



# TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

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With the assistance of Steve Bedard, who contacted the Trustees in the fall, we have been able to add another family burial ground to the Town records. Through Steve's research and knowledge of his property he provided evidence to the Trustees of the burial of Capt. Joseph Durrell and Aaron B. Durrell on what was the Durrell homestead at the time of their deaths in 1819 and 1820 respectively. The Trustees will work with Steve to adequately preserve the records so that the site may remain protected. As always the Trustees appreciate when news of burial sites or gravestones is passed to us so that these sites can be acknowledged and honored in perpetuity.

For similar reasons the Trustees were very excited to learn of a new project undertaken by the American Legion Auxiliary Ellis-Geddes-Levitt Gilmanton Unit #102. This Unit project, **"Veterans at Rest in Gilmanton"**, spearheaded by Evelyn Sanville, is an attempt to locate and



inventory the site of every Veteran buried in Gilmanton. As many know, in the spring the American Legion attempts to place an American flag at every known Veteran gravesite. However, a comprehensive list of all Veteran burials does not exist. Being the support organization for the Legion, the Auxiliary has taken on the very important task of developing such a list. They are visiting every cemetery in Gilmanton and noting any stone that indicates the burial of a veteran. However, there are many veteran stones that do not include a reference to their military service and many graves, especially older ones that are not marked by a headstone. To help honor those Veterans, the Auxiliary has extended a plea to residents to help out by providing the name and location of any Veteran burials, of any era, of which you are aware. You may contact the Auxiliary at P.O. Box 119, Gilmanton, NH 03237-0119, or at [ALA102@metrocast.net](mailto:ALA102@metrocast.net).

Other 2013 Cemetery projects included:



Attendance at NH Cemetery Association and NH DRA workshops



Tree trimming in the Tibbetts Cemetery



One interment at Buzzell Cemetery and one at Beech Grove Cemetery



Negotiations for the sale of six lots at the Beech Grove Cemetery



Extra site clearing at the Beech Grove Cemetery



Installation of Access and Protective Easement Markers at the Foster and Edgerly-2 cemeteries and the Mary Butler home site

Our 2014 “*List of Things To Do!*”



Install granite posts across the new section of the Buzzell Cemetery to delineate the access drive



Post information/regulation signs at cemetery sites



Draft Trustee Handbook



Work with Probate Court to simplify lot ownership process

The Trustees wish to thank:



Our head of maintenance, Carl Moorehead; and Courtney Kelly of ArborTech for their great work this year



The Selectmen and Voters of the Town of Gilmanton for their continued support of these important sites



Richard Foss for his continued support of the Foss Cemetery maintenance



Neighbors to the Sawyer Lake and other cemeteries who help to maintain the sites, remove brush and limbs, allow access over their property to the cemeteries and keep a watchful eye on these important community sites



Others who voiced their interest in “adopting” a site for future care and protection

Additional information on sites, including available lots can be accessed on the Town website. Please contact us at any time with your information, questions or comments.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

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