



# Town of Shaftsbury

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## Cemetery Department

### Superintendent's Report - October, 2025

#### **Burials:**

There was 1 burial since the September meeting.

#### **Lot Sales:**

I sold 1 grave since the September meeting. The sale was in Maple Hill in the back section by the stone wall.

#### **Revolutionary Marker Tour Update**

I have been receiving positive feedback from people taking the tour. This has been really nice.

I have updated the Revolutionary Soldier Tour markers in Center Cemetery. I noticed that a few of the slate markers are now missing and need to be replaced. In addition, I learned that the Historical Society has identified a few other soldiers who were not included in the original list provided to me, and they would like these names added. To accommodate this, I will need to re-number the tour markers and remake the map.

After giving this some thought, I developed a way to prevent the slate markers from becoming damaged by weed trimmers, mowing, or weather. My husband made small pieces of galvanized sheet metal, which I attached to the upper right-hand corner of each headstone. I then affixed small magnets to the back of each numbered slate piece. This worked great.

I will replace the missing markers for Bowen and Olin. I just ordered new ones, as I used all I had. Once I receive the war record of Prosper Wheeler and any others the Historical Society provides, I can add them to the tour and update the map for Center. From there, I can simply walk the cemetery and re-number the tour by moving the slate markers, which are easily adjusted thanks to the new magnetic backings. This will also make it easy to take them down for the winter months.

#### **Revolutionary Tour – Cemify Improvements**

I wanted to add the Revolutionary Web Tour to the Cemify burial pages of all of the soldiers in the tour. (Fig 1.) The only way the Cemify software was capable of doing this was to add a link. So I did this to each soldier. There are currently 45 of them. Then I tested them and it was great. I was happy and about to show the links to Carol Dziubek and the Committee. However, I quickly noticed that "all other burials not Revolutionary Soldiers" in Center Cemetery now had a broken link (Fig. 2) in the same location on their Cemify burial record that the public sees - this was not acceptable to me. So, I took out every link. I did some testing, and had a conversation with the owner of Cemify. He said he is aware of the issue and had been working on it. He is working on it as a future improvement and wants to fix that issue but does not have a resolution to the error in the system currently. No date when a fix will be available. I told him, I can work something out on my end, and I would be in touch. I said, I can fix this Jason. He is so great to work with.

Since, "a link would be viewable for all burials" I can control the link, and I can send it anywhere I desire. It is just data. Thinking ahead; there will be more tours added, the 1888 quilt tour, more soldiers, more types of tours, etc.. I can control where we send each id per url, per id per cemetery. So that is what I did. I exported each cemetery raw data as it was from Cemify, stripped out all data but the id, and link column. I coded the data per id and coded the id to the url where I wanted each burial record to go, separating the 45 soldiers to a different url.

I created 2 new web pages and some graphics for this project to make things work on our end.

1) The Revolutionary Web Tour soldiers are directed here: <https://shaftsburyvt.gov/rev-tour-choice.php>. On this page they can choose to take the web tour and/or print out a map of the tour. There is also a link to the page below about burials and Shaftsbury stone carvers.

2) All other Cemify burials web link is directed here: <https://shaftsburyvt.gov/departments/burials-in-vermont.php> On this page is an article I wrote about stone carvers (Collins) and some history of burials in Shaftsbury. It also gives links to The Revolutionary Web Tour and we can add future tours here too. All other Cemify site links are here also.

I prepared each data.csv file with the proper url codes for each burial in our cemeteries and sent it to Cemify for a mass import with just the id and url link to minimize the chance of data corruption on import. 0 errors reported on import. The owner was pleased with my solution, and he said he will share it with other clients who would like to achieve the same results to remove the broken link. He will still work on a solution to hide, unwanted links in the future. However, this is a smooth fix for a bug he cannot seem to fix right now.

When Carol Dziubek provides me with the "few missing pieces of information I requested" the 1888 Quilt Tour <https://shaftsburyvt.gov/1888quilt> is ready to go and will be added to this page: <https://shaftsburyvt.gov/rev-tour-choice.php> as a Tour Choice - And "all burials" "Quilt Signers" Cemify Burial Record Link: will be updated and it will point to: <https://shaftsburyvt.gov/1888quilt>

Fig. 1

**Center Cemetery**

CAPT ISAAC ANDRUS

The burial record to the left is how each Revolutionary soldier will appear. Having a link to a document about them and a link to the web tour.

**Burial**

**CAPT ISAAC ANDRUS**  
Section C / Lot 4 / Plot 36  
42.98365, -73.20645

**Basic Information**

Date of Birth: 1730  
Date of Death: 1824

**Burial Information**

Burial Date: 1824

**Other Information**

Is Veteran: ✓ Yes

**Related**

Tours/Videos/Information: [Revolutionary Web Tour](#)

**Documents**

rev-war-soldier-isaac-andrus.pdf

Fig. 3

**Center Cemetery**

SUSANNA DYER

Now all other burials in our cemify sites point to a page that people can read if they want to about the history of burials in shaftsbury, etc.

**Burial**

**SUSANNA DYER**  
Section C / Lot 10 / Plot 60  
42.98267, -73.20602

**Basic Information**

Date of Birth: 1761  
Date of Death: 1820

**Burial Information**

Burial Date: 1820

**Other Information**

Is Veteran: No

**Related**

Tours/Videos/Information: [View](#)

Fig. 2

**Grandview Cemetery**

ALLEN COONZ

Making the Revolutionary tour link made a dead link as you see below.

This was true for all other burials :(

I came up with a fix.

**Burial**

**ALLEN COONZ**  
Section 2 / Lot 3 / Plot 4  
42.93653, -73.24240

**Basic Information**

Date of Birth: 1883  
Date of Death: 1957

**Burial Information**

Burial Date: 1957

**Other Information**

Is Veteran: No

**Related**

Tours/Videos/Information: [Revolutionary Web Tour](#)

Fig. 4

Here is the "default" page that the Tours/Videos/Information link goes to. Notice on this page there is also a link to the Revolutionary Cemetery Tour. The same is true of the tour choice page:

<https://shaftsburyvt.gov/rev-tour-choice.php>

They can choose to see this page. This way users have the option to see everything and we have the option to always add more tours and information to those pages at anytime.

**Walking Tours**

[Revolutionary War Cemetery Tour](#)

[Burials in Vermont: A Story Written in Stone](#)

Vermont's cemeteries are more than quiet resting places - they're a story about the people who lived here and the times they lived in.

**Early Burials**

In the 1700s, the first settlers often buried their loved ones in small meetinghouses or crossroads. Stones were usually made of slate or with stern images like winged skulls that reminded visitors of life's brevity. Those grim faces softened into angels and willows, showing a shift in