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

Treatments
Cleaned and treated with D2
Create new concrete below grade base
Reset stone into base with lime mortar
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**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
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#### Inscription

**AMOS PIPER.**

DIED

*May 7, 1846.*

Æ. 70

Reunited.

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DIED
May 7, 1816.
A. E. 70.
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MOTHER    FATHER

ASA ROBBINS

DIED

Sept. 13, 1872.
Æ. 71.

LOVISA, his wife

DIED

Aug. 30, 1884.
Æ. 84.

*Sleeping in Jesus*

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**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
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**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
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**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