

Massachusetts SHRAB

Preservation Grants for Veterans Collections Monuments and Memorials

SECTION I. Project Information

- A. Project Name/Title: Preservation of Veterans' headstones in First Parish Burial Ground and Clarks Cemetery
- B. Project Address: First Parish Burial Ground, Clark Cemetery 122-R Centennial Avenue
City/Town: Gloucester Zip: 01930

Applicant Information

- C. Name of Applicant (Non-profit organization or municipality):
City of Gloucester (Cemeteries Advisory Committee)
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- D. Project Contact(s): Indicate contacts authorized to oversee procurement, enter into contracts, and administer and disperse funds for the proposed work (additional contacts can be listed in a separate attachment)
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SECTION II. Project Proposal

A. The Gloucester Cemeteries Advisory Committee is seeking a grant from SHRAB Preservation Grants for Veterans to restore, clean and catalog 47 Veterans' headstones in First Parish Burial Ground and Clarks Cemetery. A report on the conditions of the headstones is attached.

This matching grant will allow us to clear invasive plants and brush to gain access to the headstones. Then the first 16 headstones will be professionally repaired and 31 headstones will be cleaned and cataloged. These Veterans' headstones date back to the American Revolutionary War, Civil War, and Spanish American War and are in dire need of preservation. Attached is the detailed description of the Veterans' headstones and the condition assessment researched to date.

B. Total cost of project: \$12,653

31 headstones cleaned by volunteers – in kind	\$1,798
16 headstones repaired by paid professionals	\$8,000
D/2 Biological solution and materials	\$ 255
Professional landscapers and volunteers – in kind	\$2,600

Grant amount requested: \$ 6,326

Total Cash contributions secured to date -

- Daughters of the American Revolution \$300
- The Gloucester Fund \$650
- The Awesome Foundation \$1,000 (pending)

Total in kind contributions secured to date -

- Volunteers from the Burial Ground Restoration Alliance who have been trained to: a) clean the stones following the 'GravestonePerservation.info' protocol; b) document using the standard Marker Assessment form from 'A Graveyard Preservation Primer' by Lynette Strangstad; c) photograph; and d) conduct historical research.
- On average each headstone takes 2 hours to catalog, photograph, clean, and photograph again after the cleaning. The final photographs are uploaded to Findagrave.com. There are 31 headstones @ (\$29 x 2 hours) = \$1,798.
- Cut and removal of invasive brush and trees to gain access to and preserve the sites - \$2,600. Two local landscaping companies have donated their time and equipment.

SECTION II. Detailed Project Proposal

The grant will help pay for professional work required to preserve and restore 16 identified Veteran headstones in First Parish Burial Ground and Clarks Cemetery at a cost of \$500 per stone based on a professional estimate obtained by Fannin-Lehner Preservation Consultants (SECTIONS III. Attachments). First Parish is a

National Register of Historic Places and would benefit from historic preservation services.

The Veterans' headstones will be cleaned by trained volunteers who will use D/2. D/2 is a biodegradable cleaner designed to preserve historic structures and cemetery monuments. The cleaner is used by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs for *our national cemeteries* and extensively studied by the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training.

Landscaping and site cleanup is required make the area accessible to the professional restorers and volunteer cleaners. Gloucester's Public Works Department staff along with volunteers including donated time from local landscaping companies will perform the landscaping and site cleanup.

Veterans' headstones from the American Revolutionary War, Civil War, and Spanish American War will be restored with the help of this grant.

American Revolutionary War

Gloucester suffered during the Revolutionary War, when British War ships destroyed many fishing vessels and caused a recession in fishing industry until about 1790. There were four companies composed of Gloucester men. There was a fifth company commanded by Captain Parker of Ipswich. Some of our men fought at the battle of Bunker Hill.

There are 34 Revolutionary Veterans buried in the First Parish Burial Ground. Twenty headstones have been identified for restoration.

Civil War

There are 6 Civil War Veterans buried in First Parish Burial Ground, 2 headstones have been identified for restoration and 4 require cleaning and cataloging.

1. Alexander Buchanan - A sailor in the Navy when most Gloucester Veterans were in the Army. **Condition** – Restore, leaning to the right.
2. Hiram A. Buffington - died 1863, served for 3 years in the 22nd Regiment wounded in the foot at Newbern NC, hospitalized and discharged but died 7 days later. **Condition** – Clean and catalog.
3. John R. Copeland - DS36 died 1862, was a member of the 30th Regiment. **Condition** – Clean and catalog.
4. William Douglass died 1862 GAR US Gunboat Essex, in 2nd Massachusetts Calvary. **Condition** – Restore, leaning > 1" needs the base straighten.
5. Edmund Hodgkins – died 1880 **Condition** - Clean and catalog.

6. Barnabas Young - In the 12th Regiment, engagements in the Cedar Mountains, Rappahannock Station Thoroughfare Gap, and Bull Run. Wounded in the head and hospitalized and was discharged in 1863. **Condition** - Clean and catalog.

There are 26 Civil War headstones in Clarks Cemetery all of them need documentation and cleaning which will be conducted by trained volunteers. The area around the headstones requires brush removal to access the headstones. Priority - There are 6 headstones that require repairs.

1. Richard Baker, **Condition** - Repair, leaning to the right and requires straightening.
2. James Blatchford, **Condition** - Repair, the stone has fallen over and in fragments.
3. Hezekiah Corliss, **Condition** - Repair by setting on the base.
4. Benjamin Corning, **Condition** - Repair cracked stone.
5. Alexander Grant, **Condition** - Repair the tall stone, setting back in base.
6. George E. Lewis, **Condition** - Repair the snapped off base, leaning against a log.

Spanish-American War

There is one stone in Clarks Cemetery that's been identified as belonging to a Spanish-American War Veteran that needs to be repaired.

1. Walter Clark, **Condition** - Repair the tall stone, reattach the top finial and clean all 4 sides.

Headstone Assessment Detail

Revolutionary War

There are 7 stones that need repairs and 8 that need to be cleaned and cataloged. The remaining 2 stones need the fragments collected and cataloged by volunteers.

- Total number of Gloucester men serving in Revolutionary War - 1,459.
- 44 from Gloucester fought at Bunker Hill
- 38 were fishermen
- 200 Gloucester men served in the colonial army during the war of Independence
- 180 men lost on Privateer "Gloucester" July 1777
- 135 men lost on "Stark"
- Total population of Gloucester was 5,000 at the time of the Revolution.

Some of the Veterans' in First Parish Burial Ground -

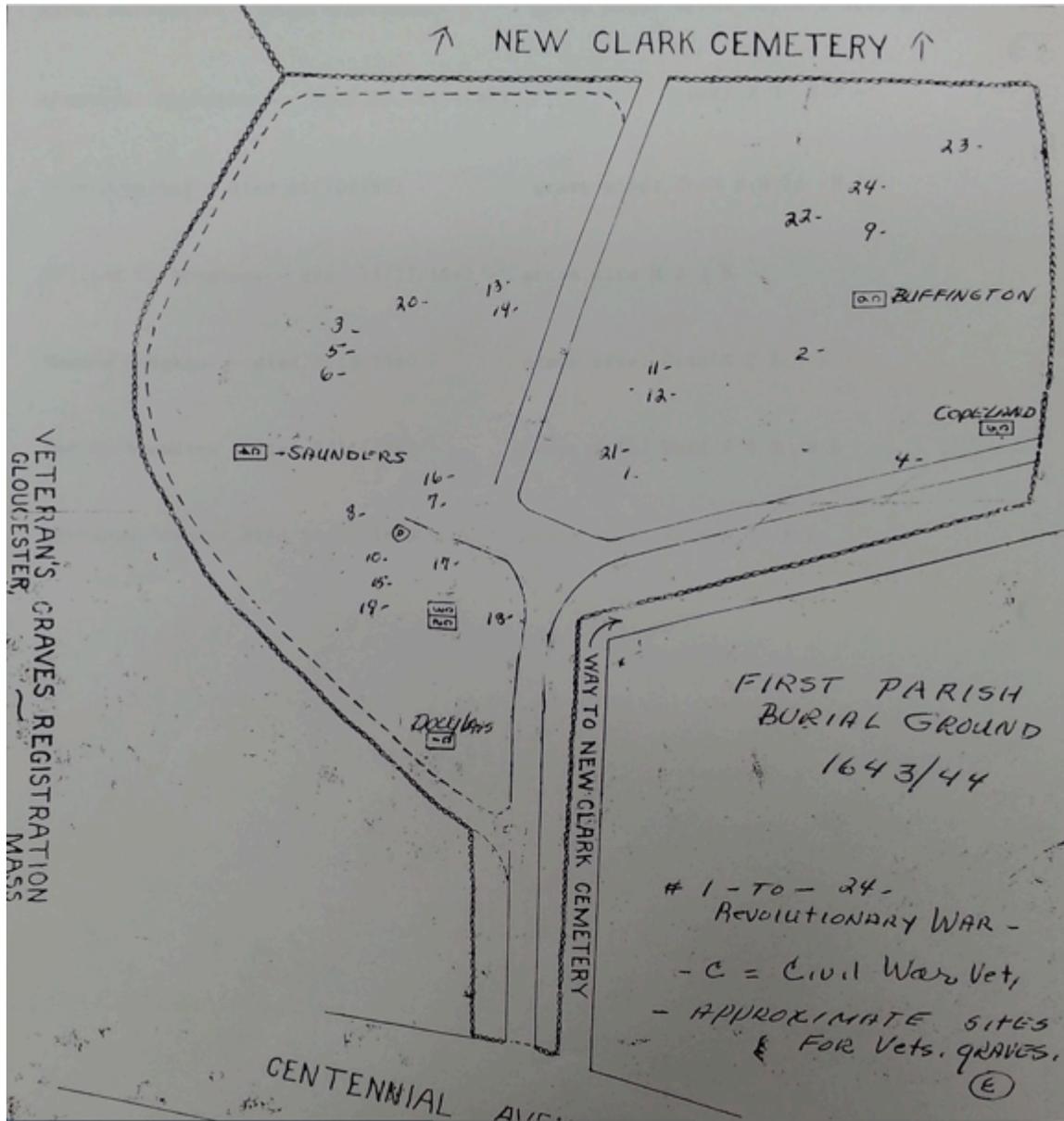
1. James Babson d1790, Commander of the "General Mercer" April 30 1777, 100 men.
2. Philamon Haskell d1792. Enlisted Feb 2, 1781, Commander of ship "Betsy"
3. Daniel Collins Ensign d1810, a blockmaker by trade, an officer in the Revolutionary War and subsequently Colonel of Militia.
4. Samuel Somes d1795 enlisted August 1775 Private Barnabas Dodge's Company.
5. Benjamin Somes d1805, enlisted Feb 15, 1776 Private Daniel Gidding's Co. A soldier in the Revolution, a mariner, and finally a keeper of a noted tavern on Front Street.
6. Ebed Lincoln d1817, son of Moses Lincoln and Mary Burr, was born December 27, 1747 in Hingham, Massachusetts. He served in the American Revolution from July 18, 1776 to Dec. 31, 1776 as a Quarter Gunner in the First Artillery Company of Capt. William Ellery. He was stationed at Gloucester, Massachusetts, for "defense of the seacoast." Representative to the General Court.
7. Solomon Parsons d1807, enlisted Feb 15, 1776 age 20 yrs 3 months Private Bradbury Sander's Company.
8. James Pearson d1793, enlisted Jan 17, 1776 for a term of 8 months Private William Pearson's Co.
9. William Pearson d1826, enlisted Jan 4, 1776 for a term of 10 months. Captain Stage Fort 1776, he accumulated considerable property by privateering in the war. He was a representative, president of the bank, died Dec 5, 1826, age 85.
10. December 18, 1787 Daniel Rogers, John Low and William Pearson were chosen as delegates to the State convention for the purpose of ratifying the Constitution adopted at Philadelphia. So well were the citizens pleased with the services of their delegation and all it implied that they were given a grand reception and banquet at Somes' Tavern on Front Street, which was a notable even in the annals of even that hostelry famed for the superior excellence of the punches brewed there.
11. General Davis Eliphalet d1798. Had a shop with Federick Gilman on Front Street, and was engaged in foreign commerce. Treasurer of the Town at the time of this death. Chief pubic services were those which he rendered in the Militia in which he attained the rank of General.
12. Frederick Gilman Major d1798, successful merchant. Commander of the Artillery and was buried under arms. His funeral was also attended by the five societies and by the officers of the third regiment in uniform.
13. Richard Littlehale d1803, born 1753, sone of Joseph Littlehale and Elizabeth Pierce.
14. John Smith d1789, enlisted May 28, 1778 Commander "Civil Usage" Letters of Marque in Revolution and distinguished for bravery. Engagements with English vessels of superior force.

15. William Tucker, Jr. d1801. Enlisted Jan 16, 1776 for a term of 4 months Private Daniel Warner's Company.
16. Nathaniel Warner d1812, enlisted May 2, 1775 age 31 Capt in Col Little's Regiment. Commanded one of the Gloucester companies at the Battle of Bunker Hill and continued in service until the retreat from Long Island, and the next year when not advancing in rank by promotion, he left the arm and returned to Gloucester. Died at 68.

Map	Name Last	Name First	Rank	YODeath	Age	Grid	Grid Ref	DOLp/#	Condition
3	Davis	Eliphelet	General	1804		S6W5			Clean and catalog. Marble, eroded, standing
7	Gilman	Federick	Captain	1798	33	N1W2	293	52/245	Repair fragments of slate marker found laying flat
8	Haskell	Philemon		1792	46	S2W1	256	63/182	Clean and catalog. Marble, eroded, edges off
	Lincoln	Ebed		1817					Clean and catalog
9	Littlehale	Richard	Captain	1803	49	N9W8	403	38/505	Repair slate, broken in half, may need pins
10	Parsons	Solomon	Mr	1807	68	S1E2	190	124/128	Clean and catalog. Tall slate tilted and cracked
11	Pearson	James	Major	1793	42	N5W5	369	128/415	Repair slate, tilted, broken from base
12	Pearson	William	Esq	1826	86	N5W5	129	128/413	Repair tall, slate, broken on diagonal, stub in ground
13	Rogers	John	Major	1802	40	N2W6	331	136/362	<i>Locate stone. Slate is standing</i>
14	Rogers	William	Esq	1832	74	N1W7	353	135/351	Repair , slate, marker-tilted
15	Smith	John	Captain	1789	66	S1E2	205	146/109	Fragments Collect and catalog. Slate, broken, fragments on the ground
16	Somes	Benjamin		1805	74	N2W2	310	148/264	Repair tall slate, Cracked
17	Somes	Samuel	Captain	1796	41	N2E2	122	142/162	Repair slate, leaning right, cracked, right edge gone
18	Stevens	John	Col	1779	72	N2E4	155	147/42	Clean and catalog. Large slate, whole but cracked
19	Stevens	Samuel	Mr	1795	48	S1E3	219	146/110	Clean and catalog. Tall slate but check base again.
20	Tarr	Job		1835	78	S2W7		175/345	Clean and catalog. Marble, standing, eroded
21	Tucker	John	Col	1831	82	N6W3	24	176/423	Clean and catalog. Tall marble, nearly illegible, leaning
22	Tucker	William	Captain	1804	59	N9W9	484	176/518	Fragments collect and catalog. A few marble fragments, sandstone base "Capt W 70 y"
24	Woodbury	Joshua	Captain	1811	51	N10W9	429	188/527	Clean and catalog.

First Parish Burial Ground Veteran's Location Map

The Veteran's Graves Registration map was used to find the Revolutionary War and Civil War graves in First Parish.



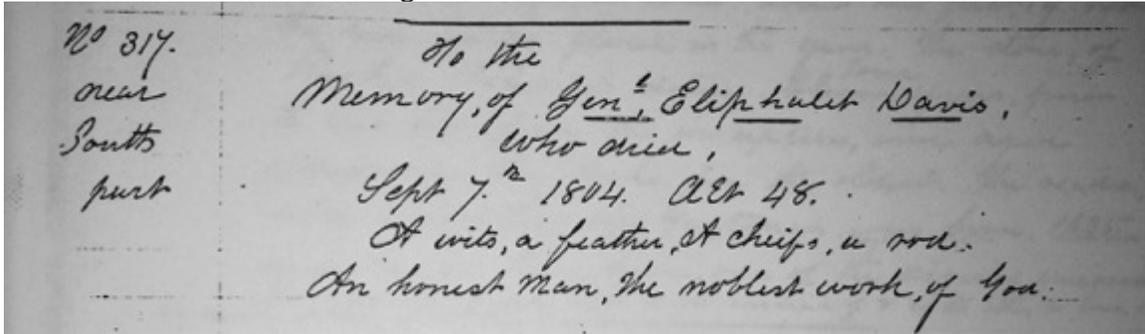
Revolutionary War Veteran's Headstone Assessment

In 1895 William Henry Dolliver recorded the inscriptions and condition of the stones in First Parish Burial Ground. In the fall of 2016 each stone was located and assessed using Veterans' records and the data provided by the Archives Committee.

Eliphelet Davis (map location 3)

General Eliphelet Davis	Died 1804	Grid S6W5	Ref near South	Dolliver 30/317
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Condition – Clean and catalog.



Frederick Gilman (map location 7)

Capt Frederick Gilman	Died 1798	Age 33	Grid N1W2	Ref 293	Dolliver 52/245
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Condition – Repair fragments, base needed

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 our former
 tomb

To perpetuate the Memory of Capt^e Frederick
 Gilman who on a journey from the recovery
 of his health died at Reading on the 19th of May
 1794. Aetate 33.

His mortal remain's were then removed
 to his deserted home and on the next day
 were in solemn procession attended by
 the Artillery Company of which he was their
 much respected Commandee. The Officers of
 3^d Regiment and by a numerous Train
 of sympathizing friends and Citizens.

The tender & loving Affectionate Parent
 the Benefactor of the poor. The generous friend.
 & Patriotic Citizen were conspicuous traits
 in his Character.

As He lived Polite. So he died Lamented.

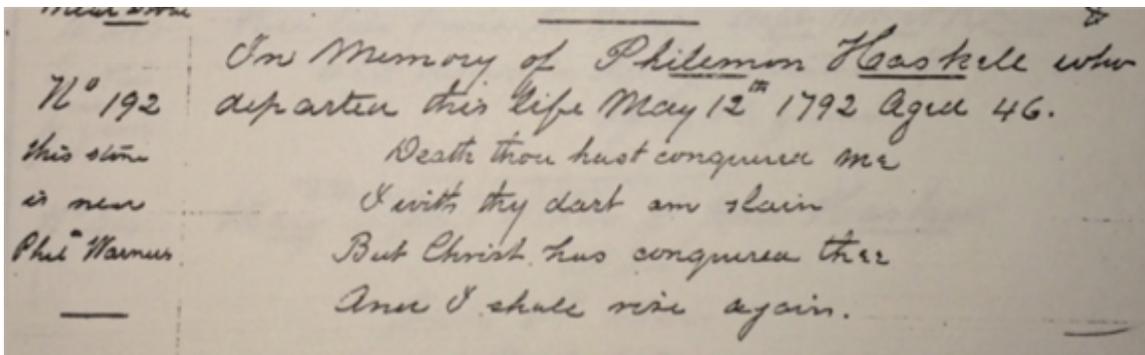


Philemon Haskell (map location 8)

Died 1792, Massachusetts Privateer Ship *Betsey* was commissioned on 2 February 1781 under Commander Philemon Haskell of Gloucester, Massachusetts. She was listed as having a battery of twenty guns and a crew of 130 men. Her \$20000 bond was signed by Haskell and Eben and William Parsons of Boston, Massachusetts
<http://www.awiatsea.com/Privateers/B/Betsey%20Massachusetts%20Ship%20%5bHaskell%5d.html>.

Philemon Haskell	Died 1792	Age 46	Grid S2W1	Ref 256	Dolliver 63/182
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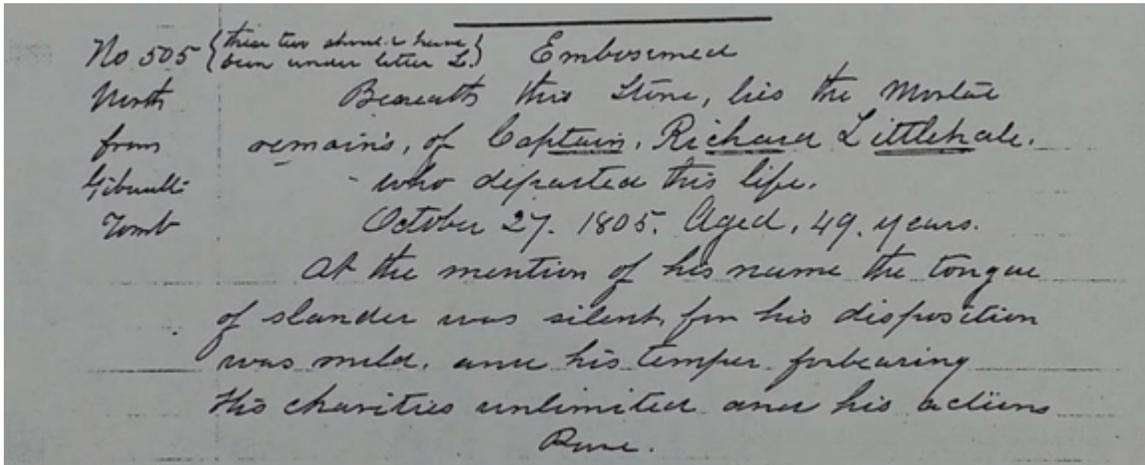
Condition – Clean and catalog, marble eroded, edges off



Captain Richard Littlehale (map location 9)

Capt Richard Littlehale	Died 1803	Age 49	Grid N9W8	Ref 403	Dolliver 38/505
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Condition - Repair, split and have both pieces (needs to be pinned)



Solomon Parsons (map location 10)

Solomon Parsons	Died 1807	Age 68	Grid S1E2	Ref 190	Dolliver 124/128
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Condition -Tall slate, clean and catalog.

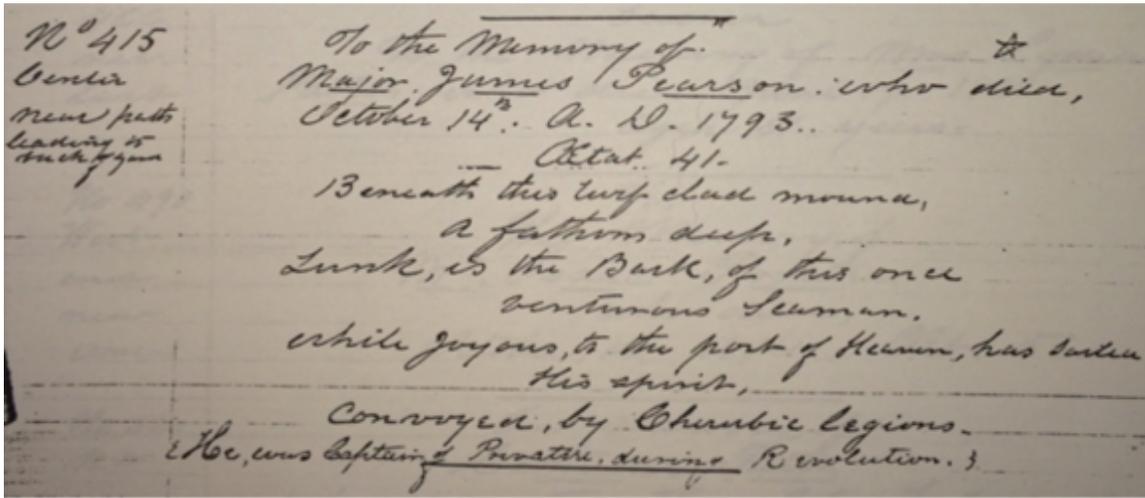
No 128. In Memory of Mr Solomon Parsons
Obt Oct 5. 1807. Oct 68.
Spoken in sentiments excellent in morals
an exemplary Christian a faithful Friend



Major James Pearson (map location 11)

Major James Pearson	Died 1793	Age 42	Grid N5W5	Ref 369	Dolliver 128/415
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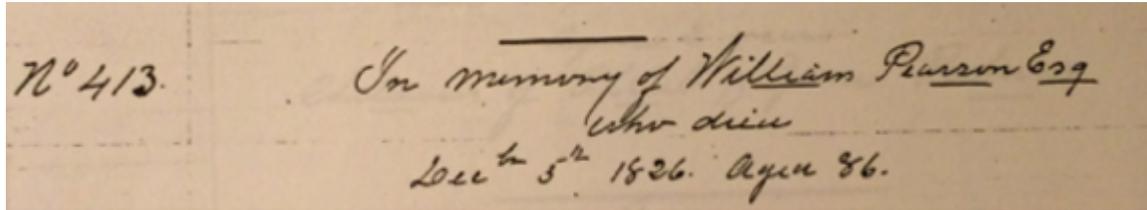
Condition – Repair slate, tilted, broken from base



Captain William Pearson (map location 12)

William Pearson Esq	Died 1826	Age 86	Grid N5W5	Ref 129	Dolliver 128/413
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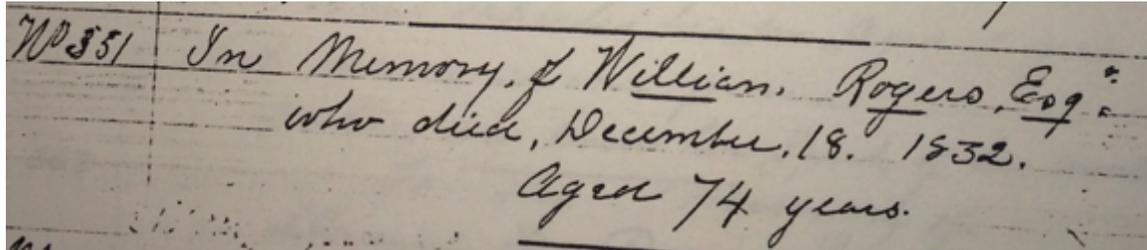
Condition – Repair tall, slate, broken on diagonal, stub in ground



William Rogers (map location 14)

William Rogers Esq	Died 1832	Age 74	Grid N1W7	Ref 353	Dolliver 135/351
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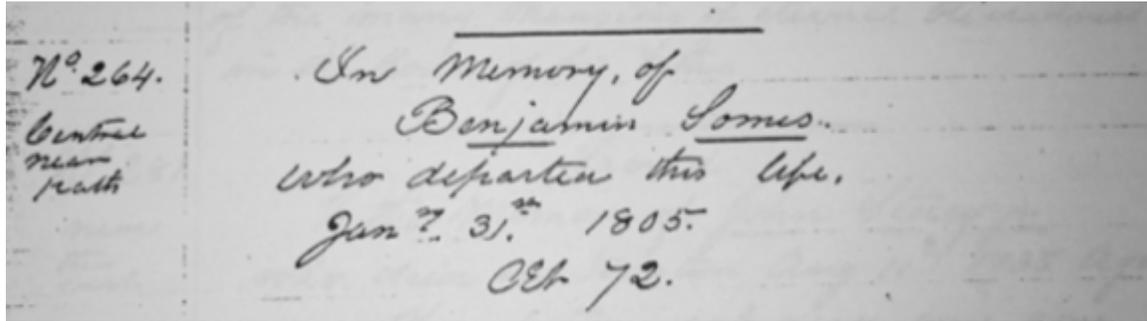
Condition – Repair slate stone tilted



Benjamin Somes (map location 16)

Benjamin Somes	Died 1805	Age 74	Grid N2W2	Ref 310	Dolliver 148/264
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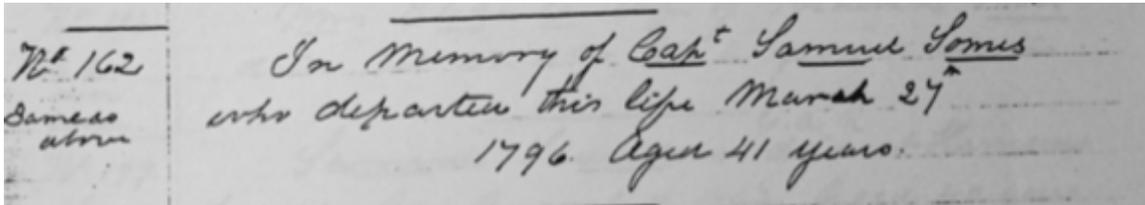
Condition – Repair, cracked along a possible seam



Captain Samuel Somes (map location 17)

Captain Samuel Somes	Died 1796	Age 41	Grid N2E2	Ref 122	Dolliver 142/162
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Condition – Repair, tilted, right edge broken.



Col John Stevens (map location 18)

Col John Stevens	Died 1779	Age 72	Grid N2E4	Ref 155	Dolliver 147/42
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Condition – Clean and catalog

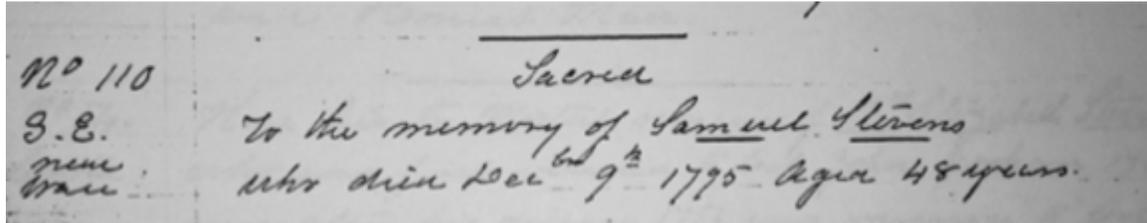
70° 42. Here lies the mortal remains of ^{late} Col John Stevens
Genl who died April 13th 1779. Aged 73 years.
In whose character was united the firm
Patriot the useful citizen the exemplary Christian
the tender Parent affectionate Husband social Friend
and Honest Man.



Samuel Stevens (map location 19)

Samuel Stevens	Died 1795	Age 48	Grid S1E3	Ref 219	Dolliver 146/110
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Condition – Clean and catalog. Slate stuck in the ground, check base again.



Joshua Woodbury (map location 24)

Capt Joshua Woodbury	Died 1811	Age 51	Grid N10W9	Ref 429	Dolliver 188/527
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Condition: Clean and catalog.

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Same

See
Here lies the mortal remains
of Captain Joshua Woodbury
who was cut off from joining the
living October 9. 1811. Aged
57 years
He was a Patriot, of true courage, he
fought, in the service of his country,
when she became independent.



Civil War Veterans

There are 'The SUVCW (Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War) National Graves Registration Project' was established in 1996 and many stones were identified and replaced and only require cleaning.

<http://www.suvcwdb.org/index.php?r=site/search>

First Parish Burial Ground

First Parish Burial Ground was established in 1644 near the original meetinghouse green. It was the only burial ground in Gloucester for 54 years. There are 4 Civil War Veteran stones that require cleaning and cataloging and 2 that need profession repair. (*note: repair cost includes the cleaning cost*)

Civil War	Name Last	Name First	YOD	FPBG Grid	Condition
1	Buffington	Hiram	9/22/1863	N8W8	Clean and catalog, original fragments
2	Buchanan	Alexander	10/24/1863	N2E2	Clean and catalog
3	Copeland	John	12/20/1862	N11W4	Clean and catalog
4	Douglass	William C	12/27/1862	N2E6	Repair , leaning and needs to be straightened
5	Hodgkins	Edmund	2/19/1880	N2E3	Clean and catalog
6	Young	Barnabus	11/10/1863	N2E2	Repair , leaning and needs to be straightened

Clarks Cemetery

The Clark's Cemetery was established in 1830~35. The cemetery is located behind the First Parish Burial Ground at 122R Centennial Ave, Gloucester, MA. Clarks, like First Parish, has been neglected for an extended period of time.

There are 28 Civil War and 2 Spanish American War Veterans buried in the cemetery. All 30 stones require cataloging, cleaning, and brush removal. Of the 30 stones there are 7 in serious condition. The type of repairs go beyond the capabilities of the volunteers will require professional restoration.

We will continue to organize more volunteer work groups to clear brush and dead trees. An additional issue is the invasive Japanese knotweed, which requires further investigation. (*note: repair cost includes the cleaning cost*)

Lot/Grave	Name Last	Name First	YOD	Clark Avenue	Key	War	Condition
17/2	Allen	George	1889	Block 1	B-10	Civil War	Clean and catalog, brush removal
20/2	Baker	Richard	1901	Block 1	C-9	Civil War	Repair , straighten, Clean, Brush removal
67/2	Blatchford	James	1864	Block 8	D-2	Civil War	Repair , fragments
86/2	Brooks	Cornelius	1899	Block 1	F-10	Civil War	Clean and catalog, brush removal
55/2	Brown	Charles		Block 2	D-8	Civil War	Clean and catalog, brush removal (no photo)
14/1	Clark	George	1911	Block 2	B-8	Civil War	Clean and catalog, brush removal (no photo)
91/8	Clark	James	1892	Block 3	E-7	Civil War	Clean and catalog, brush removal
28/2	Collins	Robert	1879	Block 5	C-4	Civil War	Clean and catalog, brush removal
7/2	Conder	Edwin, E	1883	Block 5	B-4	Civil War	Clean and catalog, brush removal
101/2	Corliss	Hezekiah	1867	Block 8	E-2	Civil War	Repair , tipped over, brush removal
64/1	Corning	Benjamin	1863	Block 6	D-3	Civil War	Repair , cracked
106/1	Grant	Alexander	1898	Block 7	F-3	Civil War	Repair , tipped over, Clean & Brush removal
51/3	Green	Joseph	1916	Block 1	D-10	Civil War	Clean and catalog, brush removal
74/3	Hicks	James	1890	Block 6	E-4	Civil War	Clean and catalog, brush removal
2/1	Lewis	George, E		Block 8	B-2	Civil War	Repair - Stub, reattach headstone tipped over
69/2	Lufkin	David		Block 8	E-1	Civil War	Clean and catalog, brush removal
94/2	McIntosh	James, H		Block 4	E-5	Civil War	Clean and catalog, brush removal
27/6	Perkins	Richard, H		Block 5	C-5	Civil War	Clean and catalog, brush removal
77/2	Place	James, H		Block 4	E-5	Civil War	Clean and catalog, brush removal
97/2	Powers	Richard, J		Block 6	E-4	Civil War	Clean and catalog, brush removal
25/3	Raymond	Thomas		Block 4	C-6	Civil War	Clean and catalog, brush removal
14/2	Rowe	Edward, A		Block 2	B-8	Civil War	Clean and catalog, brush removal
66/2	Stevens	Josiah, W		Block 7	D-2	Civil War	Clean and catalog, brush removal
13/2	Welsh	George, A		Block 2	B-8	Civil War	Clean and catalog, brush removal
91/3	Clark	Walter, H		Block 3	E-7	Spanish American War	Repair , attach top filial, Brush removal
83/2	Erickson	John	1900	Block 1	E-9	Spanish American War	Clean and catalog, brush removal

Clarks Cemetery Map

Unlike First Parish, the Clark Cemetery was laid out more efficiently. The Clark Cemetery map was created by the W.P.A Project No. 665-14-3-370. Civil War Veterans are marked with a "C" and the Spanish War with an "S" (below).



Clark – George W. Lewis

G.A.R co K 12th Reg MA died Jan 22 1864 AE 19 years.

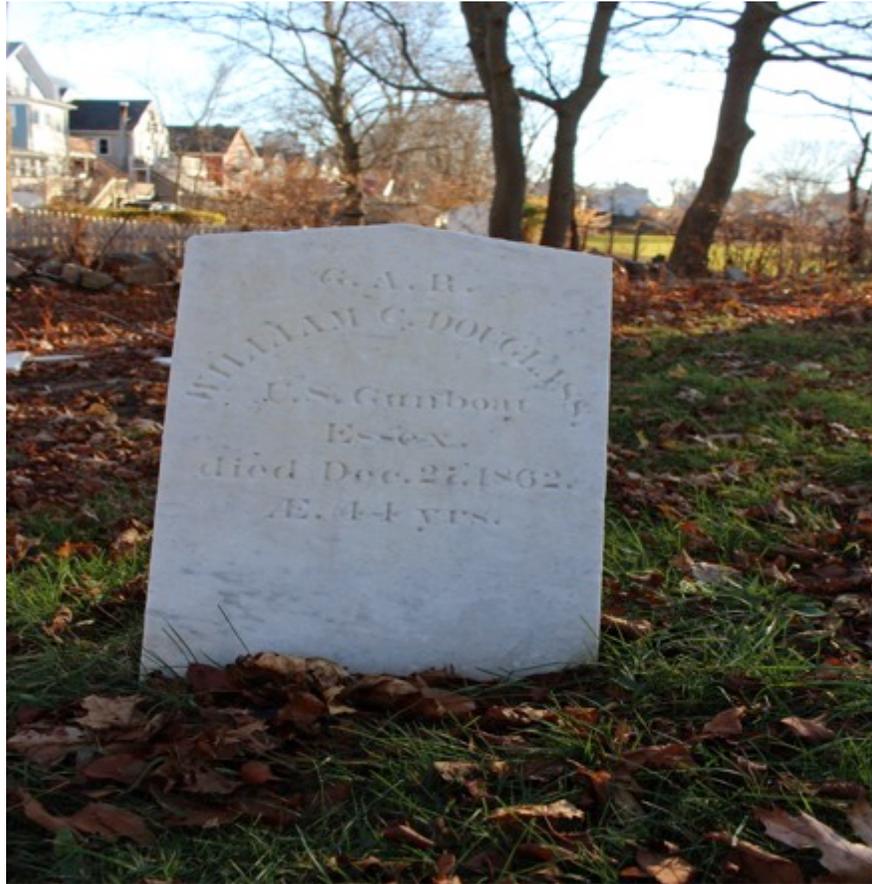
Condition – Repair, the stone is snapped off base and is propped up by a log.



William Douglass d1862

GAR US Gunboat Essex, William C Douglass DS37, d1862 in 2nd Massachusetts Calvary. Location of the stone is in First Parish Burial Ground.

Condition – The stone needs to be straighten because it's leaning > 1 “



Alexander Buchanan

Alex was a sailor in the Navy at a time when most Gloucester veterans were in the Army. Location in the First Parish Burial Ground.

Condition – Needs cleaning and cataloging.



Barnabus Young

G.A.R In the 12th Regiment and had engagements of Cedar Mountains, Rappahannock Station Thoroughfar Gap and Bull Run. Wounded in the head and hospitalized and was discharged in 1863. Location First Parish.

Condition – Repair, straighten base.



James Blatchford

Location Clarks Cemetery, died September 12, 1866.

Condition – Repair fragments



James Clark

Location Clarks Cemetery, died January 9, 1892

Condition – large stone clean all four sides.



Richard Baker

Located in Clarks cemetery death December 24, 1901.

Condition – Clean and straighten the base



Walter D Clark

Spanish American War (April 1898 – August 1898); died 1925.

Condition – Medium size monument, clean all four sides and reattach the top.



Hezekiah Corliss

Location – Clarks Cemetery, died August 13, 1867

Condition – Fallen over, put back in the base.



Benjamin Corning

Location – Clarks Cemetery; GAR, died May 1, 1863
Condition – Clean and cracked.



Alexander Grant

Location – Clarks Cemetery, died July 1, 1898.

Condition – Fallen over, clean.



SECTION III. Attachments

Letters of Support

Letters of support for this project

Veterans' Services

	<u>Cape Ann</u> <u>Office of Veterans' Services</u>	
Office: 12 Emerson Avenue Mail: City Hall, 9 Dale Avenue Gloucester, MA 01930		TEL 978-281-9740 FAX 978-282-3053 acurcuru@gloucester-ma.gov
To: State Historical Records Advisory Board: Preservation Grants for Veterans Collections, Monuments, and Memorials		
Subject: Letter of Support Cemeteries Advisory Committee for Restoration in First Parish Burial Ground and Clark Cemetery		
		Date: 12/22/2016
To Whom It May Concern:		
<p>The City of Gloucester has a strong and powerful legacy of support for our Armed Forces dating back prior to the Revolutionary War. The legacy is engrained throughout our wonderful community through the various monuments erected in our community and the cemeteries marking the final resting place of so many of our Veterans. Through this great legacy has come great responsibility and a great sense of compassion to honor these hallowed grounds. Over the many years amazing volunteers have continued to honor the memories of our Veterans by ensuring the upkeep and maintenance of the many memorials, but attention has been needed to ensure the upkeep and maintenance of our cemeteries. Each and every Memorial Day countless volunteers place well over 5000 American Flags in our local cemeteries and each year it becomes more and more difficult to identify some of these graves due to very much needed attention in this case First Parish and Clark Cemetery. Where volunteers have in past years been unable to identify Veterans gravestones and have instead left a circle of flags at the entrance of the cemetery.</p> <p>I applaud the hard work and efforts of our Cemeteries Advisory Committee and full heartedly support the work they have already accomplished and their future plans to ensure that OUR community continues to uphold our great responsibility to honor and remember the service of our many Veterans. As First Parish and Clark are the final resting places for many of our Revolutionary War, Civil War, and Spanish American War Veterans, all immediate family members have, too, passed away, but many families can still trace their roots back to and desire to honor their memories and educate future generations of the sacrifices made so many, years ago.</p> <p>I thank you all for your time and consideration in supporting the needs of First Parish and Clark Cemetery and I hope this letter can briefly attest to the dedication of this committee and the dedication of our community to honor, respect, and persevere our very deeply rooted commitment to our Nation and the memories of our Veterans.</p>		
Very Respectfully		
		
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Cape Ann Veterans Services		

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Ms. Patti Amaral
Cemeteries Advisories Committee
9 Dale Avenue
Gloucester, MA 01930

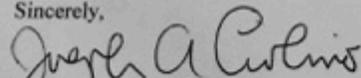
Re: Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) Grant

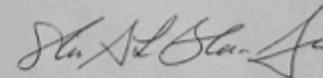
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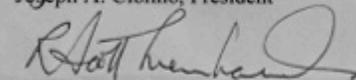
The Gloucester City Council supports the efforts of the Cemeteries Advisories Committee to undertake the work to preserve the First Parish/Clarks cemeteries.

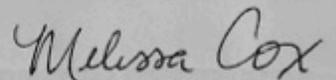
The City Council supports their application for applying for the above Veteran's grant. The funds will help them repair several Revolutionary War and Civil War stones.

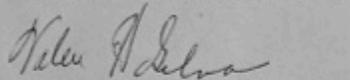
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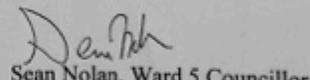

Joseph A. Ciolino, President

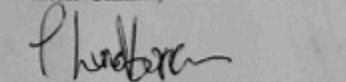

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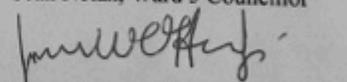

Scott Memhard, Ward 1 Councillor


Melissa Cox, Ward 2 Councillor


Valerie Gilman, Ward 4 Councillor


Sean Nolan, Ward 5 Councillor

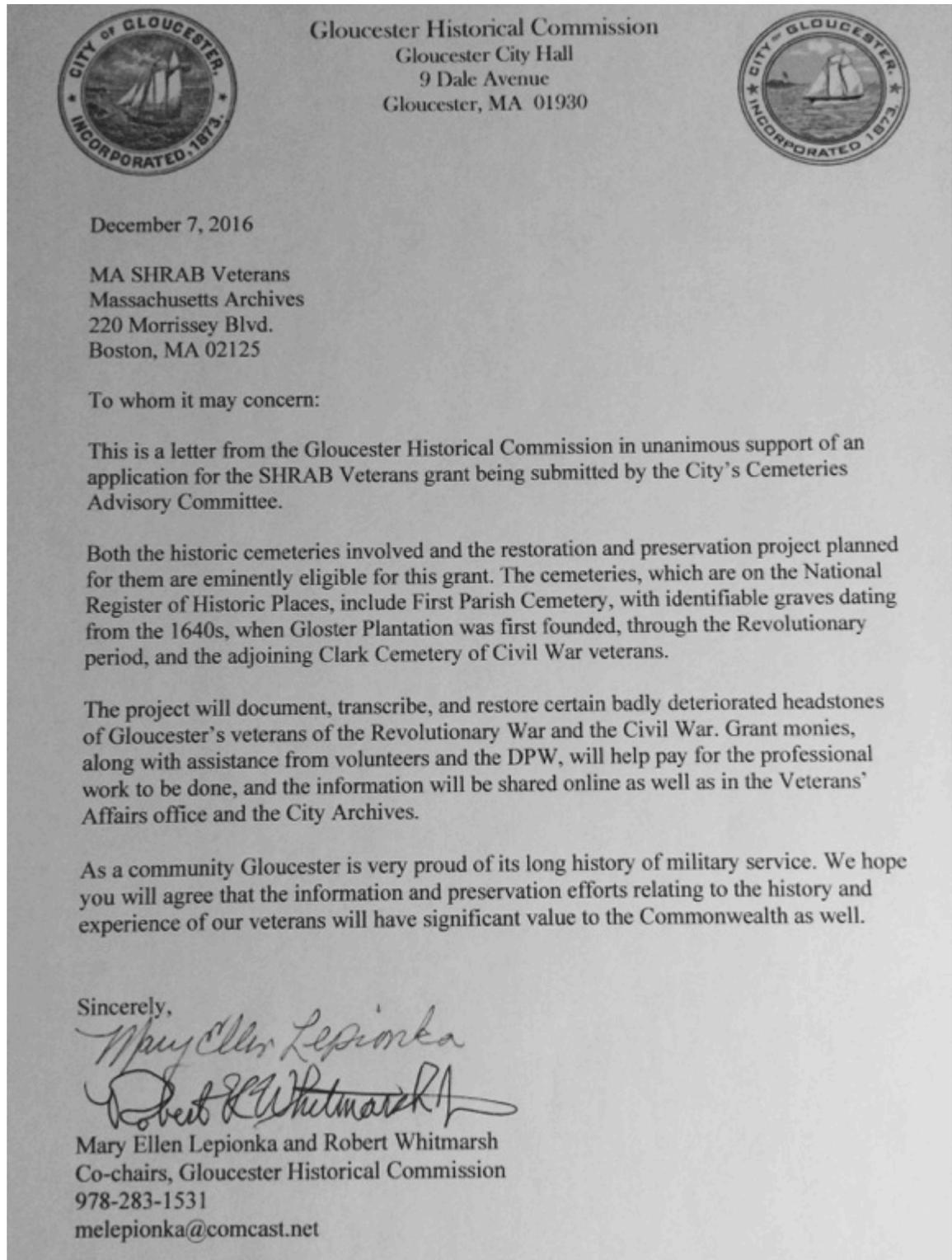

Paul Lundberg, Councillor at Large


James O'Hara, Councillor at Large


Joseph M. Orlando, Councillor at Large

The Gloucester Historical Commission

The Historical Commission has been very supportive of this work because of the historic significance of this effort.



The Gloucester Department of Public Works

The DPW has conducted the brush and tree removal efforts. Cemetery this year. The cemetery will be easier to keep up once the debris is cleared.

Department of Public Works
28 Poplar Street
Gloucester, MA 01930



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CITY OF GLOUCESTER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

December 16, 2016

MA SHRAB Veterans
Massachusetts Archives
220 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, MA 02125

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you on behalf of the City of Gloucester to support the application for the SHRAB Veterans grant being submitted by the City's Cemeteries Advisory Committee.

Both the historic cemeteries involved and the restoration and preservation project planned for them are in need of this grant. The cemeteries, which are on the National Register of Historic Places, include First Parish Cemetery, with graves dating back to the 1640s, when Gloucester Plantation was first founded, through the Revolutionary period, and the adjoining Clark Cemetery of Civil War veterans.

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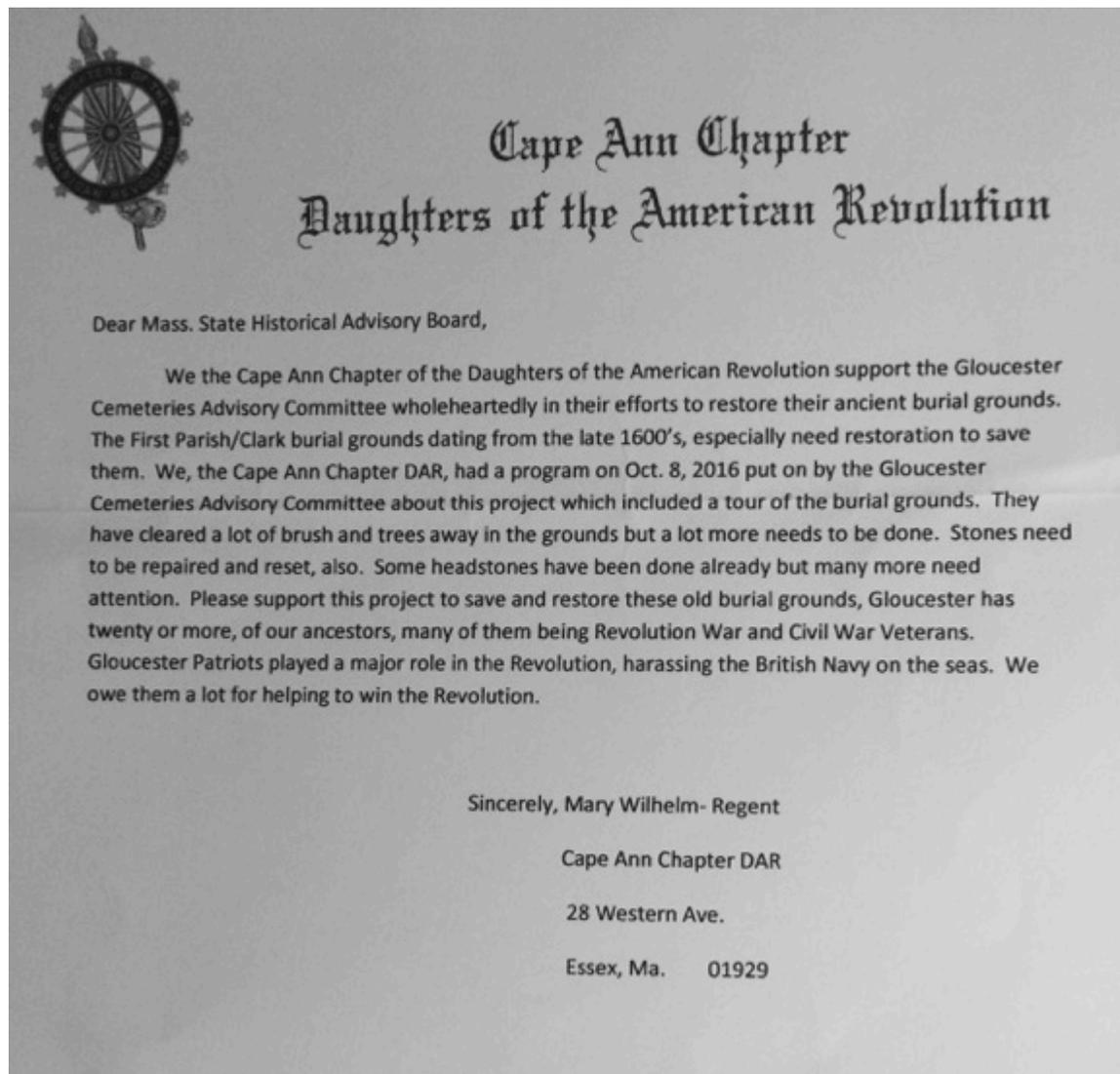
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Sincerely,

Michael B. Hale
Director of Public Works

Daughters of the American Revolution

In the past, the DAR has helped with some of the historical research of some of our veterans.



Gloucester Archives

The archive records were essential in researching the history of our historic cemeteries.

GLOUCESTER ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

City Hall, 9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930-5998

archives@gloucester-ma.gov

(978) 282-3043

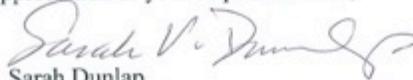
December 7, 2016

Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board

Dear MSHRAB members:

We of the Gloucester Archives Committee would like to add our voice of support to this grant request, to repair stones of Revolutionary and Civil War veterans in the First Parish and the Clark Cemeteries. Much work has been done to preserve these historic sites, and to have the stones put back together, and preserve a tangible, permanent record of their service, would enhance our paper records in the vaults of City Hall.

With appreciation of your important work,



Sarah Dunlap
Co-Chair

The Clark Family

The Clark family led in the effort to preserve and restore the Clark Cemetery. The city is more focused on honoring the people buried there; this cemetery dates back to the early 1800s.

MA SHRAB Veterans
Massachusetts Archives
220 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, MA 02125

To whom it may concern:

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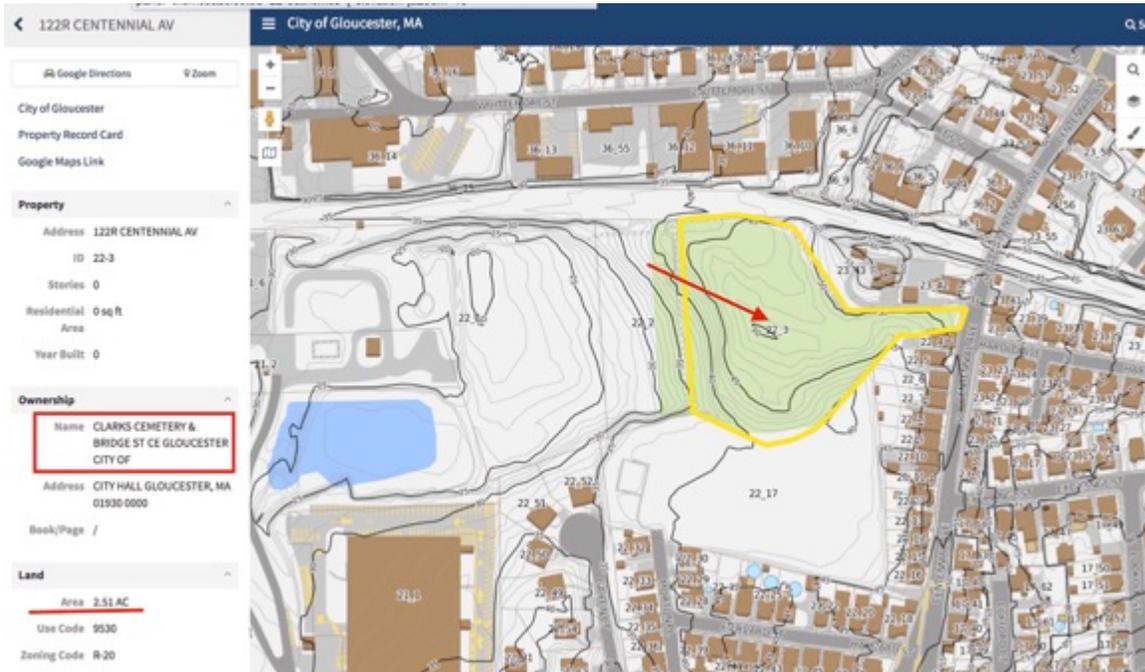
Richard M. Clark, Jr., M. Kathleen Clark

Geographical Maps

Reference - <https://gloucesterma.mapgeo.io/?latlng=42.631015%2C-70.687692&zoom=12>

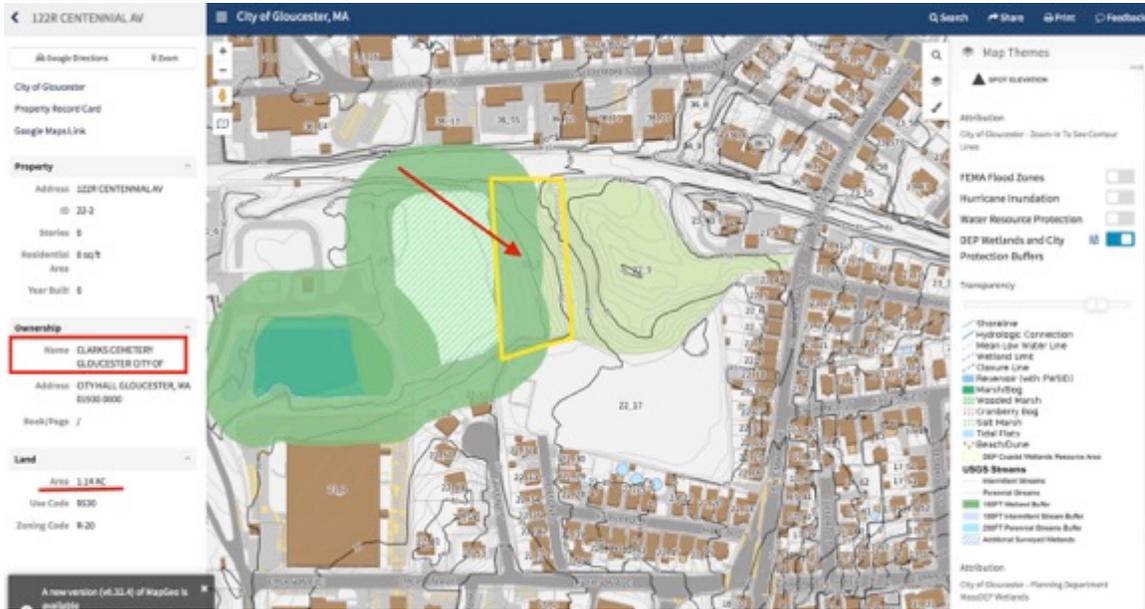
First Parish Burial Ground

Address 122R Centennial Av, ID 22-3 shown in the map below.



Clarks Cemetery

Address 122R Centennial Av, ID 22-2 shown in the map below.



Proposal

FIRST PARISH BURIAL GROUND

GLOUCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE GRAVESTONE/MONUMENT CONSERVATION SERVICE FOR VETERAN'S GRAVE MARKERS

December 17, 2016

INTRODUCTION

Fannin•Lehner is a firm with extensive experience in the field of Historic Preservation consulting. Established in 1984, Fannin•Lehner has served a variety of public and private clients in a wide range of services including National Register of Historic Places individual listings and districts, National Historic Landmark nominations, local historic districts, inventories/surveys of town or city historical and architectural cultural resources, environmental impact reports and a number of other historic preservation services.

Fannin • Lehner has 28 years experience in gravestone/monument conservation.

Twenty-eight years ago the firm developed a unique subspecialty in the field of Historic Burial Ground Conservation. Since that time Fannin • Lehner has served public and private cemeteries in the Southern, Midwestern and Eastern United States. In burial ground gravestone and monument conservation, the firm performs all types of conservation procedures including cleaning, resetting, adhesive repair, drilling and blind pinning, etc. The firm also specializes in tomb and mausoleum rebuilding and conservation. In burial ground planning, the firm provides gravestone and monument condition assessment services as well as burial ground preservation and master plans. Fannin • Lehner has, in addition, given many basic and advanced gravestone conservation workshops both for cemetery departments and volunteers.

Personnel

Working from the Concord, Massachusetts office, Fannin • Lehner Preservation Consultants is under the direction of Minxie Jensvold Fannin, Managing Principal. James C. Fannin, Jr., Senior Associate, heads up the section focusing on burial ground conservation.

Minxie Jensvold Fannin, Managing Principal, will oversee the Veteran's Gravestone/Monument Conservation Project in the First Parish Burial Ground and participate directly in the completion of the work. With an MA in American Studies, Ms. Fannin has broad experience in burial ground documentation, carver research, stone cleaning and preservation planning for historic burial grounds.

James C. Fannin, Jr. has received extensive training in stone conservation and has twenty-eight years experience in the field. His understanding of the nature and properties of stone and construction techniques of the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries for markers and monuments is important in the development of conservation plans and actual treatment of gravestones. James Fannin is an associate member of the American Institute for Conservation (AIC) and performs all documentation and conservation in accordance with the AIC Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice.

Fannin • Lehner Preservation Consultants also utilizes a trained crew for conservation projects.

Examples of Similar Projects

Fannin • Lehner has performed gravestone/monument conservation projects for numerous burial grounds/cemeteries. The projects listed below are those in which the firm performed gravestone and monument conservation similar to that proposed for the First Parish Burial Ground.

- CAMBRIDGE MA: Condition assessment of the oldest cemetery in Cambridge, the Old Burying Ground, on Harvard Square, for the Cambridge Historical Commission (2002). Since 2002, Fannin • Lehner Preservation Consultants has done phase after phase of work, continuing into 2016.

- HINGHAM MA: Gravestone/monument assessment of Hingham Center Cemetery with stones ranging from 1690 to the present. Gravestone/Monument Condition Assessment of Liberty Plain Cemetery completed in 2011. Initial phase of Liberty Plain Cemetery conservation began in October 2011, completed in 2012. A second phase of conservation was completed in 2014 and a new phase is in progress (2016).

STURBRIDGE MA: The multi-phased conservation of Old Burial Ground was completed in 2015. The condition assessment of North Cemetery was also completed in 2015 and the North Cemetery project is now in its second phase of conservation.

THE FIRST PARISH BURIAL GROUND VETERAN'S GRAVESTONE/MONUMENT CONSERVATION PROJECT

Planning

Fannin • Lehner Preservation Consultants visited the First Parish Burial Ground site at the invitation of Sandy Barry, Gloucester Historical Commission, Gloucester Cemetery Commission. We were joined by Beverly McKean, Gloucester Cemetery Committee and Martha Lyon, Landscape Architect.

We had visited the site many years ago and found it vastly improved. This is not by accident. Beginning in 2008, planning was started by the Gloucester Historical Commission. A major planning document was prepared that year: "First Parish Burial Ground Preservation Plan," authored by Martha Lyon, Landscape Architect. Two years later, in 2010, a National Register of Historic Places nomination form was prepared also by Martha Lyon and the site was included in the National Register of Historic Places that same year.

Enter the Gloucester Cemetery Committee! This committee has done an impressive amount of research and rounded up much in the way of maps and

inscription recordings. The Works Progress Administration (WPA) maps are especially valuable as they focus on veteran's graves.

Concurrent with the research, the Gloucester Cemetery Committee has done amazing site improvement work. This is in cooperation with the Gloucester Department of Public Works, which has been an excellent partner in this endeavor. The surrounding neighborhood has also participated in cleaning up the site; Truckloads of brush have been carefully removed, and the burial ground is now being regularly mowed.

Work Outline

The Gloucester Historical Commission and the Gloucester Cemetery Committee have decided that the site has been sufficiently improved to begin a conservation project and determined that the first focus should be on the grave markers of Gloucester's Revolutionary War and Civil War Veterans.

There are 34 Revolution War veterans and 8 Civil War veterans buried in the First Parish Burial Ground. The Gloucester Cemetery Committee immediately began the difficult job of locating these grave markers and flagging them. They have also individually photographed them and recorded location and condition on an Excel spreadsheet.

The conservation is extremely challenging. As is often the case with neglected burial grounds, substantial damage has been visited on the gravemarkers through natural and human causes. Many stones are tilted as well as broken. Many of the broken stones, are out of their bases and have multiple fragments requiring several conservation procedures to be once more stable. In some cases there are so many fragments that reassembly and returning to vertical will require a slate "backer" stone upon which the fragments will be attached.

Conserving about 30 of the veteran's markers would be a good beginning.

Fannin•Lehner will carry out this first phase of Gravestone/Monument Conservation in the following manner:

1. Review of historical documents. Fannin-Lehner will need to review all documents, especially maps and earlier recordings before proceeding with any conservation. As many stones are heavily fragmented with an uncertain location, one needs all possible information to responsibly locate and conserve them.

2. Secure a limited burial ground conservation permit from the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

3. Work with the Gloucester Cemetery Committee to determine the specific veteran's stones to be conserved. Under this phase about 30 gravestones can be conserved.

4. Take "Before" photos of all the selected gravestones.

5. Perform appropriate conservation procedures on the gravestones and monuments selected for the project. ***All photographs and conservation procedures shall be in accordance with the standards established by the American Institute for Conservation, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and the Massachusetts Historical Commission.***

6. A report of the conservation performed will be provided in a two-page form for each stone containing "before" and "after" photographs and a detailed description of the processes employed in the conservation. The original of this report will be presented to the Gloucester Historical Commission. A photocopy of the forms will be supplied to the Massachusetts Historical Commission as a report to satisfy their requirements.

Fee

Professional Fee and all expenses* for the above-described work: \$15,000.

*It is customary for the client to supply sand and peastone and provide a location where excess soil can be placed.

Respectfully submitted,
Minxie Jensvold Fannin
Managing Principal
Enclosures

Section IV. Final Report

Due within 60 days after completion of the proposed project.

APPENDIX A

950 CMR: OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

APPENDIX A
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASS. 02125
617-727-8470, FAX: 617-727-5128

PROJECT NOTIFICATION FORM

Project Name: Preservation of Veterans' headstones in First Parish Burial Ground and Clarks Cemetery

Location / Address: 122R Centennial Ave

City / Town: Gloucester MA 01930

Project Proponent

Name: Sandy Barry co-chair Gloucester Cemeteries Advisory Committee

Address: 7 Rose Lane

City/Town/Zip/Telephone: Gloucester MA 01930 (978) 500-7854

Agency license or funding for the project (list all licenses, permits, approvals, grants or other entitlements being sought from state and federal agencies).

Agency Name _____ Type of License or funding (specify) _____

Project Description (narrative):

The Gloucester Cemeteries Advisory Committee is seeking a grant from SHRAB Preservation Grants for Veterans to restore, clean and catalog 47 Veterans' headstones in First Parish Burial Ground and Clarks Cemetery. This matching grant will allow us to clear brush to gain access to the headstones. Then the first 16 headstones will be professionally repaired and 31 headstones will be cleaned and cataloged. These Veterans' headstones date back to the American Revolutionary War, Civil War, and Spanish American War and are in dire need of preservation.

Does the project include demolition? If so, specify nature of demolition and describe the building(s) which are proposed for demolition. **NO**

Does the project include rehabilitation of any existing buildings? If so, specify nature of rehabilitation and describe the building(s) which are proposed for rehabilitation. **NO**

Does the project include new construction? If so, describe (attach plans and elevations if necessary). **NO**

5/31/96 (Effective 7/1/93) - corrected

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APPENDIX A (continued)

To the best of your knowledge, are any historic or archaeological properties known to exist within the project's area of potential impact? If so, specify. **No**

What is the total acreage of the project area?

Woodland _____ acres	Productive Resources:
Wetland _____ acres	Agriculture _____ acres
Floodplain _____ acres	Forestry _____ acres
Open space 0.5 acres	Mining/Extraction _____ acres
Developed _____ acres	Total Project Acreage 0.5 acres

What is the acreage of the proposed new construction? _____ acres

What is the present land use of the project area?

Historic Cemeteries

Please attach a copy of the section of the USGS quadrangle map which clearly marks the project location.

This Project Notification Form has been submitted to the MHC in compliance with 950 CMR 71.00.

Signature of Person submitting this form: *Sandy Barry* Date: **12/27/16**
Name: **Sandy Barry**
Address: **7 Rose Lane**
City/Town/Zip: **Gloucester MA 01930**
Telephone: **(978) 500-7854**

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

950 CMR 71.00: M.G.L. c. 9, §§ 26-27C as amended by St. 1988, c. 254.