

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

May 2010

OPEN HOUSE Saturday, May 8th Bedford Cemeteries



Please join us for a tour of Bedford Cemeteries. Tour will begin at Bedford Center Cemetery at 12:30 and continues at 2:00 at the Old Bedford Cemetery on Back River Road. View grave sites of many interesting people buried in these two historic cemeteries.

Refreshments will be served, thanks to the generosity of Stop & Shop Supermarkets

Gravestone Cleaning Help Needed

On Saturday, June 19th help is needed to clean gravestones at the Beals Road Cemetery.

Anyone willing to help please Sign-up at the Open House on May 8th. Necessary cleaning materials will be provided and instructions will be given.

Fund Started to Repair Gravestones Damaged in February Wind Storm



Photo by Ralph Dieter

Cedar trees along east wall of Bedford Center Cemetery broke many gravestones

More than 20 trees in Bedford Cemeteries fell during the severe wind storm in February and damaged over 30 gravestones. The Board of Directors of the Friends of Town of Bedford Cemeteries voted to start a fund to repair these damaged gravestones. The trees have all been removed thanks to the great efforts of the Town Public Works Department.

Yes, I would like to make a donation to Friends of Town of Bedford Cemeteries for gravestone repair.

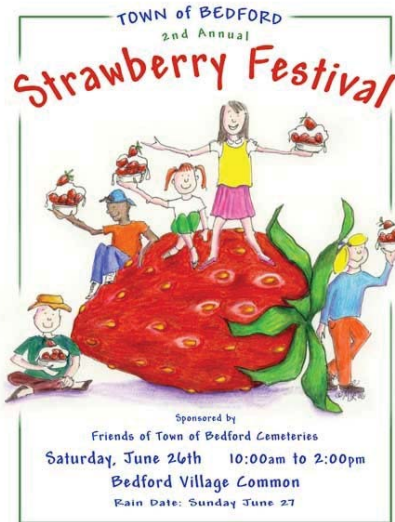
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Please make check payable to: Friends of Bedford Cemeteries
In memo line of check write: *Gravestone Repair Fund*
All contributions are tax deductible within limitations of federal income tax law.



- FTBC Plans for 2010**
- ❖ Cemetery "Open Houses" on May 8th
 - ❖ Organized gravestone cleaning June 19th.
 - ❖ Strawberry Festival at Bedford Common on June 26th.
 - ❖ Present programs on gravestones.

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 (Please disregard if you are already a member)

Bedford Cemetery Spotlight

The Beals Road Cemetery

compiled by Doris Peck Spurway

The land for this graveyard was given by Major Steven Dole with the first burial being a child of Silas Martin; the oldest inscriptions were William and Judith Gerish, 1793 and 1794 respectively.



Titus A. Moore was a slave of Elder William Moore who settled in Bedford, c.1745 on the farm which in later years became known as the Town Poor Farm on present Wiggin Road. It was purchased for that purpose from James Moore in 1834 and lasted as such for approximately twenty-five years.

Titus Moore was born in 1767 and died September 27, 1854. He was never married. After he obtained his freedom at the age of twenty-one years, he lived at Joseph Patten's and later went to live at the Town Poor Farm, where among the necessary functions were the tending of the fields, the cattle, planting, and harvesting etc. Titus was an erect, good-looking man and much respected throughout the town. He was particularly famous for his teamster abilities. He could make a pair of cattle pull all they could and still get a little more from them.

He died at the Poor Farm, although he had accumulated little money. In his chest were several packages of small sums of currency found after his death. He was buried in the South Yard, now called Beals Cemetery. The town erected his gravestone in accordance with a vote at town-meeting, paying for it out of the proceeds of money Titus had left to the town.