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The Barre Town Cemetery Commission is proud to present a package of informational files about the town's cemeteries, their histories, their compositions, and, of course, their residents. Assembled from many sources and compiled into computer bytes and added to the webpage thanks to the town's computer wizards. Here is a summary of the information that can be found nested in our webpage.

Listing of Graves

This document is an alphabetically arranged listing of the individual graves within our cemeteries, a separate document is available for each of the three sites. The data includes names and dates and information about the lot and its location within the cemetery.

Veterans

The Barre Town cemeteries is home to many veterans representing the military history of our nation. There are ten different categories represented, from the American Revolution through the current world struggle against terrorism, including those who served during times of peace. The schematic maps show a veterans grave with a blue box and the related conflict, and there is a separate document with biographical information of each veteran where such information could be found.

Military Notes

This companion document to the three lists of veterans interred in the town cemeteries contains background information for the veteran's documents. There is a discussion on US military ranks and a list of defined periods of war from various sources.

Cemetery History

Each of the three town cemeteries is introduced with a short article on its history. Articles discuss the age of the cemetery via visual evidence found on various older headstones mixed with a little information from written history. The reader will meet some of the people resting in the cemeteries and their relationship to the history of Barre.

Historical Sections

Wilson and Maplewood Cemeteries each contain a more historic section, West Hill is historic all on its own. Articles on these historic sections provide a visual inventory of the stones that can be found in them along with some background information on those who reside beneath them. The data presented in this section is more genealogical in nature and provides hints to descendants shaking the family trees.

Families

The documents in this section provide a more general view of the early families of Wildersburg and Barre and their contributions to the growth of our community.

Building Wilson Cemetery with Deeds

Wilson Cemetery, the town's largest, is constructed via written words based on deed information uncovered in the city and town records. Other documents found and used to write this article include older design drawings and lot layout maps. The story begins with Book 1, Page 207, the original 1797 deed from the Nichols family to the town.

Individual Cemetery Lot Deeds

Barre Town separates its cemetery lot deeds into a deed book separate from other real estate deeds. This article not only outlines the history of the deed books, but also reaches back into some of the deeds found in the vault at the Barre City Clerk's office. The city and town split in 1895, copies of the deeds up to that point can be found with the city and not the town. The document offers a look at the early operations of the cemeteries and helps trace their internal developments.

PDF Schematics

The cemetery schematics found on the webpage are just that, schematics. They represent the layout of the lots in the cemeteries, but are not actual surveyed sizes and shapes. The layouts are based on deeds, old maps, and a photo and cloth tape visual inventory of the existing conditions in each cemetery.

The schematics found on the webpage are the schematics approved by the cemetery commission and are designed to present the current up-to-date information. As the cemetery lots are sold, the schematics need to be updated and the commission has a procedure in place to have the updates made periodically. Between updates, the cemetery sexton marks up the schematics with changes and lot sales are tracked in the cemetery commission meeting minutes as posted on the town webpage.

Common Markers

Ever wonder what some of those flags and flag holders mean? Some of the ones found in the Barre Town cemeteries come from long ago and represent organizations that no longer have a presence in the community. Most of us are familiar with the military flag holder, different for the different time periods of war the individual veteran served in. Other fraternal organizations have their own flags and flag holders as well. Some organizations are based in countries of origin, others in a common profession. Before employer financed health insurance, various groups banded together to offer health care benefits to each other. Some other groups have their roots in their religious beliefs. The article features most of the flag holders from organizations the Barre Town cemetery residents belonged to, there are certainly other groups not found in Barre.