

# **Center Cemetery Gravestone Preservation Project**



**Erving, Massachusetts  
2018**

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## **Conservation report for Center Cemetery 2018**

HGS visited Central Cemetery located in Erving, MA on May 3 & 4<sup>th</sup> to assess the condition of the cemetery. All the gravestones in the cemetery were inspected, 134 gravestones were assessed as needing repairs and were photographed. Six pedestal monuments, 62 die with bases, 47 tablet stones, 12 tablets with bases and 7 veteran stones were found to be in need of preservation. Many of the stones are broken or have fallen on the ground and are at risk of being lost.

Ten gravestones were selected for preservation treatment; 9 tablet stones and one multi piece monument. The project began on June 27<sup>th</sup> and was completed on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. 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** July 2018  
**Name** Albee, Aurelia E.  
**Date of Death** April 17, 1852

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**Inscription**

**AURELIA E.**  
WIFE OF  
**ASA H. ALBEE**  
DIED  
Apr. 17, 1852.  
Æ. 41.

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**Stone Condition** Ambient dirt and biological growth  
Broken, 2 fragments  
Concrete around fragment

**Treatments** Cleaned and treated with D2  
Remove concrete  
Reset stone plumb  
Reattach fragment with Jahn M120



**Cemetery** Center Cemetery  
**Location** Erving, MA  
**Record Date** July 2018  
**Name** Benjamin, Roxa  
**Date of Death** Sept. 9, 1851

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**Inscription**

**ROXA,**  
WIFE OF  
**HENRY BENJAMIN**  
DIED  
Sept. 9, 1851  
Æt. 33.

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**Stone Condition** Ambient dirt and biological growth  
Leaning  
Sunken

**Treatments** Cleaned and treated with D2  
Reset stone plumb at the correct height





**Cemetery** Center Cemetery  
**Location** Erving, MA  
**Record Date** July 2018  
**Name** Blaclimer, Alvah R.  
**Date of Death** May 6, 1837

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**Inscription**

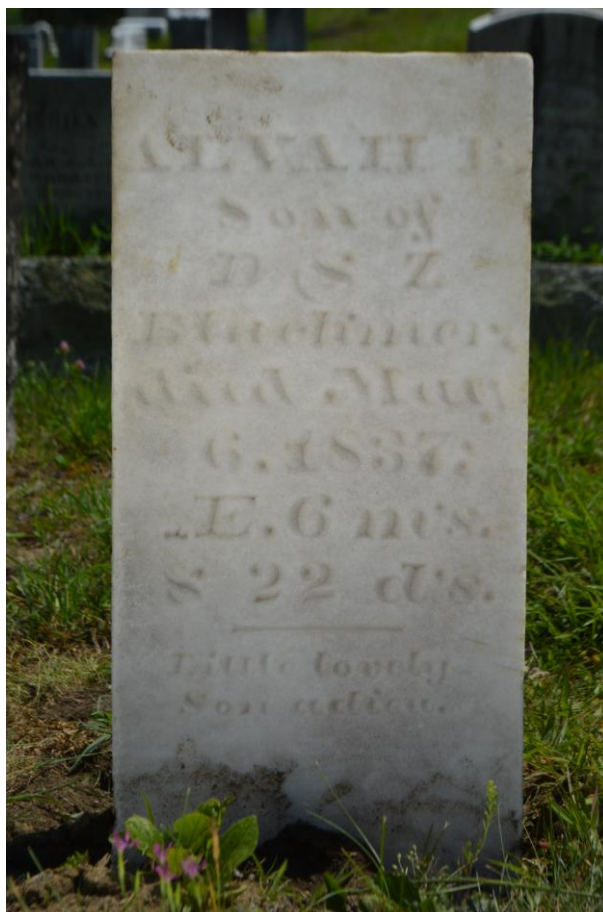
ALVAH R.  
Son of  
D. & Z.  
Blaclimer  
died May  
6, 1837;  
Æ. 6 m's  
& 22 d's

*Little lovely  
Son adieu.*

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**Stone Condition** Ambient dirt and biological growth  
Fallen  
Sunken in ground

**Treatments** Cleaned and treated with D2  
Reset plumb





**Cemetery** Center Cemetery  
**Location** Erving, MA  
**Record Date** July 2018  
**Name** Blaclimer, Francis A.  
**Date of Death** July 2, 1839

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**Inscription**

FRANCIS A.  
Son of David & Zeriaah  
Blaclimer  
Died July  
2, 1839.  
Æ. 8 y'rs.  
& 6 mo's.

*We soon shall meet  
To part no more.*

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**Stone Condition** Ambient dirt and biological growth  
Fallen  
Sunken in ground

**Treatments** Cleaned and treated with D2  
Reset plumb



**Cemetery** Center Cemetery  
**Location** Erving, MA  
**Record Date** July 2018  
**Name** Brown, Delia Ann  
**Date of Death** March 15, 1819

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**Inscription**

**DELIA ANN.**  
WIFE OF  
**JOSEPH BROWN**  
DIED  
MAR. 15, 1819  
Æ. 43.

Also an infant  
Daughter

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**Stone Condition** Ambient dirt and biological growth  
Broken, 3 fragments  
Leaning  
Concrete around fragment

**Treatments** Cleaned and treated with D2  
Remove concrete  
Create and set new concrete base  
Reset stone fragment into base with lime mortar  
Reattach fragments with Jahn M120



<b>Cemetery</b>	Center Cemetery
<b>Location</b>	Erving, MA
<b>Record Date</b>	July 2018
<b>Name</b>	Brown, George & Lucy
<b>Date of Death</b>	Apr. 11, 1884      Mar. 17, 1908

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**Inscription**

**GEORGE W. BROWN**

DIED  
APR. 11, 1884  
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**LUCY**

HIS WIFE  
DIED  
MAR. 17, 1908.  
Æ. 96.

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<b>Stone Condition</b>	Ambient dirt and biological growth Leaning Missing mortar
<b>Treatments</b>	Cleaned and treated with D2 Reset base stone plumb Reassemble elements with lime mortar





**Cemetery** Center Cemetery  
**Location** Erving, MA  
**Record Date** July 2018  
**Name** Brown, Joseph  
**Date of Death** October 14, 1850

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**Inscription**

**JOSEPH BROWN**

DIED  
OCT. 14, 1850  
Æ. 77.

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**Stone Condition** Ambient dirt and biological growth  
Leaning  
Concrete around stone

**Treatments** Cleaned and treated with D2  
Remove concrete  
Reset stone plumb



**Cemetery** Center Cemetery  
**Location** Erving, MA  
**Record Date** July 2018  
**Name** Coy, Delia G.  
**Date of Death** May 23, 1856

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**Inscription**

**DELIA G.**

Dau. of

William & Emily  
COY

Died May 23, 1856;  
Æ. 27.

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**Stone Condition** Ambient dirt and biological growth  
Broken, 2 fragments  
Concrete around fragment  
Leaning

**Treatments** Cleaned and treated with D2  
Remove concrete  
Reset stone plumb  
Reattach fragment with Jahn M120







**Cemetery** Center Cemetery  
**Location** Erving, MA  
**Record Date** July 2018  
**Name** Coy, William  
**Date of Death** Sept. 27, 1863

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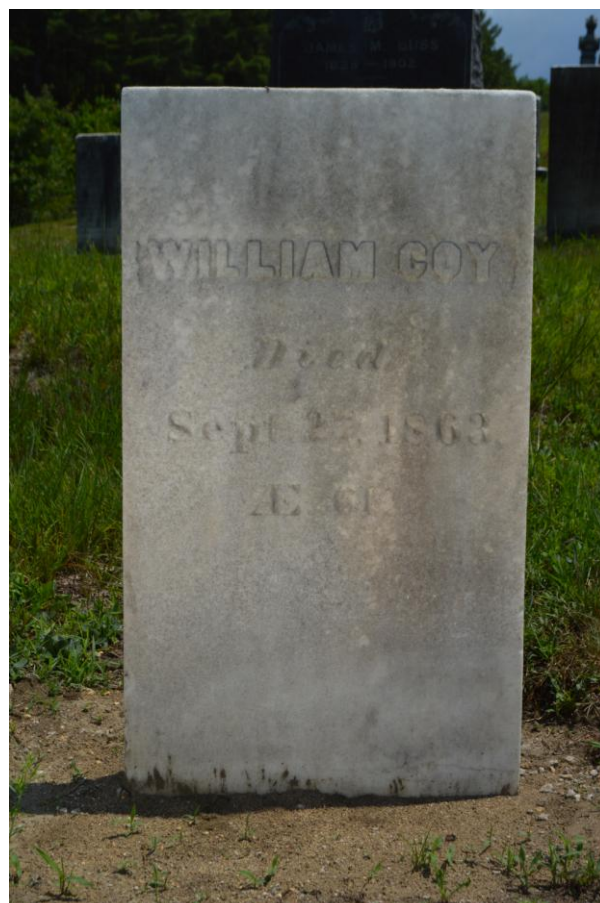
**Inscription**

WILLIAM COY  
*Died*  
Sept. 27, 1863  
Æ. 61.

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**Stone Condition** Ambient dirt and biological growth  
Leaning  
Sunken

**Treatments** Cleaned and treated with D2  
Reset stone plumb at the correct height



**Cemetery** Center Cemetery  
**Location** Erving, MA  
**Record Date** July 2018  
**Name** Trask, Sarah H.  
**Date of Death** Jan. 11, 1860

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**Inscription**

**SARAH H.**

Wife of

**JAMES H. TRASK**

Died Jan. 11, 1860

Aged 24 yrs.

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**Stone Condition** Ambient dirt and biological growth  
Broken, 2 fragments  
Leaning

**Treatments** Cleaned and treated with D2  
Create and set new concrete base  
Reset stone fragment into base with lime mortar  
Reattach fragment with Jahn M120

