



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

November 2010

Gravestone Restoration Project

Gravestone Services of New England, thanks to fund raising by members of the Friends of the Town of Bedford Cemeteries, has restored seven historic gravestones in Bedford Cemeteries this year.



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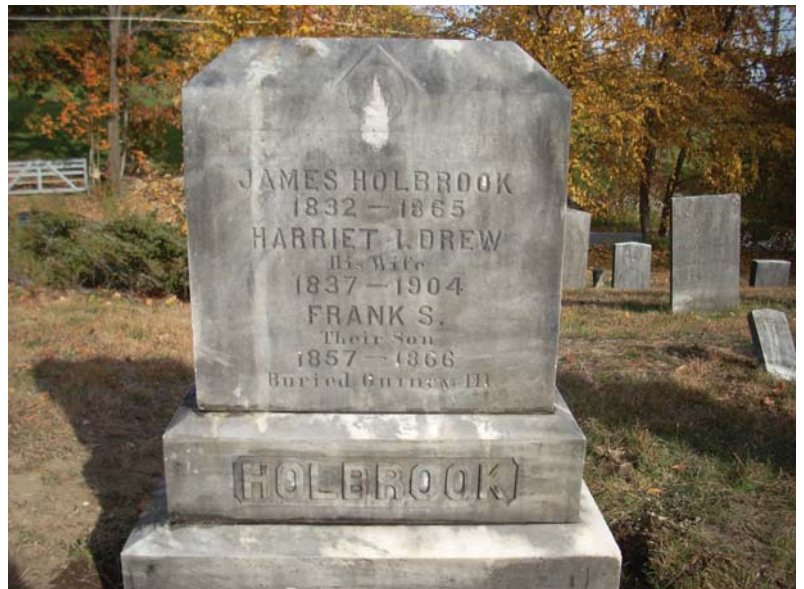
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Friends of the Town of Bedford Cemeteries

Annual Meeting


Wednesday

January 19, 2011

7:30 pm

Bedford Public Library
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Bedford Cemetery Spotlight

John Patten

compiled by Julia Schappals

John Patten, son of Matthew Patten was born in Bedford in April, 1752. He enlisted in the army with his brother, Robert, in 1775, a few days after Lexington and Concord. He served under (then) Colonel Stark at Bunker Hill where he was shot in the left arm. He recovered and with his brother Robert, formed part of the ill fated American invasion of Canada, serving under Benedict Arnold and Major General John Sullivan. The American forces were plagued by a smallpox epidemic after defeat at Trois-Rivieres, were hotly pursued by British and Indian forces. John contracted smallpox and was carried by the retreating army to Saint Johns, near the Canada/New York border. Sick troops were sent to Isle aux Noix in the Richelieu River and largely abandoned. There, John Patten died on June 20, 1776 and was buried in a mass grave with other American soldiers who died of small pox. His brother, Robert wrote to Matthew Patten of the death, and Matthew made this poignant notation in his diary: "he was led, after suffering much fatigue to the place where he now lies, in defending he just rights of America, to whose end he came in the prime of life by means of that wicket tyrannical brute (nea, worse than brute) of Great Britain." His family placed a headstone for John next to his father, so that future generations would not forget his sacrifice.

Cemetery Trustee Corner

Town of Bedford Cemetery Trustees

Ralph Dieter, Chairman

Elizabeth Hosang, Secretary

John Wood, Trustee

The Cemetery Trustees will hold a public forum within a few weeks to discuss the Rules & Regulations for the Bedford Cemeteries.

Notice of the meeting will be placed in the Bedford Bulletin.

Proposed changes to the 2004 rules will be posted on the Town of Bedford Cemetery web site (www.bedfordcemeteries.org).

At the Cemetery Trustees meeting on Thursday, October 21st they voted to withdraw their request for a Memorial Garden at the Bedford Center Cemetery.