



Bedford Cemetery Views

A Public-Private Partnership

The mission of the Friends of Town of Bedford Cemeteries is to support the restoration and maintenance of the four cemeteries

March 2010

A word from the Chairman

As the Friends of the Town of Bedford Cemeteries starts its second year I would like to tell you about the plans we have for the coming months.

First, on May 8th, we will have a "Cemetery Open House". Starting at the Bedford Center Cemetery, guided tours of the four town cemeteries will be conducted.

Then on June 27th we will hold our second Strawberry Festival. Many town organizations will have booths and there will be several activities for the children. All this will take place the new Bedford Village Common.

In 2009 gravestones were cleaned at the Bedford Center Cemetery and the Old Bedford Cemetery on Back River Road. This year stones will be cleaned at the Beals Road and Joppa Hill Cemeteries. A date has not been set yet,

We need volunteers to help plan and man these events. If you would be willing to help, please Email me at jwood@bedfordcemeteries.org.

Sincerely,

John Wood

Volunteers Needed!

Bedford Cemetery Spotlight

compiled by Doris Peck Spurway

Ann Orr
(1782-1849)



Photo by Jerry Hanauer

Ann Orr, third daughter of George and Margaret Orr, was born on December 21, 1782.

She was an industrious, studious and obedient child. In 1801 at 19 years of age she began her teaching career in the local schools and neighboring towns and taught for forty-five consecutive years. Over the years she gained a reputation as a much respected individual and superior teacher.

Upon her retirement, three of her former pupils presented to her a testimonial to her life's work. The Rev. Silas Aiken, D.D., the Honorable I.O. Barnes, Esquire and Dr. Gregg, M.D., all now residing in Boston and very successful in their professions. They praised her skills and knowledge in their formative years. She also instructed young Horace Greeley, who became a renowned newspaper editor for the New York Tribune.

Ann Orr never married but upon her death in 1849 at 67 years of age, the town honored her by inscribing on her tombstone "Mrs." before her name rather than a spinster's "Miss".

Her qualities of life were as inspiring as her teaching principals, she was dearly revered.

Doris Peck Spurway

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FTBC Plans for 2010

- ❖ Cemetery "Open Houses" on May 8th
- ❖ Organized gravestone cleaning weekend.
- ❖ Strawberry Festival at Bedford Common on June 26th.
- ❖ Present programs on gravestones.

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Bedford Town Report-Cemeteries
Log into www.bedfordnh.org
In News & Announcement Section”
Log into “2009 Annual Report”
Scroll down to Page # 53

Bedford Cemetery Trustees Update
Log into www.bedfordnh.org
Under “Quick Links” click onto “BCTV”
Click “Channel 16 Public & Educational”
Under “Show Search” Type in “cemetery”
Then click “Go” and click into
“Bedford Cemetery Trustees Update”
Click “Steaming-Watch Now”

Bedford Cemetery Data Base
Log into www.bedfordcemeteries.org

Friends of Town of Bedford Cemeteries 2009 Annual Meeting
With testimonial for Chief Ralph Wiggin.
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Click “Channel 16 Public & Educational”
At “Show Search” type in Ralph Wiggin
Then click “Go” and click into
“Ralph Wiggin Appreciation”
Click “Streaming Watch Now”



Congratulations Ralph!

Pictured is John Wood, Chairman of the Friends group, and Jack Deady presenting a clock to Ralph Wiggin at the January Annual Meeting.

Photo by Jerry Hanauer