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 & 4th 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 27th and was completed on July 16th, 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

Inscription

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

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
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Cemetery Location
Center Cemetery
Erving, MA

Record Date
July 2018

Name
Benjamin, Roxa

Date of Death
Sept. 9, 1851

Inscription

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

Stone Condition
Ambient dirt and biological growth
Leaning
Sunken

Treatments
Cleaned and treated with D2
Reset stone plumb at the correct height
WIFE OF
HENRY BENJAMIN,
AGED
SEP'T. 9, 1851.
Cemetery: Center Cemetery  
Location: Erving, MA  
Record Date: July 2018  
Name: Blaclimer, Alvah R.  
Date of Death: May 6, 1837  

Inscription:

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

Little lovely  
Son adieu.

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

Treatments: Cleaned and treated with D2  
Reset plumb
ALVAIL J.
Son of
D & Z.
Blackmer.
May 6, 1837;
E. 6 m's.
& 22 d's.
Little lovely
Son adieu.
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**Inscription**

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

*We soon shall meet
To part no more.*

**Stone Condition**

- Ambient dirt and biological growth
- Fallen
- Sunken in ground

**Treatments**

- Cleaned and treated with D2
- Reset plumb
FRANCIS A. 
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Blackmore. 
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& 6 mo's. 
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<td>Date of Death</td>
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Inscription

**DELIA ANN.**

WIFE OF

**JOSEPH BROWN**

DIED

MAR. 15, 1819

Æ. 43.

Also an infant
Daughter

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
MARCH 15, 1819
Æ. 43.

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

Also an infant daughter.
Cemetery: Center Cemetery
Location: Erving, MA
Record Date: July 2018
Name: Brown, George & Lucy
Date of Death: Apr. 11, 1884  Mar. 17, 1908

Inscription

GEORGE W. BROWN

DIED
APR. 11, 1884
Æ. .

LUCY
HIS WIFE

DIED
MAR. 17, 1908.
Æ. 96.

Stone Condition
Ambient dirt and biological growth
Leaning
Missing mortar

Treatments
Cleaned and treated with D2
Reset base stone plumb
Reassemble elements with lime mortar
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**Inscription**

JOSEPH BROWN

DIED

OCT. 14, 1850

Æ. 77.

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

| Treatments                          | Cleaner and treated with D2         |
|                                     | Remove concrete                      |
|                                     | Reset stone plumb                    |
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**Inscription**

**DELIA G.**

Dau. of

William & Emily
COY
Died May 23, 1856;
Æ. 27.

**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
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**Inscription**

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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
WILLIAM GOY
Died  Sept. 23, 1863, 45 yrs.
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**Inscription**

SARAH H.

Wife of

JAMES H. TRASK

Died Jan. 11, 1860

Aged 24 yrs.

**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
SARAH H.
Wife of James H. Tru
Died Jan 19
April 24