

Center Cemetery Gravestone Preservation Project



**Erving, Massachusetts
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Conservation report for Center Cemetery 2019

HGS visited Central Cemetery located in Erving, MA in August 2019 to assess the condition of the cemetery. Eight (8) gravestones were selected for preservation treatment; 4 tablet stones, 3 die with bases and one zinc monument. The project began on August 20th and was completed on October 18, 2019. All work was done in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and the American Institute of Conservators code of ethics. The following report describes all treatments performed on each gravestone/monument.

Cemetery	Center Cemetery
Location	Erving, MA
Record Date	September 2019
Name	Albee, Adaline A.
Date of Death	May 15, 1848

Inscription

ADALINE A.

DAUGHTER OF

ASA H. & AMELIA
ALBEE

DIED
May 15, 1848,
Æ. 5 m's 5 d's.

*Farewell sweet one. T'was
Hard to part with thee so soon.*

Stone Condition	Ambient dirt and biological growth Fallen Concrete Missing base
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Treatments	Cleaned and treated with D2 Create new concrete below grade base Reset stone into base with lime mortar
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Cemetery Center Cemetery
Location Erving, MA
Record Date September 2019
Name Cushman, Oscar
Date of Death March 24, 1878

Inscription

OSCAR R.
CUSHMAN

DIED MARCH 24, 1878

42 YRS. 10 MOS. & 19 DYS.

HE GIVETH HIS BELOVED SLEEP.

D. LUCENA,

WIFE OF

OSCAR R.
CUSHMAN

OCT.1, 1836

NOV. 20, 1900

WE SHALL MEET BEYOND THE RIVER.

Stone Condition Ambient dirt and biological growth
Leaning
Filled with rocks
Unattached plaque
Sunken base
Set on rubble

Treatments Cleaned and treated with D2
Remove rubble and rocks
Reset base plumb at correct height
Reattach plaque with bolts



Cemetery Center Cemetery
Location Erving, MA
Record Date September 2019
Name Piper, Amos
Date of Death May 7, 1846

Inscription

AMOS PIPER.

DIED

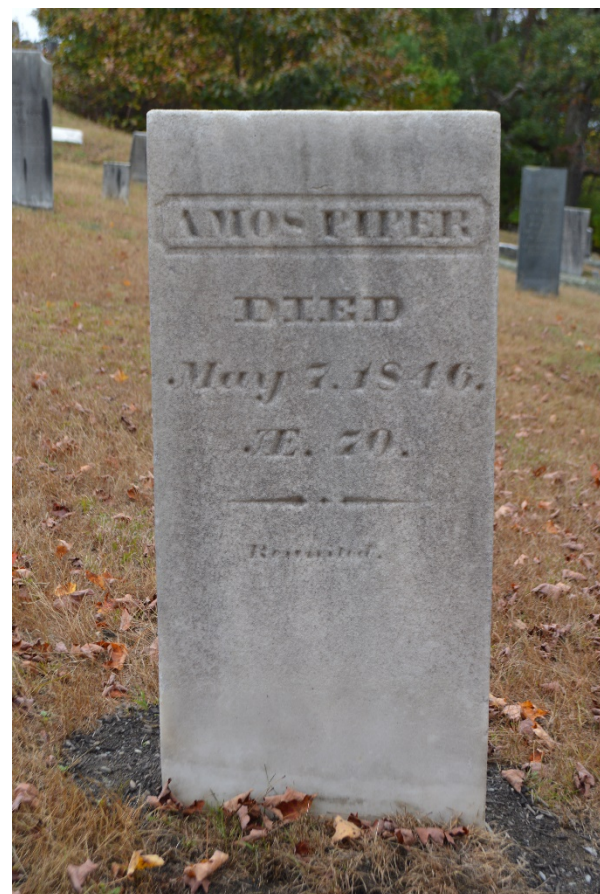
May 7, 1846.

Æ. 70

Reunited.

Stone Condition Ambient dirt and biological growth
Leaning & sunken

Treatments Cleaned and treated with D2
Remove pins
Reset stone plumb at correct height



Cemetery Center Cemetery
Location Erving, MA
Record Date September 2019
Name Robbins, Asa & Lovisa
Date of Death Sept. 13, 1872 Aug. 30, 1884

Inscription

MOTHER FATHER

ASA ROBBINS

DIED

Sept. 13, 1872.

Æ. 71.

LOVISA, his wife

DIED

Aug. 30, 1884.

Æ. 84.

Sleeping in Jesus

Stone Condition Ambient dirt and biological growth
Leaning
Missing mortar

Treatments Cleaned and treated with D2
Reset foundation stone plumb at correct height
Reset die with lime mortar



Cemetery Center Cemetery
Location Erving, MA
Record Date September 2019
Name Thayer, Sylvester
Date of Death

Inscription

HERE LIES

SYLVESTER THAYER

AND HIS WIFE

MELVINA

AT REST

Stone Condition Ambient dirt and biological growth
Fallen
Missing mortar

Treatments Cleaned and treated with D2
Reset foundation stone plumb at correct height
Reset plinth & die with lime mortar



Cemetery Center Cemetery
Location Erving, MA
Record Date September 2019
Name Woodard, Catherine
Date of Death March 6, 1883

Inscription

CATHERINE
Wife of
SETH WOODARD.

DIED
Mar. 6, 1883.

Æ. 65 yrs. 7 mos.
27 ds.

Stone Condition Ambient dirt and biological growth
Leaning & sunken
Loose on base
Metal pins

Treatments Cleaned and treated with D2
Remove pins
Reset foundation stone plumb
Reset plinth & die with lime mortar



Cemetery Center Cemetery
Location Erving, MA
Record Date September 2019
Name Woodard, Martha
Date of Death June 21, 1855

Inscription

MARTHA A.

dau. of
Seth & Catharine
WOODARD.

Died June 21, 1855.
Aged 6 yrs.
& 2 mo.

Stone Condition Ambient dirt and biological growth
Fallen
Missing base

Treatments Cleaned and treated with D2
Locate base & reset plumb
Reset stone into base with lime mortar



Cemetery Center Cemetery
Location Erving, MA
Record Date September 2019
Name Young, Frank
Date of Death Aug. 11, 1858

Inscription

FRANK L.
SON OF
WILLIAM & LUCY D.
YOUNG

DIED

Aug. 11, 1858.

Æt. 2 yrs. 1 mos.
13 ds.

May we meet again in Heaven.

Stone Condition Ambient dirt and biological growth
Leaning
Sunken base
Concrete

Treatments Cleaned and treated with D2
Remove concrete
Reset base plumb at correct height
Reset stone into base with lime mortar

