

2022

Gravestone Preservation Project



Center Cemetery

Erving, Massachusetts

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Conservation report for Center Cemetery 2022

HGS visited Central Cemetery located in Erving, MA in April 2022 to assess the condition of the cemetery. Twenty-one (21) gravestones were selected for preservation treatment; two (2) tablet stones, twelve (12) die with bases and seven (7) tablets with bases. The project began on May 6th and was completed on June 15, 2022. 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, prepared by Historic Gravestone Services, describes all treatments performed and materials used on each gravestone.

Cemetery Center Cemetery
Location Erving, MA
Record Date May 2022
Name Albee, Albert
Date of Death Feb. 26, 1892
Material Marble
Style Pedestal

Inscription

ALBERT R. ALBEE

Died Feb. 26, 1892

Aged 79 Years

ALBEE

Stone Condition Ambient dirt and biological growth
Leaning
Sunken base
Erosion
Missing mortar

Treatments Cleaned and treated with D2
Reset foundation stone plumb
Fill erosion area
Reset die with lime mortar



Cemetery	Center Cemetery
Location	Erving, MA
Record Date	May 2022
Name	Albee, Mary
Date of Death	Feb. 20, 1873
Material	Marble
Style	Pedestal

Inscription

MARY L.
WIFE OF
ALBERT R. ALBEE
Died Feb. 20, 1873.
Aged 60 Years
2 Mos. & 15 Dys.
ALBEE

Stone Condition	Ambient dirt and biological growth Leaning Sunken base Erosion Missing mortar
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Treatments	Cleaned and treated with D2 Reset foundation stone plumb Fill erosion area Reset die with lime mortar
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Cemetery	Center Cemetery
Location	Erving, MA
Record Date	May 2022
Name	Alexander, Sarah Morse
Date of Death	Oct. 4, 1850
Material	Marble
Style	Pedestal

Inscription

Mrs.
SARAH P. MORSE

DAU. OF FORDYCE &
THANKFUL ALEXANDER

DIED
Oct. 4, 1850.
Æ. 27.

ALEXANDER

(back)
FORDYCE ALEXANDER

DIED
.in Freehold, Penn.
Mar. 17, 1862
Æ. 64.
THANKFUL
His wife
DIED
Feb. 21, 1881
Æ. 82

Stone Condition	Ambient dirt and biological growth Leaning Sunken base Missing mortar
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Treatments	Cleaned and treated with D2 Reset foundation stone plumb Reset die with lime mortar
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Cemetery	Center Cemetery
Location	Erving, MA
Record Date	May 2022
Name	Bancroft, J.F.
Date of Death	June 9, 1865
Material	Marble
Style	Tablet with base

Inscription

J. F. BRANCROFT

DIED

June 9, 1865

Æt. 46.

Stone Condition	Ambient dirt and biological growth Leaning Sunken base
Treatments	Cleaned and treated with D2 Reset base and stone plumb



Cemetery	Center Cemetery
Location	Erving, MA
Record Date	May 2022
Name	Bates, Levi A. & Maria M.
Date of Death	Aug. 25, 1890 Dec. 2, 1907
Material	Marble
Style	Double die with base

Inscription

MARIA M. BATES	LEVI A. BATES
DIED	DIED
Dec. 2, 1907.	Aug. 25, 1890
Æ. 82.	Æ. 67.

Stone Condition	Ambient dirt and biological growth Leaning Die off-center Missing mortar
Treatments	Cleaned and treated with D2 Reset foundation stone plumb Reset die with lime mortar



Cemetery Center Cemetery
Location Erving, MA
Record Date May 2022
Name Ellinwood, Orson
Date of Death April 9, 1838
Material Marble
Style Tablet

Inscription

ORSON ELLINWOOD

Son of

Seneca & Matilda
Ellinwood

Died April 9th 1838.

Aged 27 Years

*None Knew him, but to love,
None named him, but to praise.*

Stone Condition Ambient dirt and biological growth
Leaning
Tilted

Treatments Cleaned and treated with D2
Reset stone plumb



Cemetery Center Cemetery
Location Erving, MA
Record Date May 2022
Name Ellinwood, Seneca
Date of Death Feb. 18th, 1830
Material Marble
Style Tablet

Inscription

SENECA ELLINWOOD

Son of
Seneca & Matilda
Ellinwood
Died Feb. 18th, 1830
Aged 17 Years

To die, is to go home.

Stone Condition Ambient dirt and biological growth
Leaning
Tilted
Sunken

Treatments Cleaned and treated with D2
Reset stone plumb



SENECA ELLINWOOD

son of
Seneca & Matilda
Ellinwood
died Feb. 18th 1830.
aged 17 Years.

To die is to go home.

Cemetery	Center Cemetery
Location	Erving, MA
Record Date	May 2022
Name	Fisk, Fanny
Date of Death	Sept. 27, 1864
Material	Marble
Style	Tablet with base

Inscription

MEET ME IN HEAVEN

FANNY FISK

DIED

Sept. 27, 1864

Æ. 27.

Stone Condition	Ambient dirt and biological growth Leaning Tilted Sunken base
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Treatments	Cleaned and treated with D2 Reset stone and base plumb
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Cemetery	Center Cemetery
Location	Erving, MA
Record Date	May 2022
Name	Hammond, Harvey
Date of Death	June 25, 187(3)
Material	Marble
Style	Die with base

Inscription

HARVEY H.

Son of
JAIRUS T. & MARY
HAMMOND

Died June 25, 187(3)
Æ. 2 Ys. 4 Ms. & 18 Ds.

Stone Condition	Ambient dirt and biological growth Leaning Pins Missing mortar
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Treatments	Cleaned and treated with D2 Remove pins Reset foundation stone plumb Reset die with lime mortar
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Cemetery	Center Cemetery
Location	Erving, MA
Record Date	May 2022
Name	Hennessey, Hester M.
Date of Death	2002
Material	Granite
Style	Die with base

Inscription

HENNESSEY

HESTER M.

1914 - 2002

Stone Condition	Ambient dirt and biological growth Fallen Leaning base
Treatments	Cleaned and treated with D2 Reset base plumb at correct height Reset die with setting compound



Cemetery	Center Cemetery
Location	Erving, MA
Record Date	May 2022
Name	Howe, Werden
Date of Death	1907
Material	Marble
Style	Tablet with base

Inscription

WERDEN A. HOWE

1827 - 1907

Stone Condition	Ambient dirt and biological growth Leaning Set on rubble Loose on base Pins
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Treatments	Cleaned and treated with D2 Remove rubble and pins Reset base plumb Reset die with lime mortar
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Cemetery Center Cemetery
Location Erving, MA
Record Date May 2022
Name Jardine
Date of Death
Material Granite
Style Die with base

Inscription

JARDINE

Stone Condition Ambient dirt and biological growth
Fallen
Leaning base

Treatments Cleaned and treated with D2
Reset base plumb at correct height
Reset die with setting compound



Cemetery	Center Cemetery
Location	Erving, MA
Record Date	May 2022
Name	Lyman, Charles
Date of Death	Aug. 23, 1873
Material	Marble
Style	Tablet with base

Inscription

CHARLES LYMAN

DIED

AUG. 23, 1873

Aged 64 Yrs. 17 Dys.

“-- ----- all things well.”

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Stone Condition	Ambient dirt and biological growth Leaning Sunken base
Treatments	Cleaned and treated with D2 Reset base and stone plumb



Cemetery	Center Cemetery
Location	Erving, MA
Record Date	May 2022
Name	Meacham, Frank & Lucena
Date of Death	1878
Material	Marble
Style	Die with base

Inscription

FRANK H. MEACHAM

1851 – 1878

LUCENA A. HIS WIFE

Stone Condition	Ambient dirt and biological growth Leaning base Fallen
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Treatments	Cleaned and treated with D2 Reset stone plumb Reset die with lime mortar
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Cemetery	Center Cemetery
Location	Erving, MA
Record Date	May 2022
Name	Noyes, Carrie A.
Date of Death	Sept. 9, 1891
Material	Marble
Style	Die with base

Inscription

CARRIE A.

Dau. of

C.F. & J.H. NOYES

Died

Sept. 9, 1891

Æ. 6 Ys. 5 Ms. 6 Dys.

Stone Condition	Ambient dirt and biological growth Leaning Sunken base
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Treatments	Cleaned and treated with D2 Reset foundation stone plumb Reset die with lime mortar
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Cemetery	Center Cemetery
Location	Erving, MA
Record Date	May 2022
Name	Noyes, Lawrence
Date of Death	Dec. 30, 1896
Material	Marble
Style	Die with base

Inscription

LAWRENCE ALTON

SON OF

C.F. & J.H. NOYES

BORN

July 8, 1895.

DIED

Dec. 30, 1896.

Our loved one

Stone Condition	Ambient dirt and biological growth Leaning Sunken base
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Treatments	Cleaned and treated with D2 Reset foundation stone plumb Reset die with lime mortar
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Cemetery	Center Cemetery
Location	Erving, MA
Record Date	May 2022
Name	Peck, Harriet
Date of Death	April 12, 1902
Material	Marble
Style	Pedestal

Inscription

HARRIET A.

WIFE OF

P.L. PECK

DIED

APR. 12, 1902

Æ. 65.

Stone Condition	Ambient dirt and biological growth Leaning Pins Broken plinth Missing mortar
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Treatments	Cleaned and treated with D2 Remove pins Reset foundation stone plumb Reattach plinth fragments Reset die with lime mortar
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Cemetery Center Cemetery
Location Erving, MA
Record Date May 2022
Name Richards, Peter
Date of Death Sept. 17, 1883
Material Marble
Style Die with base

Inscription

PETER RICHARDS

DIED

Sept. 17, 1883

Æ. 55 yrs. 3 mos.

Co. F 34 Regt. Mass Vols.

Stone Condition Ambient dirt and biological growth
Leaning
Old repair failure
Die broken, 2 fragments
Plinth broken, missing material
Missing mortar
Setting compound residue

Treatments Cleaned and treated with D2
Reset foundation stone plumb
Remove old repair residue
Reset die with lime mortar
Reattach fragments & fill w/ restoration mortar



Cemetery	Center Cemetery
Location	Erving, MA
Record Date	May 2022
Name	Sprague, Alfonso
Date of Death	July 27, 1879
Material	Marble
Style	Die with base

Inscription

ALFONSO L. SPRAGUE

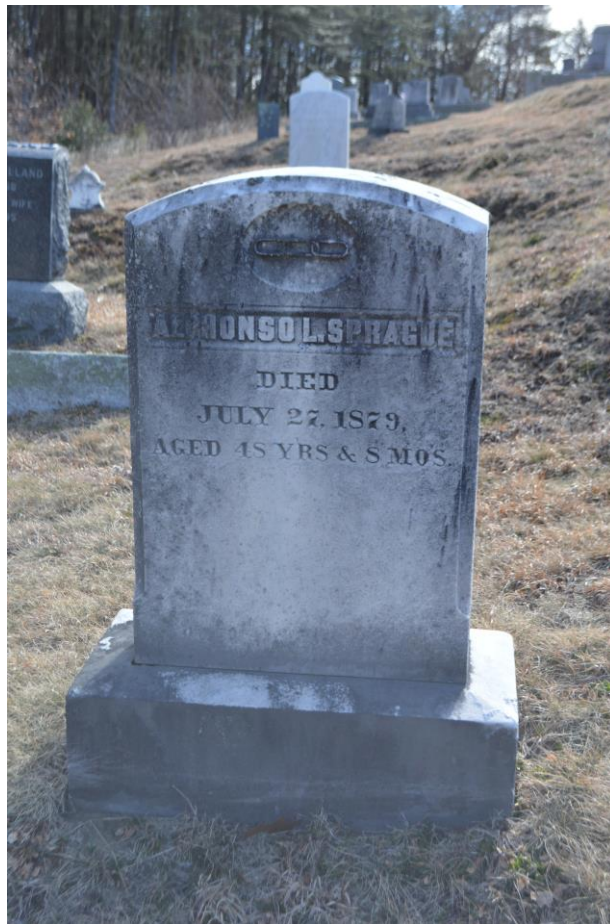
DIED

July 27, 1879.

AGED 48 YRS. & 8 MOS.

Stone Condition	Ambient dirt and biological growth Leaning Sunken base Missing mortar
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Treatments	Cleaned and treated with D2 Reset foundation stone plumb Reset die with lime mortar
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Cemetery	Center Cemetery
Location	Erving, MA
Record Date	May 2022
Name	Stratton, Rev.
Date of Death	April 26, 1851
Material	Marble
Style	Tablet with base

Inscription

REV. J. H. STRATTON

BORN IN BRADFORD, N.H.

NOV. 27, 1813

DIED

APR. 26, 1851.

ÆT. 37.

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Stone Condition	Ambient dirt and biological growth Leaning Sunken base Broken, 2 fragments Old repair failure
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Treatments	Cleaned and treated with D2 Reset stone plumb Remove old repair residue Reattach fragment with restoration mortar
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Cemetery Center Cemetery
Location Erving, MA
Record Date May 2022
Name Wrisley, J.S.
Date of Death
Material Marble
Style Veteran's tablet

Inscription

CORP'L J. S. WRISLEY

CO. G

9TH U. S. INF.

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Stone Condition Ambient dirt and biological growth
Leaning
Sunken

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

