Center Cemetery
Gravestone Preservation Project

Erving, Massachusetts
September, 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.

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 27th and was completed on September 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.
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Cemetery
Location
Record Date
Name
Date of Death

Conservation Form
Center Cemetery
Erving, MA
August 2018
Cummings, Stephen & Mary
1887 1896

Inscription

STEPHEN L. CUMMINGS
1814 – 1887

MARY A.
1821 – 1896

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
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**Inscription**

**GEORGE L. LAUGHNA**

1848 - 1908

**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
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**Inscription**

JOHN PACKARD

DIED

June 15, 1849.

Æt. 57.

**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**

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

SARAH ANN
DEECEASED
WIFE
DIED
Nov. 28, 1894.

CLARK STONE
DIED
Nov. 9, 1901
Aged 69 years
2 months, 6 days.
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**Inscription**

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

**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
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<td>Jan. 2, 1894 July 5, 1894</td>
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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.

### 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
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Cemetery: Center Cemetery  
Location: Erving, MA  
Record Date: August 2018  
Name: Trask, John and Sarah  
Date of Death: Nov. 16 & Nov. 21, 1863

**Inscription**

| JOHN S. | SARAH J,  
| died | died  
| Nov. 16, 1863 | Nov. 21, 1863  
| Æ. 13 yrs. 6 ms. | Æ. 11 yrs. 6 ms.  

*Fold them, Father  
In thine arms.  
And let them  
Henceforth be:*

*Messenger of hope  
Believeth  
human hearts  
and thee.*

Children of  
James T. & Catharine H. Trask

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

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Children of James T. & Catharine H. Trask.
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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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<td>Concrete around base</td>
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**Treatments**

Cleaned and treated with D2

Remove concrete

Reset stone plumb
MARY C.
WIFE OF
James T. Trask
DIED
Sept. 13, 1818
E. 3 yrs. Eds.
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**Inscription**

SETH WOODARD

DIED

July 10, 1885.

Æ. 74 yrs. 2 ms.

& 5 ds.

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- Ambient dirt and biological growth
- Leaning
- Plinth & base sunken
- Pins

**Treatments**

- Cleaned and treated with D2
- Remove pins
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