

# WRITTEN IN STONE

## FRIENDS OF BURIAL HILL

FOUNDED IN 2010, COMMITTED TO THE PRESERVATION OF BURIAL HILL



### Ahhh, spring!

You know what that means...time to get back to the stones. Gravestones. If you are reading this no doubt you too can't get enough. Can't wait to see what each stone reveals. That's not to say our kind take the winter off. Not so. Personally speaking, I toured an underground tomb, visited familiar burial grounds, a couple of new to me cemeteries and a small native American burying ground. Each one had something unique to share. I have a kit I keep in my truck. My Graveyard Bag.

If you are like me no vacation or road trip is complete without a "quick" visit to a cemetery. My bag is always at the ready. What's in it, you wonder.



Soft brushes, popsicle sticks and wooden skewers (never use metal), scissors to cut away grass, note book and pen, gloves, tape measure, spray bottle of clean water, camera and extra batteries, and a handheld corn whisk broom (in honor of my grandma.) I remember her sweeping the family plot.

For my comfort I have drinking water, sunscreen, a hat, insect repellent, a small first-aid kit, antibacterial gel, and knee pads.

There are always a few odds and ends tucked into my bag as well.

So, what's in your bag?

~Cheryle



### Welcome..

Welcome to all our new Members and Trainees! We are thrilled to have you!

### Thank You!

The **Lebaron Foundation** once again for their generous grant to the FOBH.

**Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation** for their \$500 Community Spirit 9/11 Mini-Grant

**Georgia Blatterman and Victoria Blatterman** for electing to have donations made to FOBH in lieu of receiving birthday gifts through the Network For Good. If you are interested in doing the same please see [Networkforgood.org/donate](http://Networkforgood.org/donate) or via their Facebook page. What a wonderful idea. We are so thankful Ladies!

Thank you to all who gave to our **Annual Fund Appeal**. We cannot adequately express our gratitude for your generosity. If you prefer to remain anonymous in our year-end newsletter, please let us know.

### *Southeastern New England and Cape Cod Chapter of the Association for Gravestone Studies*

is holding their Spring meeting in Providence at North Burial Ground on May 18 from 10 -3. This is a free event but donations to help defray costs are welcomed. You do not have to be a member to attend but this is a wonderful time to join. You must register in advance. More information will follow on our Facebook page.

### Watch for Updates!

We will be adding Volunteer opportunities so please check for updates and cancellations on Facebook / [friendsofburialhill.org](http://friendsofburialhill.org)



### Mark your calendar...



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### Herring Run Festival

10am-4pm

FOBH will have a table at the Festival so be sure to stop by for a chat with Don Dewey and check out our mock grave-stone (courtesy of Phil Leddy).



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### Home Town Clean Up Day

8am-11am

Meet at the top of the hill. Bring sturdy work gloves and wear closed-toe boots or shoes. Bring your clippers and rakes if you can!

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### New Trainee Workshop

Pre-Registration Required

Learn how to clean, preserve, and record grave stones! Free to members. Oak Grove Plymouth. Email Cheryle to register: [cheryle.burialhillfriend@verizon.net](mailto:cheryle.burialhillfriend@verizon.net)

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### Replace Flags and Flowers

8am-11am

Join us to replace flags and plant flowers. Any help you can give is appreciated!

Rain Date May 27



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### Gravestone Conservation Workshop

Saturday, 8am-11am

Workshops will be held the 1st Saturday and 3rd Friday/Saturday of each month through October. Updates will be posted on Facebook and [friendsofburialhill.org](http://friendsofburialhill.org)

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### Gravestone Conservation Workshops

Friday, 2pm-4pm, Saturday 8am-11am

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## New FOBH gear is in!

Show your love and support of the FOBH!  
Hats, T-shirts, Hoodies, Sweatshirts **\$16-\$38**



## We're on Amazon Smile!

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. **Please choose FOBH!** [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)



## Gravestone Surveys

View our Gravestone Surveys on our website [friendsofburialhill.org](https://www.friendsofburialhill.org). We have over 400 posted with more on the way!



## Volunteers Needed to Plant Flowers at Gravesites in May

21 deaths were memorialized with gravestones at Burial Hill for years ending in 19.  
We will plant annuals at these gravesites on May 26th.  
Please let us know if you would like to take part or contribute!

## 1719, 1819, 1919 Burials

NAME	INSCRIBED DEATH DATE	SECTION	NOTES
<b>1719</b>			
Mr. John Ward	03-15-1719/20	F20	Old and new year numeration after calendar change in 1752
<b>1819</b>			
John Nickerson	01-10-1819	N91	
Gen. Nathaniel Goodwin	03-08-1819	D70	70 yrs.
Nancy Winslow	03-15-1819	C-W16	5 yrs. 9 mos.
Mrs. Betsey Torrey	04-15-1819	M82	47 yrs.
Mrs. Patience Warren	04-15-1819	O23	In her 69th yr.
James Russell	05-12-1819	B211	29 yrs.
			Lost at sea Cenotaph
Mary Dyke	06-28-1819	F187	63rd yr.
Joseph Sturtevant	07-06-1819	A96	28th yr.
Dr.Caleb Boutelle	09-02-1819	D65	35 yrs
Miss Mary B. Crandon	09-06-1819	F184	15th yr.
Capt. Richard Cooper	09-10-1819	B163	80 yrs.
Mary Elizabeth Churchill	09-13-1819	A176	6 wks. 4dys.
Elizabeth H.Sherman	10-09-1819	N9a	83 yrs. 10 mos.
George T. Bacon 3rd	10-11-1819	B188	2 yrs. 7 mos.
Mrs. Nancy B. Jackson	11-02-1819	F182	27 yrs. 6 mos.
Sally Harlow	12-07-1819	B401	44 yrs.
William Sturtevant Esq.	12-15-1819	O44	58 yrs.
Mrs. Susannah Burgess	12-20-1819	A164	33 yrs. 5 mos.
Mary Holmes	12-23-1819	B81.a	7 mos. 9 dys.
<b>1919</b>			
John S. Butler	1919	C-E109	Civil War Veteran

## Featured Stone

**GEORGE F. SNOW**

July 22, 1867

31 yrs. 3 mos.

Civil War Veteran

Son of Leonard Snow and Maria, his wife. Find the survey for this marble marker on [friendsofburialhill.org](https://www.friendsofburialhill.org). Select the Gravestone Surveys Tab. Cleaned and documented by member Susan Varrieur.



Before cleaning



After cleaning

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