

# Messer Cemetery

## SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY CEMETERY SURVEY

### 1. Location

- a) Name/Names of cemetery Messer Cemetery
- b) Specific Location Messer Hill Road off Rt.114; near intersec.Georges Mills  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rd.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c) Property owned by \_\_\_\_\_
- d) USGS Topographic Map: Quadrangle \_\_\_\_\_
- 1) Cemetery coordinates: Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Cemetery number on map \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Classification

- a) Public \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Private Family X Other, explain Perpetual Care
- c) Status: Abandoned \_\_\_\_\_ Maintained, but not used X Currently being used \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Size: Approximate number of graves 14 Approximate size of cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Accessibility to Public

111 feet X 98 feet ←

- a) Unrestricted X b) Restricted, explain \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Condition

- a) Well maintained and preserved X b) Poorly maintained \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Overgrown, easily identifiable \_\_\_\_\_ d) Overgrown, not easily identifiable \_\_\_\_\_
- e) Not identifiable as a burial site, but known to exist through tradition or other means. Explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Cemetery Enclosure

- a) Is the cemetery enclosed by a wall, fence, hedge, etc? Yes  
If yes, specify how it is enclosed Granite blocks and stone wall and gate
- b) State condition of wall, fence, hedge, etc. good

## 6. Tombstones or Markers

- a) Are stone or markers present? Yes b) Are they inscribed? Yes  
 c) Number of readable stones or markers 10 d) Date of last known burial 1920  
 e) Date of earliest known burial 1820 and 2 w/ difficulty f) Are there unusual stones? 4  
 Describe them Two are similar to the chapel style stone in Davis cemetery.  
Two old slate stones w/ beautiful designs
- g) Have markers been damaged? 6 If yes, by farm animals? Vandalism?  
 farming operations? Industrial operations? Custodial care Other means Explain A few nicks/chips & evidence of repair

7. Note any hazards imperiling the cemetery's existence \_\_\_\_\_

8. Has the cemetery been listed in an existing published or unpublished cemetery survey? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

9. Historical or other special significance of cemetery, if any \_\_\_\_\_

There are two beautiful slate stones. The foot stones with initials are also interesting

10. Any other information \_\_\_\_\_

11. Materials of which markers are made. Approximate number of markers of each material. 2 Slate; 3 <sup>pink polished</sup> Marble; \_\_\_\_\_ Schist; ----- Sandstone;

\_\_\_\_\_ Fieldstone; \_\_\_\_\_ Others 3 material that looks like granite  
4 granite (two are polished)

12. Decorative Carving on the markers. Approximate number of stones with these motifs:

\_\_\_\_\_ skulls; \_\_\_\_\_ Faces; \_\_\_\_\_ Urns and/or willows; <sup>①</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ others \_\_\_\_\_

① slate w/ design similar to the tree of life

13. Names of stone carvers whose work is in the cemetery when known:

Two ornate chapel style probably done by Palmer \_\_\_\_\_ whose name was discovered at Davis cemetery/

Canvassar Dorothy Eldeen and Patricia Caswell

Date 8-29-1996

Organization Springfield Historical Society

Address Box 6, Springfield, NH 03284

MAP OF MESSER CEMETERY ON MESSER HILL RD

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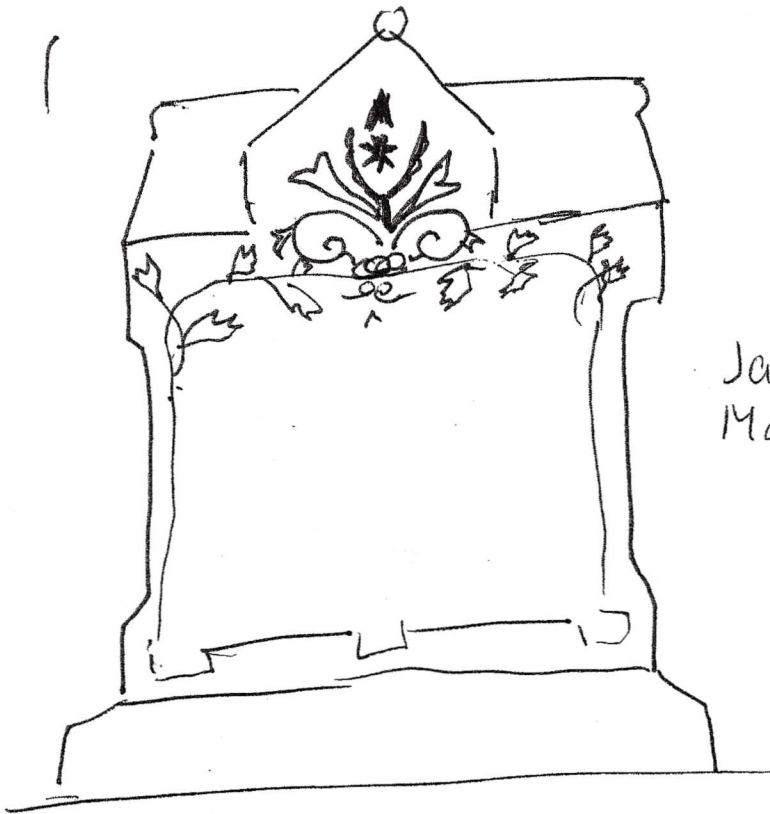
5  
(2 buried)

6 7 8 9 10 11

1  
Obelisk  
(2 buried)

2 3 4

Match numbers to the information sheet on each.



Jacob Messer Stone  
Mary

map of messer

<sup>2 buried</sup>  
5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10

① | 2 | 3 | 4

Obit



## SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVENTORY OF MARKERS

Cemetery Messer Cemetery Location Messer Hill Rd. Springfield, NHDate of record 8-29-1996Cataloguer Dorothy Eldeen and Patricia Caswell

Marker # from grid \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Negative # \_\_\_\_\_

Marker type: 1. Head  2. Foot \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Table \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Tomb \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Material: Slate \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Slate w/pyrites \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Sandstone \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Marble \_\_\_\_\_

Sandstone w/ marble insert 6.. Granite  7. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Tomb Supports: 1. Stone and mortar \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Brick \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Panel \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Not Visible \_\_\_\_\_

Carved motif: 1. Winged Skull \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Back \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Top \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Side panels \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lettering only  6. Hourglass \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Rosettes \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Border \_\_\_\_\_9. Other: Inserts on front & side; not sure of material

Carver: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of marker: 1 Sound  2. Chipped \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Cracked \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Crumbled \_\_\_\_\_

5. Eroded \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Broken \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Tilted \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Sunken \_\_\_\_\_

9. Insert missing \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Panel fallen/broken, missing \_\_\_\_\_

11. Discolored/stained  12. Moss/lichen  13. Other \_\_\_\_\_Comment: It is an obelisk.Condition of inscription: 1. Mint \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Clear but worn  3. Mostly decipherable \_\_\_\_\_

4. Traces \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Illegible or destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Underground \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions: Height 7'2" Width 1'9" Thickness 1'9" Comment \_\_\_\_\_Direction marker faces: N \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ NE \_\_\_\_\_ NW  SW \_\_\_\_\_Inscription Phinehas Messer (Front of Stone) (side) LoisDied M-----8, 1851 AE64Wife of PhineasDied Feb. 22, 1870Epitaph \_\_\_\_\_ AE 82 yr. 11mo. 11 da.Cataloguer's remarks: Notice different spellings of Phinehas







Mary C. Messer

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Marker # from grid \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Negative # \_\_\_\_\_

Marker type: 1. Head  2. Foot \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Table \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Tomb \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Material: Slate \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Slate w/pyrites \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Sandstone \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Marble \_\_\_\_\_  
Sandstone w/ marble insert \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Granite  7. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Tomb Supports: 1. Stone and mortar  2. Brick \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Panel \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Not Visible \_\_\_\_\_

Carved motif: 1. Winged Skull \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Back \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Top \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Side panels \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Lettering only \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Hourglass \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Rosettes \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Border \_\_\_\_\_  
9. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Carver: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of marker: 1. Sound \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Chipped \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Cracked \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Crumbled \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Eroded \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Broken \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Tilted \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Sunken \_\_\_\_\_  
9. Insert missing \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Panel fallen/broken, missing \_\_\_\_\_  
11. Discolored/stained  12. Moss/lichen \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of inscription: 1. Mint \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Clear but worn \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Mostly decipherable   
4. Traces \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Illegible or destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Underground \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions: Height 3'4" Width 9" Thickness 4" Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Direction marker faces: N \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ NE \_\_\_\_\_ NW  SW \_\_\_\_\_

Inscription MARY C / daughter of / Phineas + Lois MESSER  
Born / Feb. 23, 1826. / died Oct. 18, 1855.

Epitaph \_\_\_\_\_

Cataloguer's remarks: \_\_\_\_\_ and foot stone M.C.M.

— let us — — — dear  
for sister early called away  
— fails us — — you blissful spirit  
Together — eternal day.



MARY C.

daughter of

Phineas & Lois

MESSER

BORN

FEB. 23, 1836

DIED

OCT. 18, 1885

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 Photo Negative # \_\_\_\_\_

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 Material: Slate \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Slate w/pyrites \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Sandstone \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Marble \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sandstone w/ marble insert 6. <sup>front Polished</sup> Granite  7. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tomb Supports: 1. Stone and mortar  2. Brick \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Panel \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Not Visible \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carved motif: 1. Winged Skull \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Back \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Top \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Side panels \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Lettering only \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Hourglass \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Rosettes \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Border \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. Other Ivy & lily Chapel shaped

Carver: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Condition of marker: 1. Sound  2. Chipped \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Cracked \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Crumbled \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Eroded \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Broken \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Tilted \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Sunken \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. Insert missing \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Panel fallen/broken, missing \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. Discolored/stained \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Moss/lichen  13. Other \_\_\_\_\_

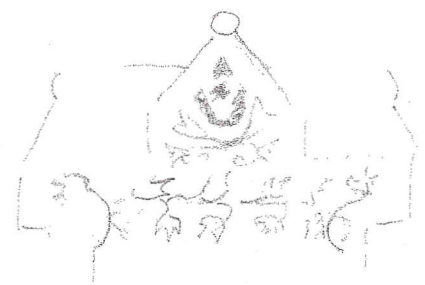
Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Condition of inscription: 1. Mint \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Clear but worn  3. Mostly decipherable \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Traces \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Illegible or destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Underground \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dimensions: Height 3' 6" Width 2' 3/4" Thickness 8 Comment \_\_\_\_\_  
 Direction marker faces: N \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ NE \_\_\_\_\_ NW  SW \_\_\_\_\_

Inscription JACOB MESSER / Died / April 16, 1894.  
aged 73 yrs.  
FATHER

Epitaph None

Cataloguer's remarks: resembles stones at Davis Cemetery



Bottom of design







MARY E.W. BURPEE  
MESSER

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Sandstone w/ marble insert 6.. Granite front polished 7. Other\_\_\_

Tomb Supports: 1. Stone and mortar  2. Brick\_\_\_ 3. Panel\_\_\_ 4. Not Visible\_\_\_

Carved motif: 1. Winged Skull\_\_\_ 2. Back\_\_\_ 3. Top\_\_\_ 4. Side panels\_\_\_  
5. Lettering only\_\_\_ 6. Hourglass\_\_\_ 7. Rosettes\_\_\_ 8. Border\_\_\_  
9. Other IVY + lily Chapel shaped

Carver: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of marker: 11 Sound  2. Chipped\_\_\_ 3. Cracked\_\_\_ 4. Crumbled\_\_\_  
5. Eroded\_\_\_ 6. Broken\_\_\_ 7. Tilted\_\_\_ 8. Sunken\_\_\_  
9. Insert missing\_\_\_ 10. Panel fallen/broken, missing\_\_\_  
11. Discolored/stained\_\_\_ 12. Moss/lichen  13. Other\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of inscription: 1. Mint\_\_\_ 2. Clear but worn  3. Mostly decipherable\_\_\_  
4. Traces\_\_\_ 5. Illegible or destroyed\_\_\_ 6. Underground\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions: Height 3'6" Width 2'3/4" Thickness 8 Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Direction marker faces: N\_\_\_ S\_\_\_ E\_\_\_ W\_\_\_ NE\_\_\_ NW  SW\_\_\_

Inscription MARY E.W. BURPEE  
wife of / JACOB MESSER /  
DIED JAN. 8, 1892. / AGED 66 yrs. / MOTHER

Epitaph \_\_\_\_\_

Cataloguer's remarks: resembles stones at Davis Cemetery

See design drawn at bottom  
of Jacob Messer sheet.



MESSER  
DIED  
16, 1894  
73 YRS.

MARY E. W. BURPEE  
WIFE OF  
JACOB MESSER  
DIED JAN. 8, 1892  
AGED 66 YRS.

10THED



5  
(L to R second row)

JACOB MESSER  
JOHN MESSER

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Sandstone w/ marble insert 6.. Granite \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Tomb Supports: 1. Stone and mortar \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Brick \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Panel \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Not Visible

Carved motif: 1. Winged Skull \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Back \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Top \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Side panels \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lettering only \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Hourglass \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Rosettes \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Border \_\_\_\_\_

9. Other see below

Carver: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of marker: 11 Sound \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Chipped \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Cracked \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Crumbled \_\_\_\_\_

5. Eroded \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Broken \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Tilted \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Sunken \_\_\_\_\_

9. Insert missing \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Panel fallen/broken, missing \_\_\_\_\_

11. Discolored/stained \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Moss/lichen \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: front is good

Condition of inscription: 1. Mint \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Clear but worn \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Mostly decipherable \_\_\_\_\_

4. Traces \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Illegible or destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Underground \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: GOOD

Dimensions: Height 4' 10" Width 2' 1/2" Thickness 1" 1/4" Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Direction marker faces: N \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ NE \_\_\_\_\_ NW  SW \_\_\_\_\_

Inscription JACOB / SON OF PHINEUS \* / LOIS Messer /  
died Jan. 14, 1820 / AE. 16 MONTHS.

JOHN died June 20, 1831.

Epitaph AE 17 years 4. months

My children dear I bid a dieu,  
I feel to mourn the loss of you

Cataloguer's remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

Back of stone is flaked

Corners of stone



carving more ornate than drawing.



foot stone for  
John J.H.  
longer foot stone  
has no enclial

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Material: Slate  2. Slate w/pyrites \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Sandstone \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Marble \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sandstone w/ marble insert 6. Granite \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Tomb Supports: 1. Stone and mortar \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Brick \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Panel \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Not Visible

Carved motif: 1. Winged Skull \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Back \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Top \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Side panels \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Lettering only \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Hourglass \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Rosettes \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Border \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. Other Willow

Carver: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of marker: 1. Sound \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Chipped  3. Cracked \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Crumbled \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Eroded \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Broken \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Tilted \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Sunken \_\_\_\_\_  
 9. Insert missing \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Panel fallen/broken, missing \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. Discolored/stained \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Moss/lichen  13. Other chip

Comment: Willow tree / geometric design at bottom

Condition of inscription: 1. Mint \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Clear but worn \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Mostly decipherable \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Traces \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Illegible or destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Underground \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: Good

Dimensions: Height 4 1/2" Width 1' 6" Thickness 1-1/4" Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Direction marker faces: N \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ NE \_\_\_\_\_ NW  SW \_\_\_\_\_

Inscription ANTHONY son of Phineas & Louis, Messer, died  
Dec. 16 / 1831. AE / 6 years [1805]

Epitaph there is a Land of Pure DeLight / where  
Anthony has gone.

Cataloguer's remarks: \_\_\_\_\_







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Carved motif: 1. Winged Skull \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Back \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Top \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Side panels \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lettering only \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Hourglass \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Rosettes \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Border \_\_\_\_\_

9. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Carver: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of marker: 1. Sound \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Chipped \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Cracked \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Crumbled \_\_\_\_\_

5. Eroded \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Broken \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Tilted \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Sunken \_\_\_\_\_

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Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions: Height 2'6" Width 1'3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" Thickness 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" Comment \_\_\_\_\_Direction marker faces: N \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ NE \_\_\_\_\_ NW  SW \_\_\_\_\_Inscription MELVIN J. / son of / Phineas & Mary ANN / MESSER JR  
died APR 7(?) 1848 / A.E. 5 yrs. 8 mths / 16 daysEpitaph The rose has bloomed beneath the stormThe grave concealed the graceful form;while tears of love fall on the tombCataloguer's remarks: of her who died in a bloomfoot stones







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Material: Slate \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Slate w/pyrites \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Sandstone ? 4. Marble \_\_\_\_\_  
Sandstone w/ marble insert 6. Granite \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Tomb Supports: 1. Stone and mortar \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Brick \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Panel \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Not Visible \_\_\_\_\_  
Carved motif: 1. Winged Skull \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Back \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Top \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Side panels \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Lettering only \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Hourglass \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Rosettes \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Border \_\_\_\_\_  
9. Other none

Carver: MOORE, Newport  
Condition of marker: 1. Sound \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Chipped \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Cracked \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Crumbled \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Eroded  6. Broken \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Tilted  8. Sunken \_\_\_\_\_  
9. Insert missing \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Panel fallen/broken, missing \_\_\_\_\_  
11. Discolored/stained \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Moss/lichen  13. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Traces \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Illegible or destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Underground \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dimensions: Height 2' 7/4" Width 1' 4/4" Thickness 2 1/2" Comment \_\_\_\_\_  
Direction marker faces: N \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ NE \_\_\_\_\_ NW  SW \_\_\_\_\_

Inscription ERVIN P. / SON OF / Phineas + Mary Ann /  
MESSER, JR. // DIED / OCT. 3, 1856, / AE. 5 yrs. 3 mos.  
10 ds.

Epitaph This cherished flower not fully blown,  
to His opening beauties scarcely known,  
was severed from his earthly stem

Cataloguer's remarks: To seek an aryl's diadem

*has foot stone*

IRVIN P.  
SON OF  
Phineas & Mary Ann  
MEISSER, JR.  
DIED  
OCT. 3, 1856,  
42.5 yrs. 3 mos. 10 ds.

*This child's life flower not fully blown  
Its opening buds scarcely leavened  
Was covered from its earthly stem  
To deck an angel's throne.*

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 Sandstone w/ marble insert 6. Granite \_\_\_ 7. Other \_\_\_  
 Tomb Supports: 1. Stone and mortar  2. Brick \_\_\_ 3. Panel \_\_\_ 4. Not Visible \_\_\_  
 Carved motif: 1. Winged Skull \_\_\_ 2. Back \_\_\_ 3. Top \_\_\_ 4. Side panels \_\_\_  
 5. Lettering only \_\_\_ 6. Hourglass \_\_\_ 7. Rosettes \_\_\_ 8. Border \_\_\_  
 9. Other None

Carver: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Condition of marker: 11 Sound  2. Chipped \_\_\_ 3. Cracked \_\_\_ 4. Crumbled \_\_\_  
 5. Eroded \_\_\_ 6. Broken \_\_\_ 7. Tilted \_\_\_ 8. Sunken \_\_\_  
 9. Insert missing \_\_\_ 10. Panel fallen/broken, missing \_\_\_  
 11. Discolored/stained \_\_\_ 12. Moss/lichen  13. Other \_\_\_\_\_

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 4. Traces \_\_\_ 5. Illegible or destroyed \_\_\_ 6. Underground \_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dimensions: Height 3'9" Width 2'1" Thickness 9" Comment \_\_\_\_\_  
 Direction marker faces: N \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ W \_\_\_ NE \_\_\_ NW  SW \_\_\_

Inscription SYLVESTER BOWMAN MESSER / SON OF /  
P. + M. A. MESSER / DIED AT / COLORADO SPRINGS  
DEC. 1ST. 1889 / AGED 34 YRS. 1 M. 7 DS.  
 Epitaph NONE

Cataloguer's remarks: \_\_\_\_\_



SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVENTORY OF MARKERS

Cemetery Messer Cemetery Location Messer Hill Rd. Springfield, NH.

Date of record 10-9-96

Cataloguer Dorothy Eldon + Patricia Caswell

Marker # from grid \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Negative # \_\_\_\_\_

Marker type: 1. Head  2. Foot \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Table \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Tomb \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Material: Slate \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Slate w/pyrites \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Sandstone \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Marble  pink  
Sandstone w/ marble insert 6.. Granite \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Tomb Supports: 1. Stone and mortar  2. Brick \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Panel \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Not Visible \_\_\_\_\_

Carved motif: 1. Winged Skull \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Back \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Top \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Side panels \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Lettering only \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Hourglass \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Rosettes \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Border \_\_\_\_\_  
9. Other NONE

Carver: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of marker: 11 Sound  2. Chipped \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Cracked \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Crumbled \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Eroded \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Broken \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Tilted  SLIGHT 8. Sunken \_\_\_\_\_  
9. Insert missing \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Panel fallen/broken, missing \_\_\_\_\_  
11. Discolored/stained \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Moss/lichen  13. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of inscription: 1. Mint  2. Clear but worn \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Mostly decipherable \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Traces \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Illegible or destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Underground \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions: Height 3'9" Width 2'1" Thickness 9" Comment \_\_\_\_\_

Direction marker faces: N \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ NE \_\_\_\_\_ NW  SW \_\_\_\_\_

Inscription MARY ANN BOWMAN / WIFE OF /  
PHINEAS MESSER / DIED OCT. 11, 1897. /  
AGED 80 YRS. 9 MS. / 15 DS

Epitaph \_\_\_\_\_

CHIP ON BACK

Cataloguer's remarks: \_\_\_\_\_



MARY ANN BOWLER  
WIFE OF  
PHINEHAS MESSER  
DIED OCT. 11. 1887  
AGED 80 YRS. 6 MS.  
IS DS.



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 Photo Negative # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marker type: 1. Head  2. Foot \_\_\_ 3. Table \_\_\_ 4. Tomb \_\_\_ 5. Other \_\_\_  
 Material: Slate \_\_\_ 2. Slate w/pyrites \_\_\_ 3. Sandstone \_\_\_ 4. Marble  pink  
 Sandstone w/ marble insert \_\_\_ 6. Granite \_\_\_ 7. Other \_\_\_  
 Tomb Supports: 1. Stone and mortar  2. Brick \_\_\_ 3. Panel \_\_\_ 4. Not Visible \_\_\_  
 Carved motif: 1. Winged Skull \_\_\_ 2. Back \_\_\_ 3. Top \_\_\_ 4. Side panels \_\_\_  
 5. Lettering only \_\_\_ 6. Hourglass \_\_\_ 7. Rosettes \_\_\_ 8. Border \_\_\_  
 9. Other NONE  
 Carver: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Condition of marker: 11 Sound  2. Chipped \_\_\_ 3. Cracked \_\_\_ 4. Crumbled \_\_\_  
 5. Eroded \_\_\_ 6. Broken \_\_\_ 7. Tilted \_\_\_ 8. Sunken \_\_\_  
 9. Insert missing \_\_\_ 10. Panel fallen/broken, missing \_\_\_  
 11. Discolored/stained \_\_\_ 12. Moss/lichen  13. Other \_\_\_  
 Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Condition of inscription: 1. Mint  2. Clear but worn \_\_\_ 3. Mostly decipherable \_\_\_  
 4. Traces \_\_\_ 5. Illegible or destroyed \_\_\_ 6. Underground \_\_\_  
 Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dimensions: Height 3'9" Width 2'1" Thickness 9" Comment \_\_\_\_\_  
 Direction marker faces: N \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ W \_\_\_ NE \_\_\_ NW  SW \_\_\_  
 Inscription PHINEAS MESSER / DIED Nov. 18, 1902 /  
AGED 86, yrs. 3, ms  
 Epitaph \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cataloguer's remarks: \_\_\_\_\_







12  
stone by self  
back of cemetery

Charles C. MESSER MD

SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVENTORY OF MARKERS

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Photo Negative # \_\_\_\_\_

Marker type: 1. Head  2. Foot \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Table \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Tomb \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Material: Slate \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Slate w/pyrites \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Sandstone \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Marble \_\_\_\_\_  
Sandstone w/ marble insert 6. Granite  7. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Tomb Supports: 1. Stone and mortar  2. Brick \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Panel \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Not Visible \_\_\_\_\_  
Carved motif: 1. Winged Skull \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Back \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Top \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Side panels \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Lettering only \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Hourglass \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Rosettes \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Border \_\_\_\_\_  
9. Other Raised MESSER AT BOTTOM

Carver: \_\_\_\_\_  
Condition of marker: 1. Sound  2. Chipped \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Cracked \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Crumbled \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Eroded \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Broken \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Tilted \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Sunken \_\_\_\_\_  
9. Insert missing \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Panel fallen/broken, missing \_\_\_\_\_  
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Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Condition of inscription: 1. Mint \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Clear but worn  3. Mostly decipherable \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Traces \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Illegible or destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Underground \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dimensions: Height 4'5 1/2" Width 3'8 1/2" Thickness 1'6 1/4" Comment \_\_\_\_\_  
Direction marker faces: N \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ NE \_\_\_\_\_ NW  SW \_\_\_\_\_

Inscription CHARLES C. MESSER. M.D.  
1853 - 1920 /  
son of Phineas + Mary A. Messer  
Epitaph X

Cataloguer's remarks: Old English M at top of stone

② front corner stones  
CCM

12  
Stone by self  
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Charles C MESSER M.D.

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Material: Slate \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Slate w/pyrites \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Sandstone \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Marble \_\_\_\_\_

Sandstone w/ marble insert \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Granite  7. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Tomb Supports: 1. Stone and mortar  2. Brick \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Panel \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Not Visible \_\_\_\_\_

Carved motif: 1. Winged Skull \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Back \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Top \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Side panels \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lettering only \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Hourglass \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Rosettes \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Border \_\_\_\_\_

9. Other Raised MESSER AT BOTTOM

Carver: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of marker: 11 Sound  2. Chipped \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Cracked \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Crumbled \_\_\_\_\_

5. Eroded \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Broken \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Tilted \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Sunken \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Discolored/stained \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Moss/lichen  13. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of inscription: 1. Mint \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Clear but worn  3. Mostly decipherable \_\_\_\_\_

4. Traces \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Illegible or destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Underground \_\_\_\_\_

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