applicable Regulations at each site for enforcement purposes.
-  Completing wall repair and tree removal at the French Road Cemetery.
-  Continuing to research burials and Veteran status for the Hatie Smith Road Cemetery.
-  Working with existing lot owners at Buzzell Cemetery to convert Lot Deeds into recordable Certificates of Right to Inter.
-  Replace fencing at the Mary Butler Homesite. In 2008, the Trustees will work on replacing the fencing around the Homesite, last replaced for us by George McClary in 1990.
-  Drafting a Trustees Handbook

The Trustees offer their sincere thanks to Carl Moorehead, Richard Foss, Cub Scout Pack 242, Sawyer Lake neighbors and so many others in the community who help to maintain, to remove brush and limbs, allow us access over their property to the cemeteries and keep a watchful eye on these important community sites. Please contact us with your information, questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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