

# **Center Cemetery Gravestone Preservation Project**



**Erving, Massachusetts  
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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.

Nine gravestones were selected for preservation treatment in the second phase of work; 4 tablet stones and 5 die and base. The project began on August 27<sup>th</sup> and was completed on September 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.

<b>Cemetery</b>	Center Cemetery
<b>Location</b>	Erving, MA
<b>Record Date</b>	August 2018
<b>Name</b>	Cummings, Stephen & Mary
<b>Date of Death</b>	1887                      1896

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**Inscription**

STEPHEN L. CUMMINGS

1814 – 1887

MARY A.

1821 – 1896

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<b>Stone Condition</b>	Ambient dirt and biological growth Leaning Plinth & base sunken Pins
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<b>Treatments</b>	Cleaned and treated with D2 Remove pins Reset base stone plumb Reattach plinth & die with lime mortar
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**Cemetery** Center Cemetery  
**Location** Erving, MA  
**Record Date** August 2018  
**Name** Laughna, George L.  
**Date of Death** 1908

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**Inscription**

**GEORGE L. LAUGHNA**

1848 - 1908

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**Stone Condition** Ambient dirt and biological growth  
Fallen off base  
Base set on rubble  
Leaning

**Treatments** Cleaned and treated with D2  
Reset base stone plumb  
Reattach die with lime mortar



**Cemetery** Center Cemetery  
**Location** Erving, MA  
**Record Date** August 2018  
**Name** Parkard, John  
**Date of Death** June 15, 1849

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**Inscription**

JOHN PACKARD

DIED

June 15, 1849.

Æt. 57.

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**Stone Condition** Ambient dirt and biological growth  
Leaning  
Plinth & base sunken  
Pins

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



**Cemetery** Center Cemetery  
**Location** Erving, MA  
**Record Date** August 2018  
**Name** Stone, Clark and Cordelia  
**Date of Death** Nov. 28, 1894      Dec. 9, 1901

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**Inscription**

CLARK STONE

DIED  
Nov. 28, 1894  
Aged 73 years  
3 months, 20 days

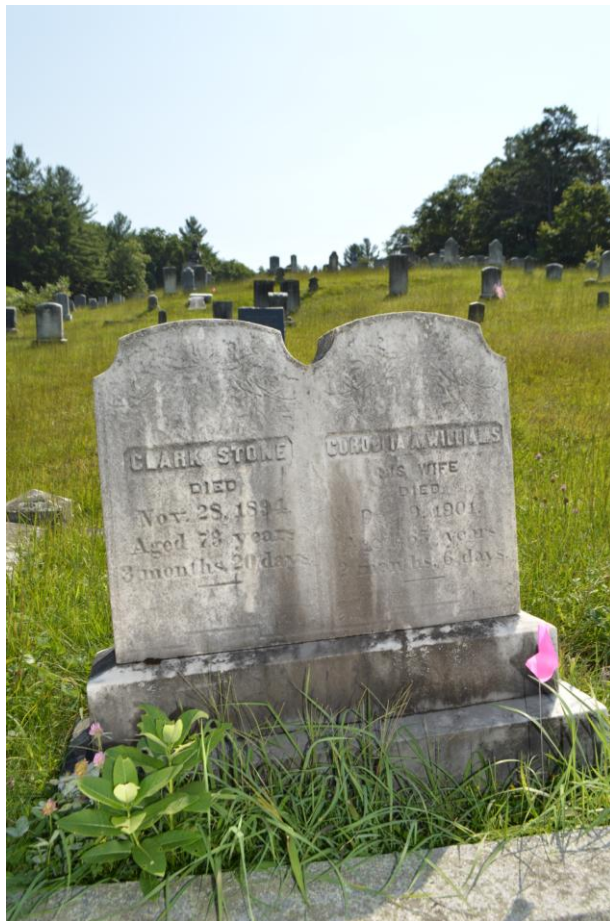
CORDELIA A. WILLIAMS

HIS WIFE  
DIED  
Dec. 9, 1901  
Aged 65 years  
2 months, 6 days

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**Stone Condition** Ambient dirt and biological growth  
Leaning  
Plinth & base sunken  
Pins

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



**Cemetery** Center Cemetery  
**Location** Erving, MA  
**Record Date** August 2018  
**Name** Stratton, Lucy  
**Date of Death** Jan. 16, 1866

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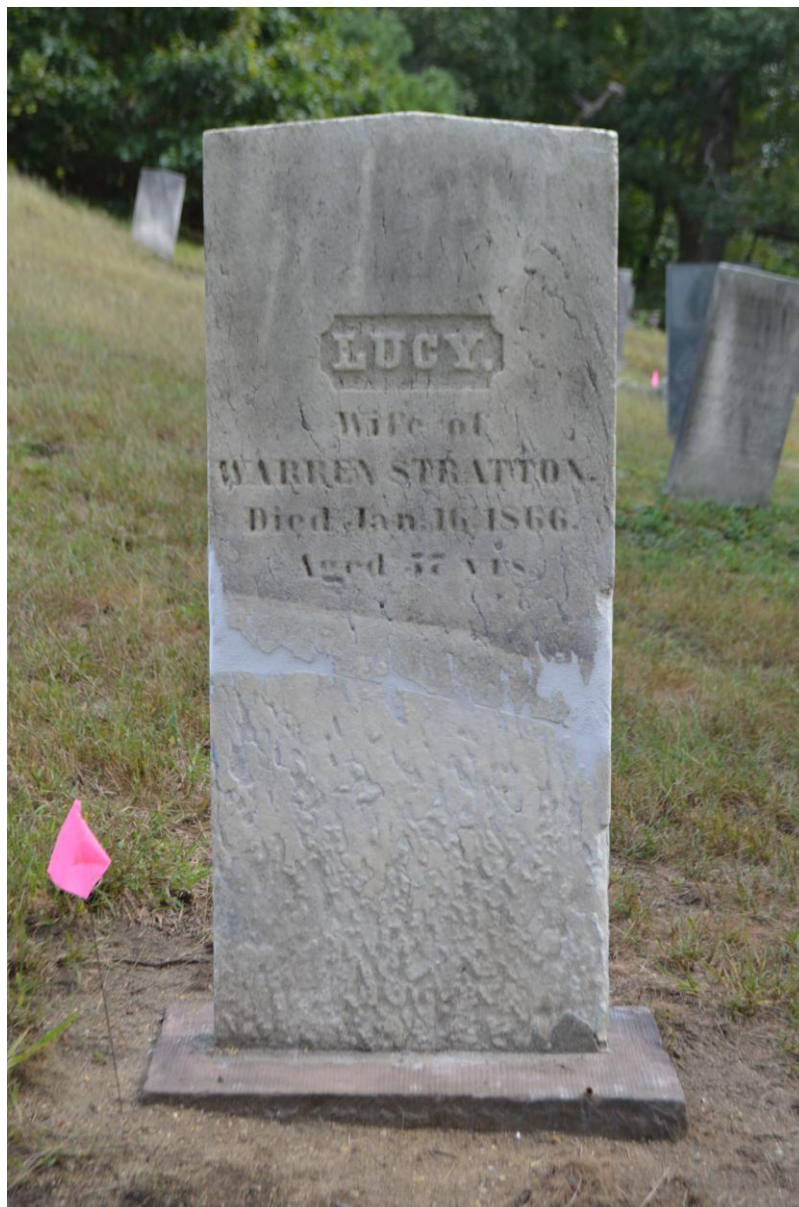
**Inscription**

LUCY,  
Wife of  
WARREN STRATTON  
Died Jan. 16, 1866.  
Aged 57 yrs.

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

**Treatments** Cleaned and treated with D2  
Reset base & fragment plumb  
Reattach fragment with Jahn M120



**Cemetery** Center Cemetery  
**Location** Erving, MA  
**Record Date** August 2018  
**Name** Trask, James and Catharine  
**Date of Death** Jan. 2, 1894      July 5, 1894

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**Inscription**

FATHER  
JAMES T. TRASK  
DIED  
JAN. 2, 1894  
Æ. 83 YRS.

MOTHER  
CATHARINE H.  
HIS WIFE  
DIED JULY 5, 1894  
Æ. 81 YRS. 5 MOS.

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**Stone Condition**      Ambient dirt and biological growth  
Leaning  
Plinth & base sunken  
Pins

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



<b>Cemetery</b>	Center Cemetery
<b>Location</b>	Erving, MA
<b>Record Date</b>	August 2018
<b>Name</b>	Trask, John and Sarah
<b>Date of Death</b>	Nov. 16 & Nov. 21, 1863

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**Inscription**

JOHN S. <i>died</i> Nov. 16, 1863 Æ. 13 yrs. 6 ms.	SARAH J, <i>died</i> Nov. 21, 1863 Æ. 11 yrs. 6 ms.
<i>Fold them, Father In thine arms. And let them Henceforth be:</i>	<i>Messenger of hope Believeth human hearts and thee.</i>

Children of  
James T. & Catharine H. Trask

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<b>Stone Condition</b>	Ambient dirt and biological growth Leaning Plinth & base sunken Pins
<b>Treatments</b>	Cleaned and treated with D2 Remove pins Reset base stone plumb Reattach plinth & die with lime mortar



**Cemetery** Center Cemetery  
**Location** Erving, MA  
**Record Date** August 2018  
**Name** Trask, Mary C.  
**Date of Death** Sept. 13, 1848

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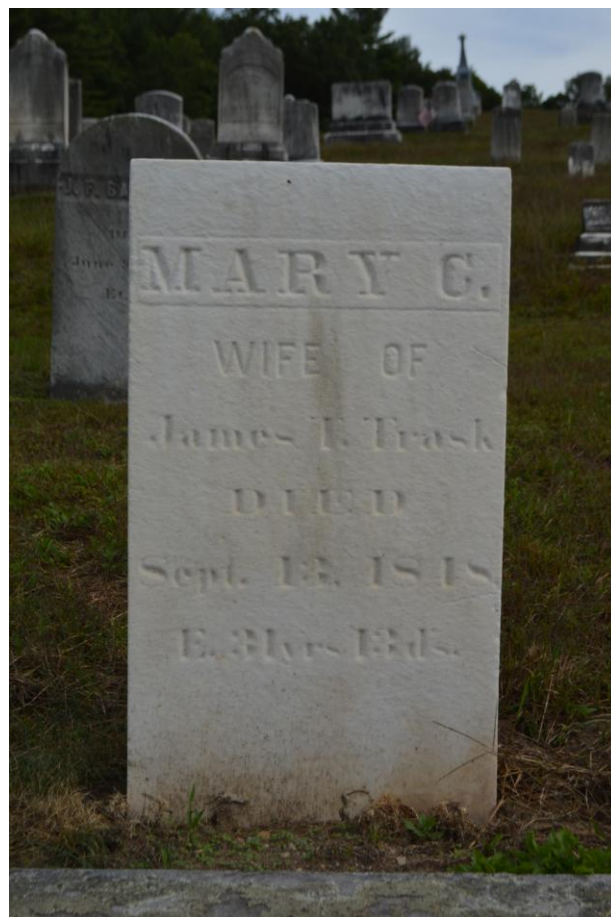
**Inscription**

**MARY C.**  
WIFE OF  
James T. Trask  
DIED  
Sept. 13, 1848  
Æ. 31 yrs. 13 d's.

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

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



**Cemetery** Center Cemetery  
**Location** Erving, MA  
**Record Date** August 2018  
**Name** Woodard, Seth H.  
**Date of Death** July 10, 1885

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**Inscription**

SETH WOODARD

DIED

July 10, 1885.

Æ. 74 yrs. 2 ms.  
& 5 ds.

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**Stone Condition** Ambient dirt and biological growth  
Leaning  
Plinth & base sunken  
Pins

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

