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Photographs 2007

Day Cemetery Gravestone Project

This booklet is but one part of the current effort by the Salmon Brook Historical Society to develop a digital photographic record of all the burial grounds in Granby, CT.

The burial plot known as the "Day Cemetery" is located on private property on Loomis Street in North Granby. An earlier enumeration from 1934 (see following page) of this family gravesite lists only four headstones and notes that "6 bodies removed other than the above." A 5th headstone dating from 1795 was listed in later town cemetery censuses in 1964, 1974 and 2002*.

Using information from these sources, with the kind permission of the current property owner, we sought to locate and photograph the 5 identified stones. This family burial plot at one time may have been on open land, but today is found just off the long dirt driveway in a now wooded, natural and undeveloped area. Capturing the detail on these monuments was a challenge due to the dense shade of the mature trees, centuries of stone deterioration, plus lichen and moss growth. At first glance most of the stones appear illegible, but on closer inspection, one can identify engravings. By photographing the stones in various seasons and different times of day, as well as incorporating the use of a mirror** to reflect light, we eventually were able to get a reasonably clear photo recording of each of the known grave markers. All of these photographs are unedited to maintain authenticity; no digital correction was used.

This booklet contains a "map", 2 pages dedicated to each grave marker, as well as a CD with additional photographs of the cemetery and headstones.

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*Additional information on Day Cemetery and Granby's early residents may be obtained by contacting the **Salmon Brook Historical Society**, Granby, CT. The following books may also be helpful:

- *Beneath These Stones, More Granby Connecticut Cemeteries* by Carol Laun (2002)
- *Heritage Of Granby (1965)*

**For information on gravestone photography using a mirror see page 3.

About The Charles R. HALE COLLECTION

A **W.P.A.** project to record gravestone inscriptions throughout Connecticut was directed by Charles R. Hale ca. 1932-5. Below is the Collection's entry for Day Cemetery. Complete set of these records is available at the Ct. State Library/Archives in Hartford.

Headstone Inscriptions

115-8 Day Cemetery, North Granby

Copied by C. G. Flanders & E. D. McCue.

October 9, 1934.

Day, Eunice, wife of Timothy, died Aug. 9, 1811, age 59 yrs.

Day, Roswell, died June 20, 1817, age 65 yrs.

^a
Reed, William B., died June 3, 1850, age 40 yrs.

²
Atkinson, Rev. Nathaniel, died Mar. 3, 1801, age 92 yrs.

Truman, Elijah d. of small pox Jan. 11, 1791 age 28

There has been six bodies removed, other than the above.

MAKING PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDS OF GRAVESTONES

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LIGHTING

Documentary photographs of gravestones should be made only in brilliant sunlight. Hazy or overcast conditions produce inferior results. The sunlight should fall across the face of the stone at a raking angle, that is, from the side or top of the stone at an angle of about 30 degrees. If the sun lights the face of the stone squarely from the front instead of at an angle, the lighting will be "flat" and the details of the stone's carving will not be clearly delineated. Too sharp an angle, on the other hand, over-emphasizes the stone's rough surface, which tends to obscure and detract from more important features. Generally speaking, sunlight strikes most old gravestones at a good raking angle for a period of about one and one-half hours a day, so the photographer must know when to be there. In most early New England burying grounds, the carved faces of the stones most often face west and are perfectly lighted from about 12:30 to 1:30 PM, standard time.

Some stones, of course, are shaded by trees and buildings and are never lit by direct sunlight.

USING A MIRROR

There is a way to eliminate the photographer's dependence on the position of the sun. By using a mirror to reflect the sun's light, the photographer can control the position of the light source. Altering the position of the mirror alters the angle at which the reflected light strikes the stone. The photographer can experiment with a variety of lighting effects and choose the one that works best to bring out the decorative carving and the inscription. (It should be noted that a mirror is an essential piece of equipment for studying the carving on a stone and reading the inscription as well as photographing the stone. Viewing the face of the stone from a variety of lighting angles can bring out obscure details that would otherwise be overlooked.) The photographer positions the mirror in full sun so that the reflected light rakes across the stone at the desired angle. If the yard is mostly shaded, the nearest spot of sun may be some distance from the stone to be photographed. In this situation, the mirror serves the photographer very well indeed. The mirror can be placed as much as 100 feet or more from the stone to pick up the available spot of sunlight and throw it onto the stone.

Bear in mind that the mirror reflects light; it doesn't create light. A bright sunny day is still best but not always available.



The "Mirror Effect", photographs of the same stone in natural light versus with sunlight reflected from a mirror
William Read gravestone at Day Cemetery, Granby, CT, June 2007. C Klemmer

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Gravestones

Elijah Truman	died 1795 at age 29
Nathaniel Atkinson	died 1801 at age 92
William Read	died 1850 at age 40
Eunice Day	died 1811 at age 59
Roswell Day	died 1817 at age 65



In Memory of
Mr. Elijah Truman
who died of the Small
Pox Jan. 11, 1795
In the 29 year
of his age

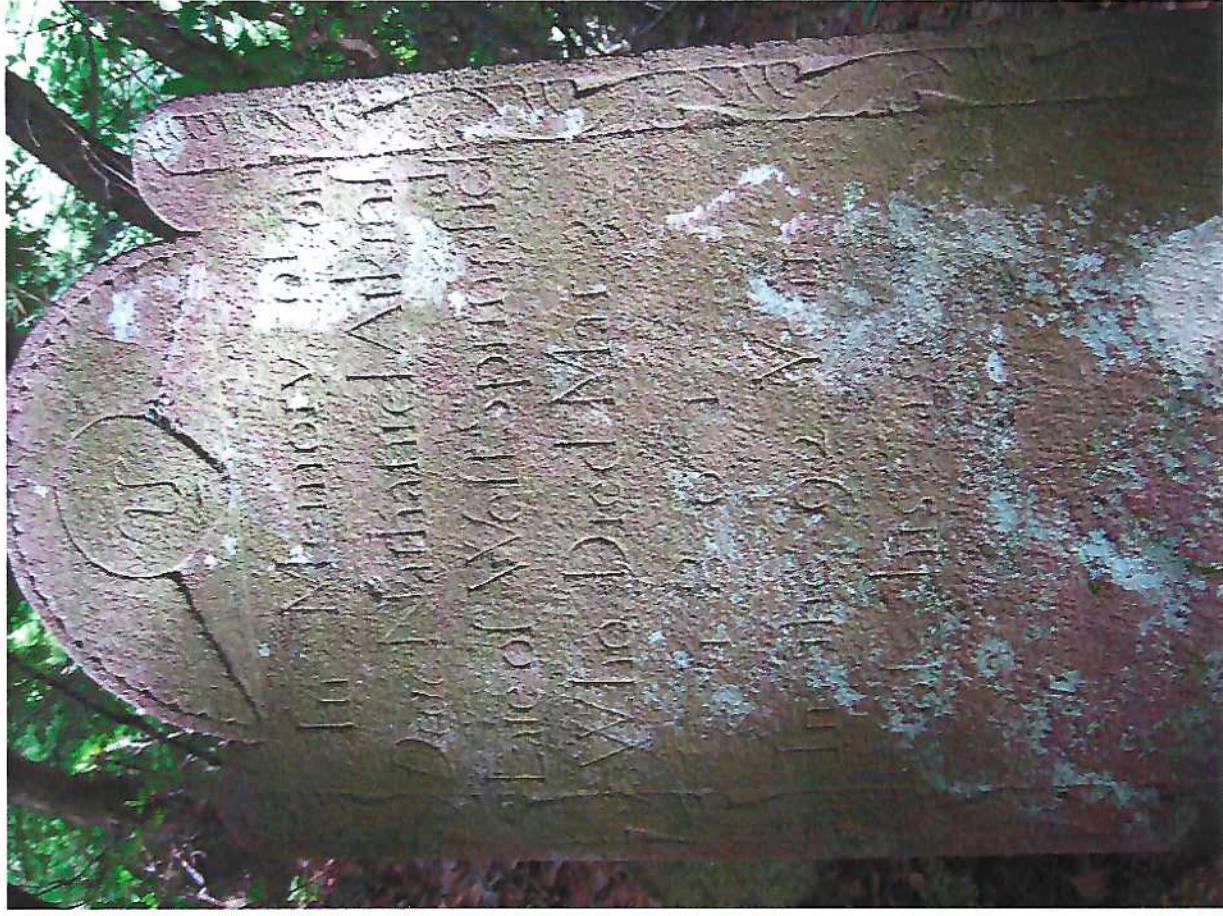
Reader behold as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I am soon you must be
Prepare for death and follow me



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Elijah Truman



In Memory of
 Deac Nathaniel Atkins^{on}
 Late of West Springfield^d
 Who Died Mar. 3
 1801
 In the 92, Year
 of his age.



Headstone



Footstone





WILLIAM B. READ

DIED

JUNE 3, 1850

AE. 40

*Dear friends as you pass by
Remember death is always nigh
As I am now so you must be
Prepare for death and follow me*



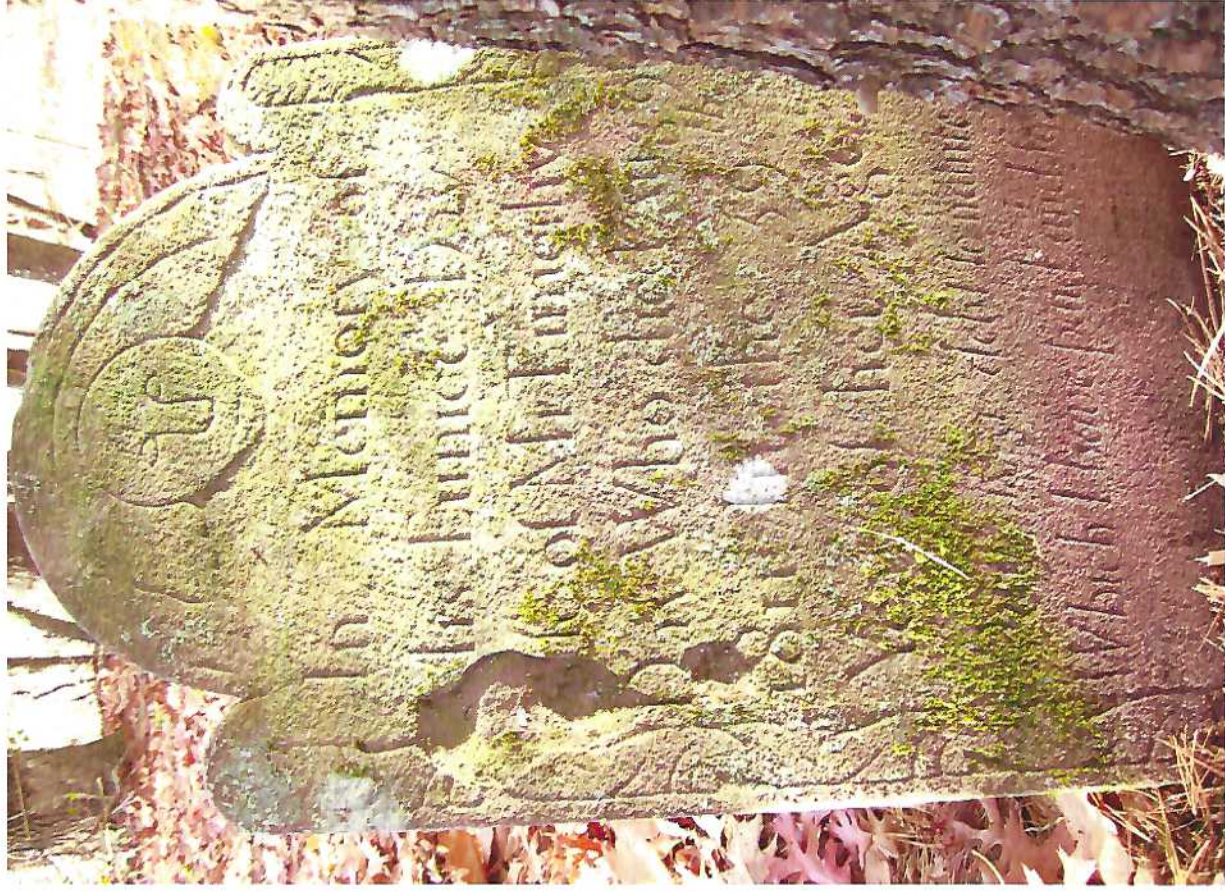
Headstone found in 3 pieces April 2007



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William Reed



In Memory of
Mrs. Eunice Day
Wife of Mr. Timothy
Day Who died Aug. 9
1811, In the 59th
Year of her age

*Death is a debt to Nature due
which I have paid and so must
you*



Headstone



Footstone





In
Memory of
Mr. Roswell Day
who Died
June 20th 1817
aged 65 Years

*All you that read with little care
Who walk away & leave me here
Should not forget that you must die
And be intomb'd as well as I*



In July 2007, this headstone was found toppled, covered with debris



Day Cemetery, N.

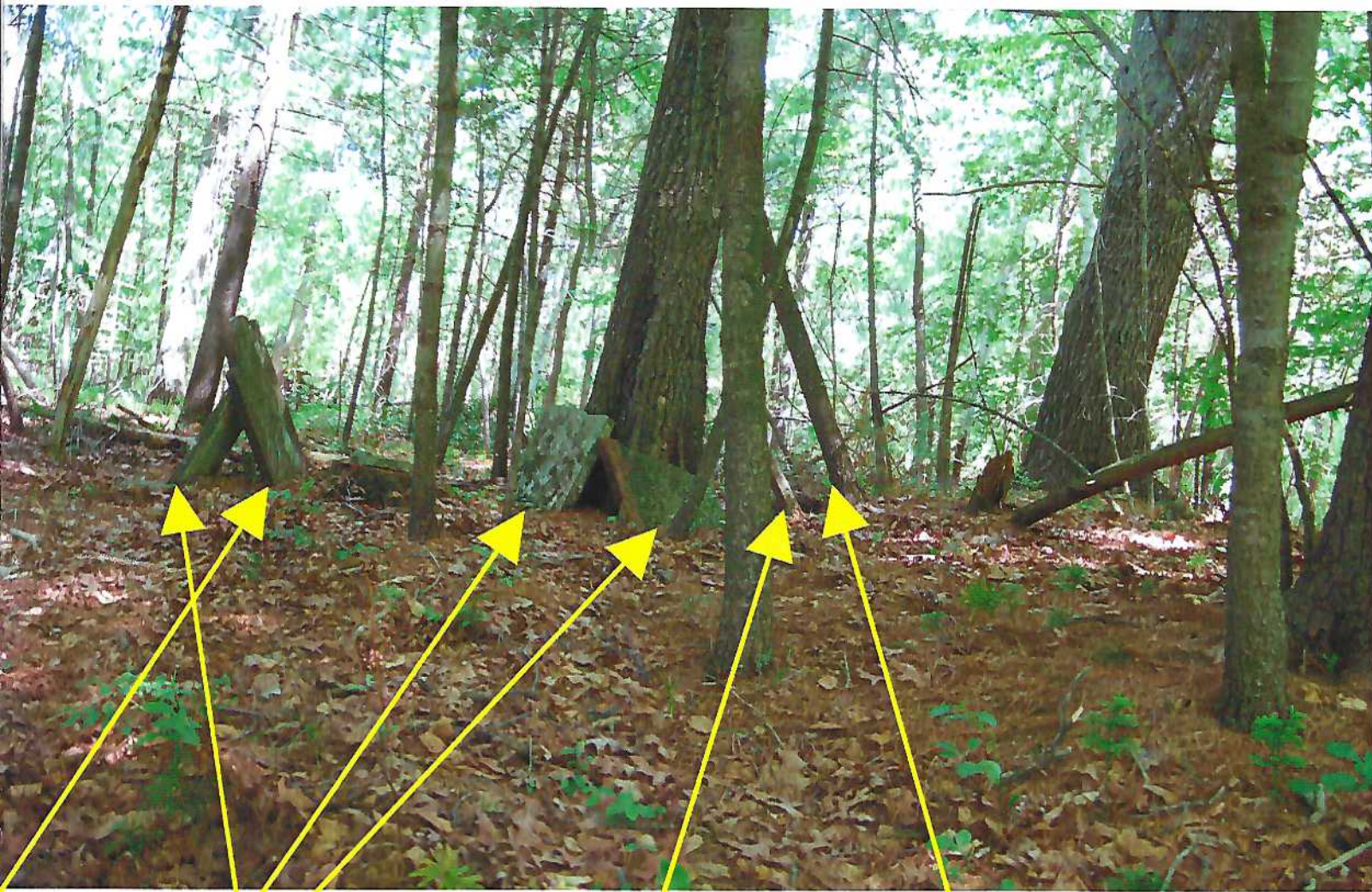


Elijah
Truman

Nathaniel
Atkinson



Granby, CT (Photo July 2007)



William
Read

Eunice
Day

Roswell
Day



(stone laying down)

