

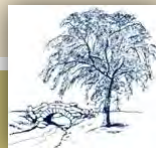
Whipple-Beal Fence Restoration

Final report to Newton Community Preservation Committee

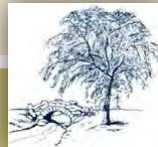


Newton Cemetery
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Condition Before Restoration



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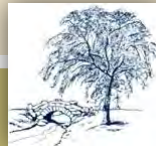
Condition Before Restoration

- Fence was held up with 2x4's
- Posts were attached to 2x4's with wire
- Fence was not plumb
- Several posts severely twisted



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Most of the paint was gone, the iron was extremely corroded and rusted, and there was biological growth

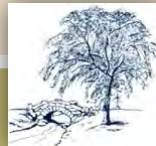


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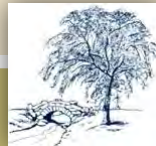
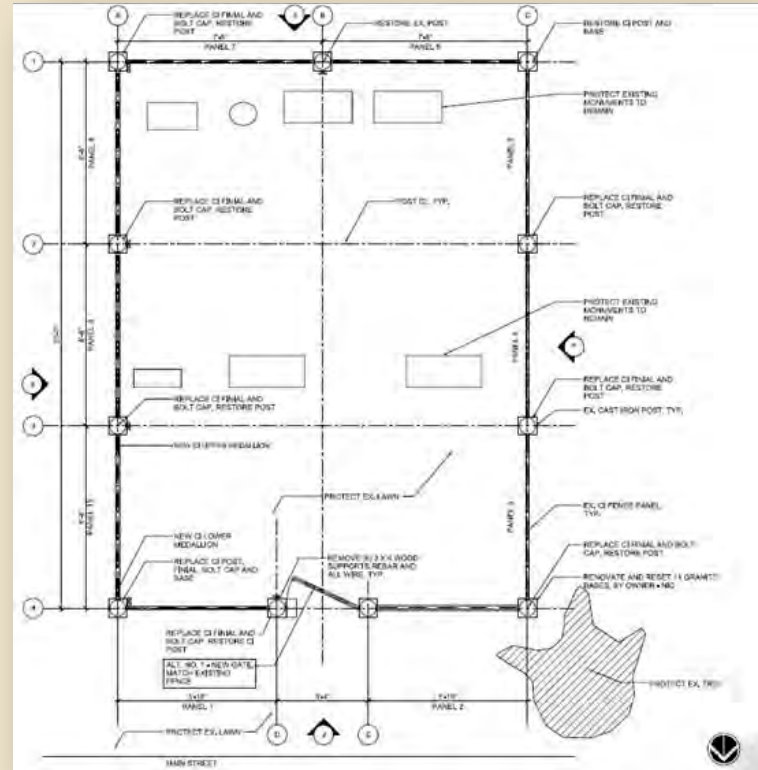
Numerous pieces were missing



Foundation, attachments were corroded



Planning & Design



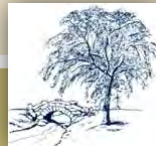
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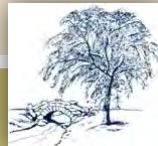
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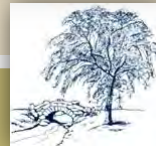


Work at Henry Perkins Foundry

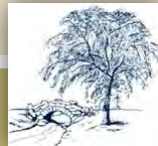


Reassembling the Fence at Newton Cemetery

April 19, 2019



Restored Fence



Interpretive Sign



Whipple - Beal Fence

Popular during the Victorian era, cast iron fences surrounding family lots were seen as an important part of the garden cemetery aesthetic. This fence, with its repeating weeping willow and lamb motifs, suggests mourning and the loss of a young person. The Whipple Beal fence surrounds the family lot that contains the first burial (1856) at Newton Cemetery, that of infant Jesse Annie Whipple.

While the landscape at one time would have been dotted with fences like this, by 1877 the Trustees of Newton Cemetery were happy to report that there were only 27 fences left, though "we wish we could report that there was not one." As such the fact that the Whipple-Beal fence has remained in place for over 150 years makes it a truly important historical feature at Newton Cemetery.

Restoration work done on this fence was funded in part by the citizens of Newton through the Community Preservation Act, the Beal Family, the Friends of Newton Cemetery and private donations.



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Rededication Ceremony

June 2, 2019



Eliot Beal, great great Grandson to the lot owner, speaks



Mayor Ruthanne Fuller with members of the Whipple Beal family

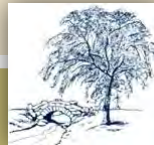


Katy Hax Holmes talks about the historic significance of the fence



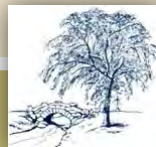
Ceremony attendees

Gazing upon Jessie Annie Whipple's headstone



Budget Summary

Original CPA appropriation	\$60,000
Design & Specifications	\$4,460
Restoration	\$53,740
Overall Project Cost	\$58,200
Unspent CPA funds	\$1,800



Whipple-Beal Fence Restoration

