

Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal

"While a Life Scout; plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to your religious institution, school, or community." The project idea must be approved by the Unit Leader and Unit Committee, and reviewed by the District Advancement Representative to make sure it meets expected standards, before the project is started.

CANDIDATE

Kevin Michael Johnson 15 Feb. 1972
Name _____ Birth Date _____
13464 Carapace Court Manassas
Street Address _____
VA 22111 703-791-4635 Post Office Troop 670
State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____ Unit Number _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

(If space is insufficient use separate sheet)
SEE ATTACHMENT

Who will benefit from this project: Prince William County, Presbyterian Church
What official from the group benefited has been contacted for guidance in planning the project?
Bill Kerchvall (7-202-237-3679) 1-202-244-4760
How many people will be recruited to carry out the project? Twenty

PROJECT CONCEPT APPROVALS

(These pre-approvals do not imply that the Progress Review will accept the way the project is carried out):

LETTER ATTACHED

Signature and title of official of benefiting group	Phone	Date
<u>Don R. Pugh</u>	<u>361-9825</u>	<u>12/14/89</u>
Signature of Scoutmaster, Coach, or Advisor	Phone	Date
<u>W Paul Kays</u>	<u>330-6799</u>	<u>12/6/89</u>
Signature of Troop, Team, or Post Committee Representative	Phone	Date
<u>Ray H. Daniel II</u>	<u>590-5766</u>	<u>1/14/90</u>
Signature of District Advancement Representative	Phone	Date

This project was discussed with Mrs. Janner
TGO Advancement Review, in late November 1989.



National Capital Area Council
Boy Scouts of America

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Service Projects

Star and Life Ranks. For Star and Life ranks, a Scout must perform 6 hours of service to others. This may be done as an individual project or as a member of a patrol or troop project. Star and Life service projects may be approved for Scouts assisting on Eagle service projects. The Scoutmaster approves the project before it is started.

Eagle Rank. To qualify for the Eagle service project, while a Life Scout, a boy must plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project to any religious institution, school, or community. These projects, of course, must conform to the wishes and regulations of those for whom the project is undertaken.

As a demonstration of leadership, the Scout must plan the work, organize the personnel needed, and direct the project to its completion.

Service to others is important. Work involving council property or other BSA activities is not acceptable for an Eagle service project. The service project also may not be performed for a business or be of a commercial nature or be a fundraiser.

Routine labor, a job or service normally rendered, should not be considered. An Eagle service project should be of significant magnitude to be special. Total amount of time involved must be considerable and should represent the candidate's best possible effort.

In order to ensure that the service project for Eagle is noteworthy, the Scout must secure the prior approval of his unit leader and unit committee. It must be reviewed and approved by the district or council advancement committee or their designees to make sure that it meets the stated standards for Eagle Scout service projects before the project is started. This preapproval of the project does not mean that the board of review will accept the way the project was carried out.

Upon completion of the project, a detailed report must be submitted with the Scout's Eagle application to include the following information:

- What was the project?
- How did it benefit others?
- Who from the group benefiting from the project gave guidance?

- Who helped carry out the project?
- What materials were used and how were they acquired?

Although the project idea must be approved before work is begun, the board of review must determine if the project was successfully carried out. Questions that must be answered are:

- Did the candidate demonstrate leadership of others?
- Did he indeed direct the project rather than do all of the work himself?
- Was the project of real value to the church, school, or community group?
- Who from the group benefiting from the project may be contacted to verify the value of the project?
- Did the project follow the plan or were modifications needed to bring it to its completion?

All the work on the project must be done while the candidate is a Life Scout and before the candidate's 18th birthday, unless a time extension has been allowed (see the section titled "Time Extensions," page 12).

The Eagle service project is an *individual* matter; therefore, two Eagle candidates may not receive credit for the same project.

The variety of good projects performed throughout the nation by Scouts earning their Eagle Award is staggering. Only those living in an area can determine the greatest value and need. Determine, therefore: Is the project big enough, appropriate, and worth doing? For ideas and opportunities, the Scout can consult people such as school administrators, religious leaders, local government department directors, or a United Way agency's personnel.

The district advancement committee also can be helpful by identifying possible projects.

—Advancement Guidelines
Of the Boy Scouts of America
1985 Edition, No. 3087A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As you plan and carry out your Eagle service project, use these pages to record your plans and progress. You may remove the staples and add additional pages as needed.

Planning

Describe the project you plan to do.

I'm planing to organize ~~and~~ lead the clean up of a cemetery dating from 1853 to 1903 , the cemetery is located on Aden road north of Nokesville. Presently from the road it looks like an over grown unkept field. Few even know a cemetery is there. After it is cleaned up the residents and travelers will be able to see a cemetery from the Civil War era they did not know was there. I think that this will benefit all of Prince William County.

I plan on completing this project in about two days with the help of twenty scouts, adults and friends. They will be needed to operate the saws, rakes, mowers, weed-eaters and wheelbarrels. I will have all the trash and debis bagged and removed.

This project will clean up an unslightly area and expose a cemetery to the local residents and the people of Prince William County. I will also contact people with the historical group that protects old gravesites.

I Am going to Record and mark all graves which were uncovered By my Eagle Project and make all the Records available to the Manassas Historical Society.

What group will it help?

Presbyterian Church National Office
Name of church, school, or community

Nokesville is location of the cemetery
Location

My project will be of benefit to the group because:

The concept was discussed with my unit leader on

September 19, 1989

Date

The project concept was approved by

Bill Kercheval

Name

Secretary and Treasurer.

Title

1-202-244-4760

Phone Number

of

National Capital Presbytery

Church, school, or community

2-Feb, 1990

Date

Approval was finally received after 4 months of extensive record searching and many, many contact hours with the County government offices. The attached letter stands as approval for this project. W Paul Evans Southeastern Troop 670. 2/13/90



NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY

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(202) 244-4760

February 14, 1990

Mr. Kevin Johnson
13484 Carapace Court
Manassas, Virginia 22111

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In behalf of National Capital Presbytery I want to express our sincere appreciation to you and Boy Scout Troop 670 of Manassas for the time and effort you have put into cleaning the "Whitehall Presbyterian Church" cemetery. You have made a contribution not only in assisting our church, but in improving the appearance of the community. It is my understanding that you also have located a number of heretofore uncharted burial sites.

Beyond my personal appreciation I must also commend you on your diligence in tracing the record of this cemetery. As I told your father through your efforts you have brought to our attention a property matter we did not know existed. Generally we secure the services of attorneys in these matters; I must commend you on the scope of your efforts and findings. I am impressed!

May I also take this opportunity to commend your father who contacted me on a number of occasions regarding this matter.

Again, Kevin, in behalf of this district level organization of the Presbyterian Church, the Greenwich Presbyterian Church serving that area, National Capital Presbytery, Inc. and I know members of the community, our sincere appreciation for all of your efforts and those of Troop 670.

With our best wishes to you, I am

Cordially,
NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY, INC.


William E. (Bill) Kercheval

SEAL

MY EAGLE PROJECT
KEVIN M. JOHNSON
13484 CARAPACE CRT.
MANASSAS, VA 22111

I. MY EAGLE PROJECT

My Eagle Project was to reclaim a cemetery, the Whitehall Cemetery, from the over growth. The cemetery was last used in 1904. The Whitehall Presbyterian Church, the original owners of the cemetery, was dissolved about that time. The first thing I had to do was find the owner, which became a project by itself and is covered latter. The project was suggested to me by my former Scoutmaster Mr. Olmstead, who help to get started in the location of the owners.

Several members of my troop, several friends, along with my family and myself (names I have listed at the end of this report), 18 in all, spent 4 days and over 170 hours working on reclaiming the cemetery from over growth. I also spent over 100 hours locating the owners, organizing the people, and arranging for the equipment. We hauled out two trailer, six pick-up, and two van loads of brush and trash. We used three weed-eaters, four bow saws, eight rakes, four shovels and a wheelbarrow.

I checked a book out of the Prince William County Library about old cemeteries in Prince William County. The Whitehall Cemetery was in it and had 23 known graves listed. We uncovered an additional 33 graves with stones. Many of the stones were laying down, six we were able to upright. A drawing was made of their location which I have included. I will also send a copy to the Manassas Historical Society and the National Capital Presbytery, who now have found another of their cemeteries.

II. THE WORK

On 27 and 28 December 1989 I and my work force started cleaning up the cemetery that had been left untouched for over 50 years, except for some cattle that had trampled the area and head stones. I spent my time directing the different work parties and getting supplies. I also provided a hot meal and hot drink to my crew. I have inclosed before, during, and after pictures.

On 27 of Dec 8 of us started the project of clearing away the over growth. We used weed-eaters, saws, rakes, and wheelbarrows. As the brush was cleared away it was piled up by the road. We found that the entire cemetery was covered with vines. There was also tall grass, small trees, and much brush. We started by cutting the vines and grass and racking them up. We spent 6 hours working this day form 11 - 5 P.M. It was cold.

On the 28 of Dec 13 of us want back to work on the cemetery. The first 8 continued to remove the over growth. The 5 new helpers started picking up trash and up-righting head stones. After about 4 hours of work we started loading vehicles with the brush and trash to be hauled to the land fill. Eight worker worked on the removal and the other five continued to pick up the area. We worked from 11 - 5 P.M., but were unable to remove all the brush. It was also cold.

On the 9 of Feb 1990, 9 of us went back to remover the rest of the brush. It took another 6 hours to remove it all. We worked from 11 - 5 P.M. again. We also repaired 06 stone markers. While my crew was finishing up I started mapping the cemetery. I drew the lay out of stones.

I returned home with my drawing and compared it with the drawing in the Whitehall cemetery from the book I still had. On the 12 of Feb 1990, I returned with my mother to the cemetery to compared the names from the book and add any new ones I could fined. A copy of the lay out of the cemetery is included. Many of the newly located graves had no names on them, just a head and foot stone.

III. WHO BENEFITTED

It is benefitting the people of Prince William County by allowing them to discover more of their history. My project helped the local area by giving this cemetery the dignity and the respect it should have. It helped the Manassas Historical Society by bringing their records up to date, and making them more accurate. My Eagle project also helped the National Capital Presbytery to find a lost cemetery.

IV. WHAT I LEARNED

My Eagle project helped me to learn how to organize a large undertaking. I had to find workers, equipment, and schedule a time when I could get them together. I had to find transportation for some and parking for others. I had to find a way to get rid of the brush and trash. I also had to find the land owners, a long process which you may read about next in this report. I had to buy food, get it prepared, and delivered (we had hot chilimac and hot chocolate), for the lunches I provided for the workers for first two of the days.

V. GETTING APPROVAL

The following is an account of how I found the owner and got approval for my Eagle Project:

In 1988 while a member of Troop 671 my Scoutmaster, Mr.

Olmstead, told me about a cemetery across the road from his land that was in bad shape. He suggested that I might clean it up for my Eagle Project. I thought it was a good project, but Troop 671 stopped having meetings in the fall of 1988.

I joined Troop 670 later that year. During the summer of 1989 I stated looking for the owner of the Cemetery. I went to the house next to the cemetery with Mr. Olmstead. I was told by Mr. Kidd, the person that lived there, that he did not own the land. Mr. Olmstead told me that a Mr. Hopkins owned the rest of the land around the cemetery.

Next I went to the Prince William County Courthouse to check land records. The land records seemed incomplete, but after several trips and with the help of different personal the clerks and I determined that the Greenwich Presbyterian Church probably owned the cemetery, but Mr. Hopkins might own the land that the cemetery was on. I talked to Mr. Hopkins and he told me that his deed said he owned 40 acres less the 1/2 acre for the cemetery. Mr. Hopkins also told me that the county had fenced it off from his land. I then contacted the Greenwich Presbyterian Church and they had me call their person in charge of cemeteries who told me the Church did not own that cemetery. I talked to the county again and was told that Mr. Hopkins' deed might read that way because cemeteries are not taxed. So I went to see Mr. Hopkins and he said, it had to still belong to the Presbyterian Church. I went to see the Pastor of Greenwich Presbyterian Church. The Pastor made some calls to older members who remembered a Presbyterian church being next to the cemetery, but they did not know the name of the church or who the ownership of the Cemetery went to. The Pastor called the person in charge of Greenwich Presbyterian Church's properties, who said he would research the land records and see if they did own it.

I called Prince William County (P. W. County) again and was given the Department that handles county land and told them about the research I had done and they told me they did not know if they owned it or who owned it, but because of the research I had done they, P. W. County, would give me permission to work on the cemetery and would research the ownership later. I was later told that Greenwich did not own the Cemetery.

I figured that if a church once owned the cemetery it should still belong to the denomination, so I called a Presbyterian Church to see if there was an organization over them or in charge of local churches and was give the number to the National Capital Presbytery in Washington D. C. I called them and was put in touch with a Mr. Kerchevall. After telling him all I had done to find the owner of the cemetery and what history I could find in the land records, he told me I had probably found a lost cemetery of theirs. Mr. Kerchevall gave me permission to work on the cemetery, because he said the Presbytery never gives away or gets rid of a cemetery. I did not know the name of the church so Mr. Kerchevall said he would do some research and get back to me.

I went back to the Hopkins' and talked to them. They told me the church was called Whitehall and Mrs. Hopkins called the local library to see if they had a book about P. W. Cemeteries. They did so she ask them if Whitehall was in the book. It was so she had the library hold the book for me. Now that I had verbal permission from all possible owners, the Presbytery, the County, and Mr. Hopkins, I started to get my project approved.

During the time I was trying to find the ownership of the cemetery I was discussing my project with Mr. Knaus, my Scoutmaster, and Mr. Presgrave, my Asst. Scoutmaster who I worked with the most. My dad and Mr Sanner, another Asst. Scoutmaster, talked to Mr. Heimel, the District Advancement Chairman about the project , who said it sounded like a good Eagle Project. After getting verbal approval I started the paper work.

I finally received written approval to work on the cemetery from the National Capital Presbytery in Washington D. C., which is included with my written Eagle Project approval from Mr. Heimel.

VI. MY HELPERS

The following is a list of People that helped me with my Eagle Project and the amount of time that each spent at the cemetery:

NAME	NR. HOURS	DATES WORKED
Bryant Presgrave (scout)	6.5	27 & 28 Dec
Jason Tremba (scout)	13.5	27 & 28 Dec
Jeff Loveless (scout)	12.0	27 & 28 Dec
Eric Cruz (scout)	18.0	27 & 28 Dec 09 Feb
Mr. Presgrave (scouter)	2.5	28 Dec
Mr. Cruz (scouter)	9.5	28 Dec 09 Feb
Willy Reynolds (scout)	5.0	28 Dec
Mrs. Tremba (friend)	7.0	27 & 28 Dec
Fred Coleman (historical society)	2.0	28 Dec
Jon Inglereston (friend)	6.5	28 Dec
Jason Knaus (scout)	6.0	09 Feb
Bill Knaus (scout)	6.0	09 Feb
Mr. Knaus (scout)	6.0	09 Feb
Mike Johnson (scouter)	20.0	27 & 28 Dec 09 Feb
Peral Johnson (mother)	18.0	27/28 Dec 09/12 Feb
Kevin Johnson (me)	23.0	27/28 Dec 09/12 Feb
Vicki Johnson (sister)	7.0	28 Dec
John Payne (friend)	2.0	09 Feb
TOTAL	171.0	

My total cost, not counting lost wages, was \$55.75 for food and drink and \$14.50 for gas and line for the weed-eaters. Everything else was donated.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER UPON CERTAIN PROPERTIES

BE IT KNOWN BY ALL INTERESTED PARTIES that Michael Johnson of 13484 Carapace Court, Manassas, Virginia is hereby authorized to entered upon and make certain limited alterations in the following described property; said authorization is granted by this officer of National Capital Presbytery, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation of the District of Columbia and in good standing and conducting business in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Maryland.

IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING of this officer that the property/properties herein affected are known as the cemetery of the Whitehall Presbyterian Church, existence ceased, and are registered in the County of Prince William of the Commonwealth of Virginia as being titled to the Greenwich Presbyterian Church of The Presbyterian Church (USA) of National Capital Presbytery, a district level organization of the aforementioned denomination.

BE IT KNOWN BY ALL INTERESTED PARTIES that the Book of Order of The Presbyterian Church (USA) provides for certain rights of authority in matters of property, among them being given to National Capital Presbytery, Inc. of National Capital Presbytery of which Greenwich Presbyterian Church is a member in good standing, to assume jurisdiction in matters such as contained herein.

THEREFORE, BY SUCH AUTHORITY Michael Johnson is granted the authority to enter upon the aforementioned property, to allow others to enter upon the aforementioned property, to make such changes in the surface of the property as to cause the brush, trees, grass and other natural growth to be altered, to correct the position of any markers of burial located upon the property, to remove from the property any excess natural growth and debris of his determination as excessive, to add to the natural growth other live items of natural growth for the edification of the property, to correct and repair any interior or perimeter fences which presently may exist upon or around the property, and to conduct such other acts of alteration which may lead or contribute to restoration of said property.

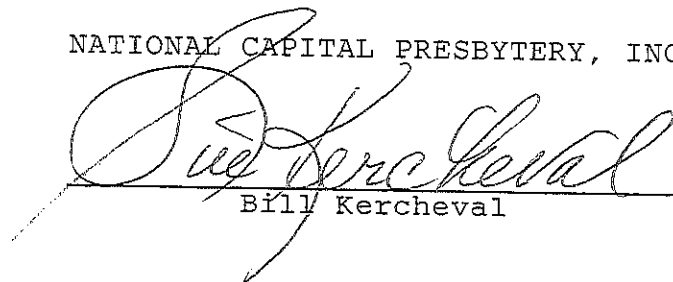
THIS AUTHORITY SHALL BE LIMITED to a time period commencing on 1 December 1989 and ending upon 31 May 1990; no authority is herein granted to change, alter, remove or add to any sites of burial below the surface of the ground, nor to remove or add to objects commonly known as markers or head stones, nor to convey or receive title to the aforementioned property, either in whole or part.

UPON ENTERING UPON THE PROPERTY for the first time, Michael Johnson assumes all liability for both himself personally and any others he may authorize to enter upon the property, such liability may be shared in whole or part with others upon the discretion of Michael Johnson, exclusive of National Capital Presbytery, National Capital Presbytery, Inc., Greenwich Presbyterian Church and other entities of The Presbyterian Church (USA); Michael Johnson does in deed and fact, upon first entering upon the aforementioned property, absolve all entities of The Presbyterian Church (USA) herein indicated, from such liability past, present and future.

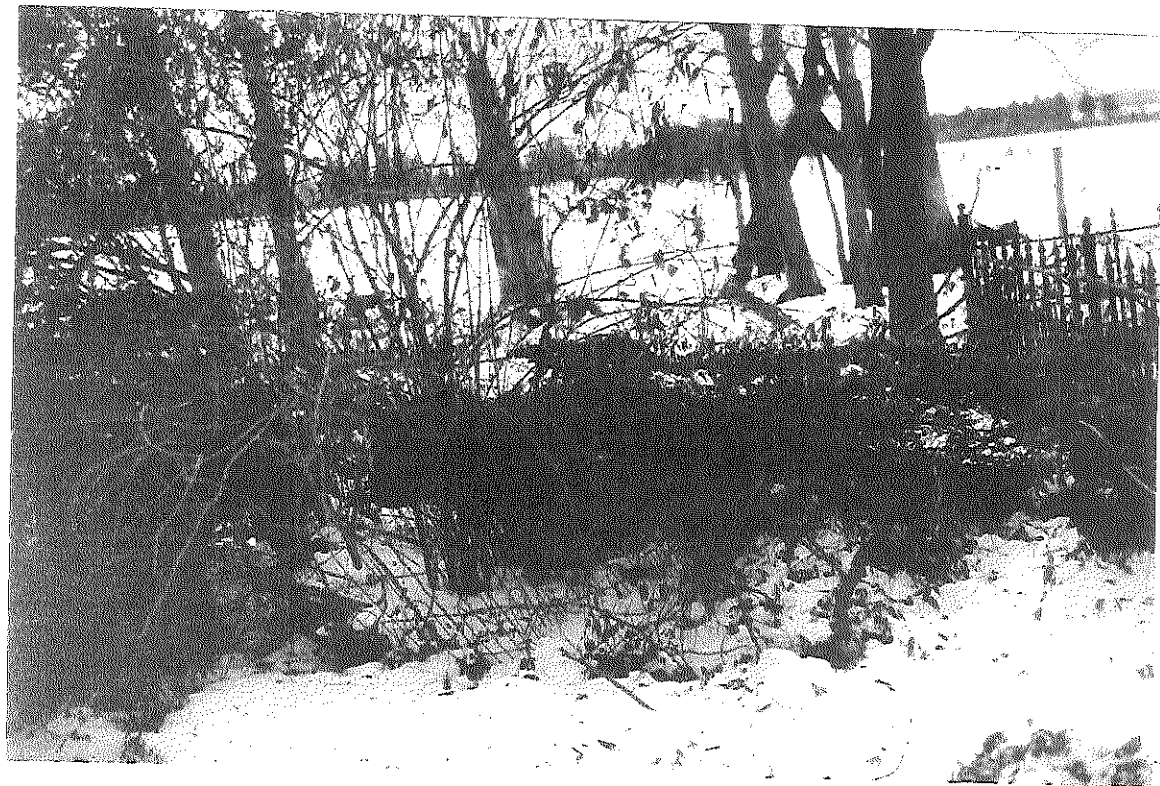
NOTE MY HAND AND SEAL upon this authorization, this the Second Day of February, 1990, I WILLIAM E. (BILL) KERCHEVAL, being the Recording Secretary and Treasurer, an officer and the registered agent in the Commonwealth of Virginia, of National Capital Presbytery, Inc.

SEAL

NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY, INC.


Bill Kercheval





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LISTING OF GRAVESITES

The following is a listing of each gravesite found and the markings found on each.

1. R.J.E.
2. E.B.E.
3. none
4. none
5. none
6. Bessie/ infant daughter of/ G.N. & Lizzie L. West/ Died March 29th, 1873/ Aged 9 months 22 days (18)
7. Our darlings/ Willie & Alice/ children of C.T. & Elizabeth Stewart (17)
8. W. & A. (headstones or footstones to the large stone no.7.)
9. G.C.K. (22) (Maybe Godfrey Kline, departed 22 Feb, 1832 aged 52)
10. E.F. Woolverton/ Born Oct. '6, 1856/ Died Nov. 2, 1859 (23)
- 10a. E.F.W.
11. M.E. Woolverton/ Born June 4, 1848/ Died March 26, 1854
- 11a. M.E.W.
12. none
13. none
14. J.D.
15. none
16. none
17. none
18. none
19. none
20. none

21. none
22. none
23. none
24. none
25. In memory of/ Stephen E. Wilk/ Born (remainder illegible)
25a. S.E.W. (19)
26. none
27. none
28. none
29. none
30. Number skipped in mapping
31. Our mother/ Sarah L./ daughter of/ J.& C. Warner/ and wife of
Ira G. Underwood/ Born September 8, 1840/ Died May 24, 1881
(10)
32. In memory of/ Annis Maria/wife of/ L.D.Day/ Born/ Sept 12,
1849/ Died / Apr 24, 1881 / She has gone home.
33. Warner K./ Son of/ I.C. & S.L. Underwood/ Born/ Sept 12,
1872/ Died/ Aug 5, 1876/ God took thee in his mercy/ A lamb
untasked untried
34. Annie K. Sage/ Born/ May 6, 1812/ Died/ Feb 25, 1879/ At
Rest/ C.W. Smith/Warrenton, VA
35. Top of stone missing
36. In Memory of/ Hattie B. Loder/ Daughter of David and/ Mary
E. Burdge/ Died Nov. 21, 1870/ Aged 26(?) years/ C.L. Neale/
Alex. VA (7)
37. Mary E./ Wife of/ David Burdge/ Born/ Aug 12, _____/ Died
_____ (6)
38. Illegible
39. W.K.Stewart (3)
39a. W.K.S. (3a)
40. Clara V./ Daughter of/ W.R.& L.V. Free/ Died/ July 24, 1884/
Aged/ 24 years 4 mos. and 7 das. (4)
41. (This stone was stated missing) In Memory of Rebecca C./
_____/ Died Aug 24, 1868, Age 36 years. Blessed are

they who _____ in the Lord.

41a. R.C.H.

42. "Gone Home"/ Mary A. Patten/ Wife of Jacob A. Studda/
Daughter of John & _____/ Patten/ Died 1871/ in her 19th
year/ To grieve for her it is in vain/ to call me to your
sights again

42a. none

43. Horace Smoot/ son of/ Wm.H. & Virginia Perry/ Born April 7
1875/ Died May 19, 1903/ The one we loved so/ dearly has
passed on

43a. none

44. F.S.R.O.

(The next six have an ornamental iron fence around)

45. Adalaide Smith/ Daughter of/ C.W. & Mary C/ Hazen/ Born
Jan 14, 1871/ Died Sept 25 1904/

46. In memory of/ Elizabeth S./ Wife of Rev. L.H. Hazen/ Died
Sept 5, 1863/ Aged 67 years

47. Rev. Levi H. Hazen/ Died _____, 1862 The rest illegible

48. Mary Colvin/ Wife of/ Charles Wesley Hazen/ Born Dec 27,
1842/ Died _____, 1904/ _____ of this world

48a. M.A.H.

49. In fond remembrance of/ Charles W. Hazen/ Born July 12,
1828/ Died Sept __, 1898 (remainder illegible)

50. Sacred to the memory of/ Elizabeth/ Beloved wife of/ _____
Stewart/ _____ 1858 (remainder illegible)

50a. E.S.

51. red stone









