

TOWN OF EDGARTOWN  
Community Preservation Committee  
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APPLICATION AND APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM

AMOUNT REQUESTED \$5,000

PURPOSE: Historical Preservation.

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SUMMARY OF PROJECT:

DESCRIBE PROJECT: (Attach maps and any descriptive material.)

Edgartown has two remarkable, historical graveyards: Old Town Cemetery and the older section of Westside. These gravestones represent a window into the island's past and are visited by both islanders and tourists. They recall the work of island missionaries, those who died fighting for their country, the adventures of island sailors and whalers and remarkable love affairs.

Unfortunately, time, weather, moss and other plants, and modern pollution are taking a rapid and constant toll on these historical artifacts. Some have, in fact, become unreadable in the fifteen years I have been doing graveyard tours.

Preservation of gravestones is a complex subject. People, who are not trained in working with gravestones, all too often end up doing more damage than good in their attempts to repair damaged gravestones. A first step towards preserving these fragile artifacts would be to bring an expert in preservation to the island to give us a written evaluation of what should be done and how much it would cost to do it.

I will be making similar applications to Tisbury and West Tisbury. I am asking each Town to provide \$5,000 in funds to support the project for a total of \$15,000. I will have a detailed budget and the names of possible preservation experts by the end of October.

LIST OF SPONSORS: Vineyard History Tours.

SUPPORTING TOWN COMMITTEE: Edgartown Conservation Commission

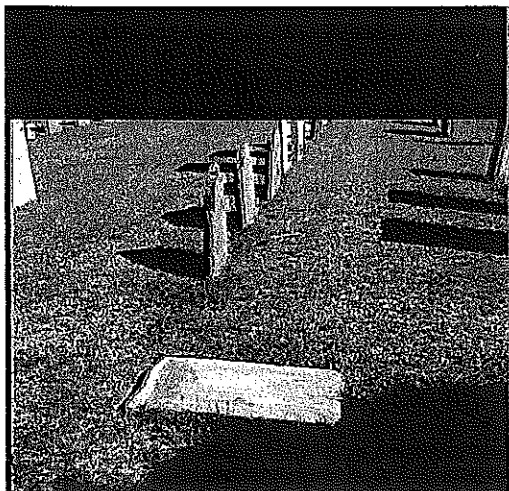
SUBMITTER or PROJECT DIRECTOR:

NAME: Elizabeth Villard

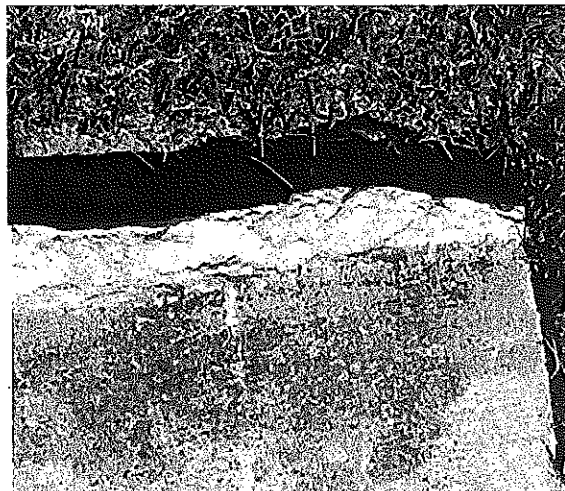
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EXAMPLES OF GRAVESTONES THAT NEED RESTORATION:



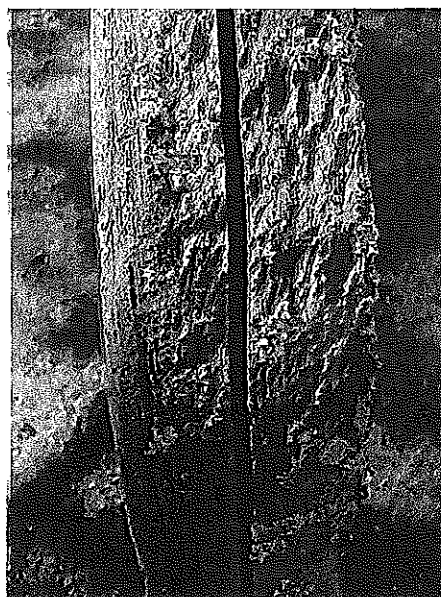
Broken off gravestone.



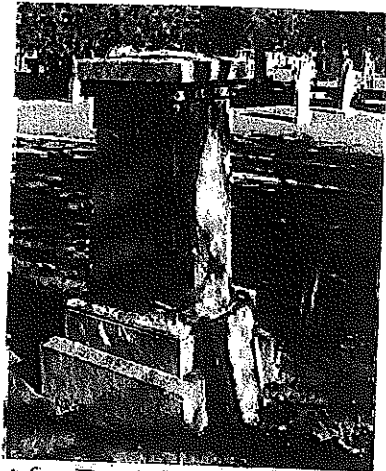
Close up of previous attempt to glue gravestone back together.



Pair of gravestones. Top section of right hand one has broken off and is now missing.



Slate gravestone which is splitting half. Front is unreadable due to flaking.



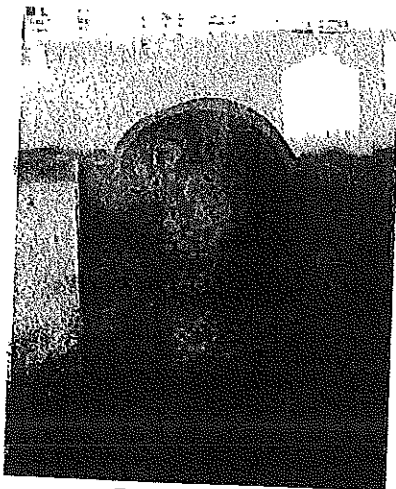
Monument for Daniel Vincent Family  
with child's gravestone leaning against it.



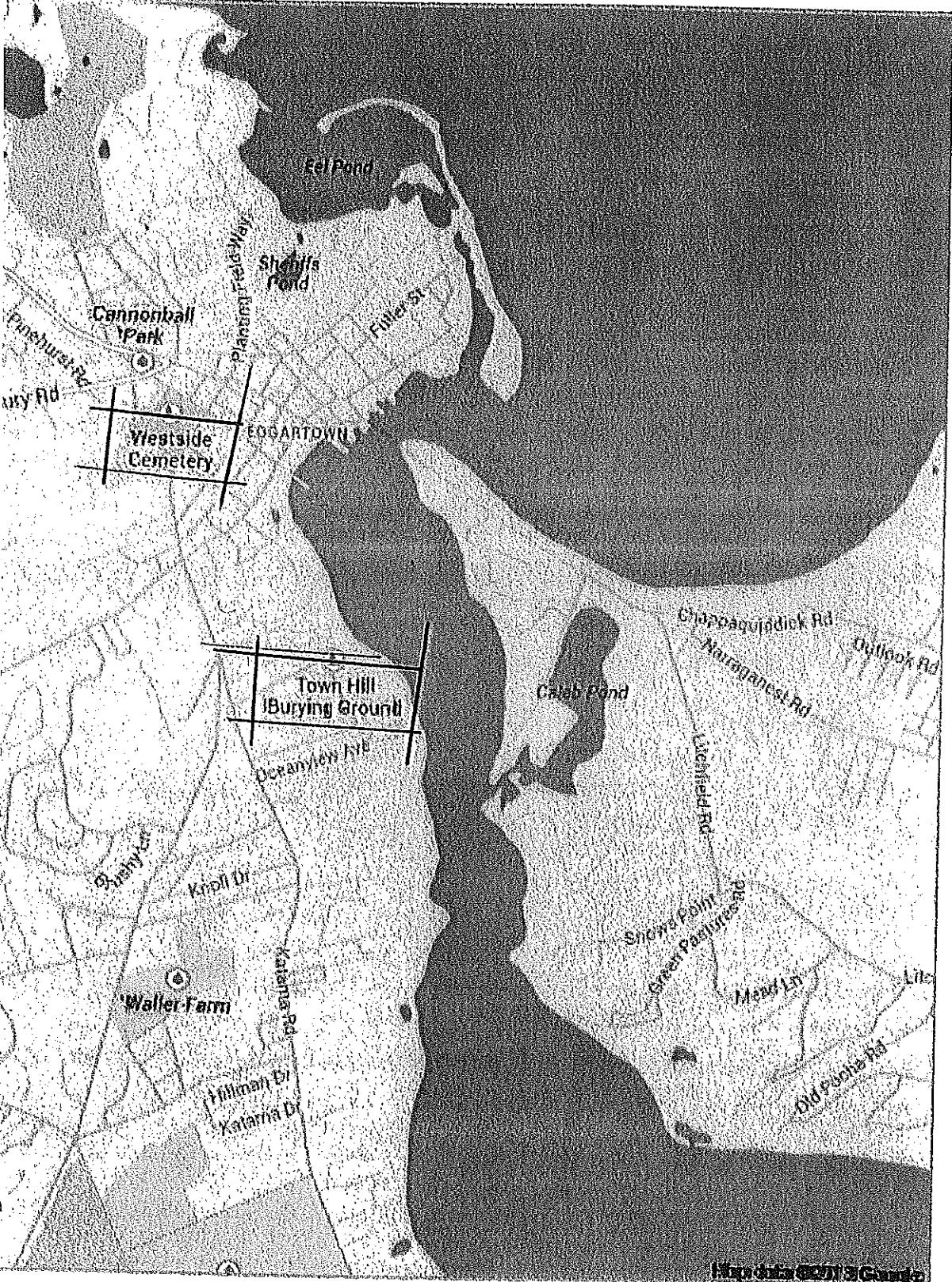
Child's gravestone before it broke off.



Tipping gravestones which will probably break in the near future



Lichen covered tombstones that are difficult or impossible to read.



Eel Pond

Sheliff's Pond

Cannonball Park

Westside Cemetery

Town Hill Burying Ground

Waller Farm

Caleb Pond

Shore Point Green Pastures

Planter's Field Way  
Cannonball Rd  
Pinehurst Rd  
Willy Rd

EDGARTOWN

Fuller St

Oceanview Ave

Quincy St

Knap Dr

Katama Rd

Hillman Dr  
Katama Dr

Chappaquodick Rd

Narragansett Rd

Outlook Rd

Lienfield Rd

Mead Ln

Old Pocha Rd

Lite

**Possible Experts:**

Fannin-Lehlan Preservation Consultants  
James and Minnie Fannin  
978-369-6703

[Dentils@aol.com](mailto:Dentils@aol.com)

(I have emailed them, but I have not heard back from them.)

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New Salem, MA 01355  
978-575-1034

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(I emailed her and she is responded that she is interested in helping. She has done this kind of proposal before.)

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(Person doing work in Chilmark)

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508-696-4220

No Cemetery Commission

Chilmark

John O. Flender

Commissioner

508-645-2526

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