

Jack Cemetery – Dead River Road, Litchfield, ME

Grave Stone Engravings

Walter Jack

Died

May 18, 1852

Aet. 81

I have left this world of toil and care

Here in the grave to rest

Where sorrows, doubts, and gloomy fears

No more disturb my breast

Andrew Jack

Died

Aug. 4, 1844

Aet. 68

His pains and groans are now all o'er

He's gone to dwell with God on High

And n'er will weep and sorrow more

But live in bliss beyond the sky

Betsey

Wife of Andrew Jack

Died

Nov. 1 1857

Aet. 76 yrs. 4 mo.

Prepare to meet your God

Pre-restoration condition

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Stones were out of bases and laid flat on the ground. The Andrew Jack Stone rested on a number of iron fence "spears" which had been laid under it. The broken base for Betsey (Weymouth) Jack was found buried under Andrew's stone. Parts of the fence were scattered around both inside and outside the cemetery. Many were broken and were located with a metal detector. The fence itself consisted of a cast iron upper and lower rails with square holes cut in them. The rails were inserted into two inch slots cut into the granite posts. Cast iron "spears" were inserted through the holes in the rails to constitute the vertical component of the fence.

There were many dead poplar trees inside the fence and some small fir trees. One healthy oak tree grew very close to the Walter Jack stone. The stump and roots of this tree had been partly responsible for the upheaval of the base of the Walter Jack stone. A hemlock tree about fifteen inches at the butt and a smaller fir tree were standing in the cemetery.

Restoration

The dead poplars and small firs were cut and removed. The healthy Oak was cut and removed. A large hemlock and a fir were left standing pending a decision on their removal. The stones were set up on rollers and cleaned. The bases were dug out and the broken base repaired with epoxy. Gravel was brought in and the bases were reset in gravel.