1. Location
   a) Name/Names of cemetery: Messer Cemetery
   b) Specific Location: Messer Hill Road off Rt. 114; near intersection Georges Mills Rd.
   c) Property owned by:
   d) USGS Topographic Map: Quadrangle
      1) Cemetery coordinates: Latitude ___ Longitude ___
      2) Cemetery number on map ___

2. Classification
   a) Public ___
   b) Private Family X Other, explain: Perpetual Care
   c) Status: Abandoned ___ Maintained, but not used X Currently being used ___
   d) Size: Approximate number of graves: 14 Approximate size of cemetery ___

3. Accessibility to Public: 111 feet X 98 feet ___
   a) Unrestricted X b) Restricted, explain

4. Condition
   a) Well maintained and preserved X ___
   b) Poorly maintained ___
   c) Overgrown, easily identifiable ___
   d) Overgrown, not easily identifiable ___
   e) Not identifiable as a burial site, but known to exist through tradition or other means. Explain

5. Cemetery Enclosure
   a) Is the cemetery enclosed by a wall, fence, hedge, etc? Yes
      If yes, specify how it is enclosed: Granite blocks and stone wall and gate
   b) State condition of wall, fence, hedge, etc. good
6. Tombstones or Markers
   a) Are stone or markers present? Yes ______
   b) Are they inscribed? Yes ______
   c) Number of readable stones or markers 10 ______
   d) Date of last known burial 1920 ______
   e) Date of earliest known burial 1820 ______
   f) Are there unusual stones? 4 ______
      Describe them: Two are similar to the chapel style stone in Davis cemetery. Two old slate stones w/ beautiful designs ______
   g) Have markers been damaged? 6 ______
      If yes, by farm animals? Vandalism? farming operations? Industrial operations? Custodial care ______
      Other means? ______
      Explain: A few nicks/chips & evidence of repair ______

7. Note any hazards imperiling the cemetery's existence ______

8. Has the cemetery been listed in an existing published or unpublished cemetery survey? Yes ______
   If yes, explain ______

9. Historical or other special significance of cemetery, if any ______
   There are two beautiful slate stones. The foot stones with initials are also interesting ______

10. Any other information ______

11. Materials of which markers are made. Approximate number of markers of each material. 2 Slate; 3 Marble; Schist; Sandstone; Fieldstone; Others 3 ______
    Material that look like granite ______
    Granite (two are polished) ______

12. Decorative Carving on the markers. Approximate number of stones with these motifs: ______
    skulls; ______ Faces; ______ Urns and/or willows; ______ others ______
    1 slate with design similar to the tree of life ______

13. Names of stone carvers whose work is in the cemetery when known: ______
    Two ornate chapel style probably done by Palmer ______ whose name was discovered at Davis cemetery ______

Canvassar: Dorothy Eldeen and Patricia Caswell ______

Date: 8-29-1996 ______

Organization: Springfield Historical Society ______

Address: Box 6, Springfield, NH 03284 ______
Match numbers to the information sheet on each.
SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVENTORY OF MARKERS

Cemetery: Messer Cemetery
Location: Messer Hill Rd. Springfield, NH
Date of record: 8-29-1996
Cataloguer: Dorothy Eldeen and Patricia Caswell
Marker #: from grid
Photo Negative #

Marker type: 1. Head X 2. Foot 3. Table 4. Tomb 5. Other
Sandstone w/marble insert 6. Granite X 7. Other
9. Other: Inserts on front & side; not sure of material

Carver: ________________________________


Comment: It is an obelisk.

4. Traces 5. Illegible or destroyed 6. Underground

Comment: ________________________________

Dimensions: Height 7'2" Width 1"9" Thickness 1'9"

Direction marker faces: N S E W NE NW SW

Inscription: Phineas Messer (Front of Stone) (side) Lois
Died M———8, 1851 AE64 Wife of Phineas
Died Feb. 22, 1870
Epitaph: AE 82 yr. 11mo. 11 da.

Cataloguer's remarks: Notice different spellings of Phineas
Messer Cemetery

Date of record: 10-9-96
Cataloguer: Dorothy Edson & Patricia Aswell

Marker type: 1. Head ✓ 2. Foot 3. Table 4. Tomb 5. Other
Sandstone w/ marble insert 6. Granite ✓ 7. Other
9. Other


Comment: 

4. Traces 5. Illegible or destroyed 6. Underground

Comment: 

Dimensions: Height 3' 4" Width 9" Thickness 4" Comment

Direction marker faces: N S E W NE NW SW

Inscription: MARY C. [daughter of] Phinehas & Lois Messer
Born Feb. 23, 1825 Died Oct. 18, 1855

Epitaph: 

Cataloguer's remarks: and foot stone M.C.M.

— let us — dear
for sister early called away
— fails us — you blissful spirit
Together — eternal day.
MARY C.
Daughter of
Phinehas & Eunice
MESSER
Born
FEB. 23, 1826,
Died
OCT. 18, 1855.
Cemetery: Messer Cemetery
Location: Messer Hill Rd, Springfield, N.Y.
Date of record: 10-9-96
Cataloguer: Dorothy Eldeen + Patricia Coswell
Marker # from grid: 
Photo Negative #: 
Marker type: 1. Head ✓ 2. Foot 3. Table 4. Tomb 5. Other
Sandstone w/ marble insert 5. Granite ✓ 6. Other
9. Other Ivy & lily Chapel shaped
Carver: 
Comment: 
4. Traces 5. Illegible or destroyed 6. Underground
Comment: 
Dimensions: Height 3' 6" Width 2' 3¼" Thickness 8
Comment: 
Direction marker faces: N S E W NE NW ✓ SW
Inscription: JACOB MESSER / Died / April 16, 1894.
Aged 73 yrs.
FATHER
Epitaph: None

Cataloguer's remarks: resembles stones at Davis Cemetery
JACOB MESSER
DIED
APRIL 16, 1894
AGED 73 YRS.

FATHER
Cemetery: Messer Cemetery
Location: Messer Hill Rd, Springfield N.H.
Date of record: 10-9-96
Cataloguer: Dorothy Elder + Patricia Caswell
Marker #: from grid
Photo Negative #

Marker type: 1. Head 2. Foot 3. Table 4. Tomb 5. Other
Sandstone w/ marble insert 6. Granite 7. Other
9. Other IVY & LILY CHAPEL SHAPED

Carver:


Comment:

4. Traces 5. Illegible or destroyed 6. Underground

Comment:

Dimensions: Height 3'6" Width 2'3/4" Thickness 8" Comment

Direction marker faces: N S E W NE NW SW

Inscription: MARY E.W. BURPEE

WILL OF JACOB MESSER
DIED JAN. 8, 1892, AGED 66 YRS./MOTHER

Epitaph:

Cataloguer's remarks: resembles stones at Davis Cemetery

See design drawn at bottom of Jacob Messer sheet.
MARY E. W. BURPEE
WIFE OF
JACOB MESSER
DIED JAN. 8, 1892
AGED 66 YRS.

MESSER
DIED
JAN. 16, 1894
73 YRS.
SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVENTORY OF MARKERS

Cemetery: Messer Cemetery  Location: Messer Hill Rd, Springfield, N.H.

Date of record: 10-9-96

Cataloguer: Dorothy Elleen + Patricia Caswell

Marker #: from grid: 

Photo Negative #: 

Marker type: 1. Head 2. Foot 3. Table 4. Tomb 5. Other


Sandalone w/ marble insert 6. Granite 7. Other


9. Other: see below

Carver:


Comment: Front is good


4. Traces 5. Illegible or destroyed 6. Underground

Comment: Good

Dimensions: Height 4'-10" Width 2'-14" Thickness 1'-1/2"

Comment:

Direction marker faces: N  S  E  W  NE  NW  SW


JOHN died June 20, 1831.

Epitaph: AE 17 years 4 months

My children, dear, I bid a dir\ud2026

I feel to mourn the loss of you

Cataloguer's remarks:

Back of stone is flaked

Footstone for John Th, N.

Corner of stone

Carving more ornate than drawing.
SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVENTORY OF MARKERS

Cemetery: Messer Cemetery  Location: Messer Hill Rd, Springfield, N.H.
Date of record: 10-9-96
Cataloguer: Dorothy Eldeen & Patricia Osseau
Marker # from grid: 
Photo Negative #: 

Marker type: 1. Head✓ 2. Foot  3. Table  4. Tomb  5. Other
Sandstone w/ marble insert  6. Granite  7. Other
9. Other Willow

Carver: 


Comment: Willow tree geometric design at bottom
4. Traces  5. Illegible or destroyed  6. Underground

Comment: Good

Dimensions: Height 4'1/2" Width 1' 6" Thickness 1-1/4" Comment

Direction marker faces: N S E W NE NW SW

Inscription: Anthony son of Phineas & Lucy Messer died
Dec 16th 1831. AE 16 years 1857

Epitaph: There is a Land of Pure Delight where
Anthony has Gone.

Cataloguer's remarks: 
Cemetery: Messer Cemetery  
Date of record: 10-9-96  
Cataloguer: Dorothy Eldeen + Patricia Caswell  
Marker #:  
Photo Negative #:  
Marker type: 1. Head  
2. Foot  
3. Table  
4. Tomb  
5. Other  
Material: 1. Slate  
2. Slate w/pyrites  
3. Sandstone  
4. Marble  
5. Sandstone w/ marble insert  
6. Granite  
7. Other  
Tomb Supports: 1. Stone and mortar  
2. Brick  
3. Panel  
4. Not Visible  
Carved motif: 1. Winged Skull  
2. Back  
3. Top  
4. Side panels  
5. Lettering only  
6. Hourglass  
7. Rosettes  
8. Border  
9. Other  
Carver:  
Condition of marker: 1. Sound  
2. Chipped  
3. Cracked  
4. Crumbled  
5. Eroded  
6. Broken  
7. Tilted  
8. Sunken  
9. Insert missing  
10. Panel fallen/broken, missing  
11. Discolored/stained  
12. Moss/lichen  
13. Other  
Comment:  
Condition of inscription: 1. Mint  
2. Clear but worn  
3. Mostly decipherable  
4. Traces  
5. Illegible or destroyed  
6. Underground  
Comment:  
Dimensions: Height: 2'6"  
Width: 1'3"  
Thickness: 1'3/4"  
Comment:  
Direction marker faces: N  
S  
E  
W  
NE  
SW  
Inscription:  
MELVIN J., son of Phinehas W. Mary Ann Messer Jr.  
died Apr 7(3) 1848, aet. 5 yrs. & 5 mos. 16 days  
Epitaph:  
The rose has bloomed beneath the storm  
The grave conceals the graceful form;  
While tears of love fall on the tomb  
Cataloguer's remarks:  

foot stones
SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVENTORY OF MARKERS

Cemetery: Messer Cemetery
Location: Messer Hill Rd, Springfield, NH

Date of record: 10-9-96
Cataloguer: Dorothy Eldeen + Patricia Caswell
Marker # from grid: 
Photo Negative #: 

Marker type: 1. Head 
2. Foot 
3. Table 
4. Tomb 
5. Other 

Material: 1. Slate
2. Slate w/pyrites
3. Sandstone
4. Marble
5. Sandstone w/ marble insert
6. Granite
7. Other


9. Other: none

Carver: Moore, Newport


Comment: 

4. Traces 5. Illegible or destroyed 6. Underground

Comment: 

Dimensions: Height: 2'7" Width: 1'4½" Thickness: 2½" Comment

Direction marker faces: N S E W NE NW SW

Inscription: ERVIN P / SON OF PHINEHAS & MARY ANN / MESSER, JR. / DIED / OCT. 3, 1856, AGE 5 yrs. 3 mos.

Epitaph: May this cherished flower not fade, blow to his opening beauties, scarcely known
was severed from his earthly stem

Cataloguer's remarks: To add an angel's diadem
Ervin P.
Son of
Phinaiah & Mary Ann
Messr H. Jr.
Died
Oct 3, 1856
Ag 5 Y Rs 3 mos 10 ds.

This little bud of flower not fully grown By loving hands was Severely torn Was buried from sight with full intent To rise again in God's time.
SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVENTORY OF MARKERS

Cemetery: Messer Cemetery Location: Messer Hill Rd, Springfield, NH

Date of record: 10-9-96

Cataloguer: Dorothy Elden + Patricia Coswell

Marker #: from grid

Photo Negative #

Marker type: 1. Head / 2. Foot / 3. Table / 4. Tomb / 5. Other


Carver:


Comment:


Comment:

Dimensions: Height 3'9" Width 2'1" Thickness 9" Comment

Direction marker faces: N SE E W NE NW SW

Inscription: SYLVESTER BOWMAN MESSER / son of

P. & M.A. MESSER / DIED 47 / COLORADO SPRINGS

DEC. 1ST. 1887 / AGED 34 yrs. 1 m. 7 ds.

Epitaph: None

Cataloguer's remarks:
Cemetery: Messer Cemetery  Location: Messer Hill Rd, Springfield, N.Y.
Date of record: 10-9-96
Cataloguer: Dorothy E. Oen & Patricia Caswell
Marker # from grid: 
Photo Negative #: 
Marker type: 1. Head 2. Foot 3. Table 4. Tomb 5. Other
Carver: 
Comment: 
Comment: 
Dimensions: Height 3' 9" Width 2' 1" Thickness 9" Comment: 
Direction marker faces: N S E W NE NW SW
Inscription: MARY ANN BOWMAN /WIFE OF/ PHINEAS MESSER /DIED OCT. 11, 1897./ AGED 80 YRS. 9 MS. /15 DS.
Epitaph: 
CHIN ON BACK
Cataloguer’s remarks: 
SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVENTORY OF MARKERS

Cemetery: Messer Cemetery Location: Messer Hill Rd, Springfield, VT.

Date of record: 10-9-96

Cataloguer: Dorothy Eikten + Patricia Caswell

Marker # from grid:

Photo Negative #:

Marker type: 1. Head 2. Foot 3. Table 4. Tomb 5. Other


Sandstone w/ marble insert 6. Granite 7. Other


9. Other: None

Carver:


4. Traces 5. Illegible or destroyed 6. Underground

Comment:

Comment:

Dimensions: Height 3'9" Width 2'1" Thickness 9" Comment:

Direction marker faces: N S E W NE NW SW

Inscription: PHINEAS MESSER / DIED NOV. 18, 1902 /

AGED 86, yrs. 3, ms

Epitaph:

Cataloguer's remarks:
Rhineas Messer
Died
Nov. 18, 1902
Aged 86 yrs. 3 mos.
SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVENTORY OF MARKERS

Cemetery: Messer Cemetery  Location: Messer Hill Rd, Springfield, N.H.
Date of record: 10-9-96
Cataloguer: Dorothy Elden + Patricia Caswell
Marker # from grid: 
Photo Negative #: 

Marker type: 1. Head [ ] 2. Foot [ ] 3. Table [ ] 4. Tomb [ ] 5. Other [ ]
Material: Slate [ ] 2. Slate w/pyrites [ ] 3. Sandstone [ ] 4. Marble [ ]
Sandstone w/ marble insert [ ] 6. Granite [ ] 7. Other [ ]
9. Other: Raised MESSER AT BOTTOM

Carver: 
9. Insert missing [ ] 10. Panel fallen/broken, missing [ ]

Comment: 
Condition of inscription: 1. Mint [ ] 2. Clear but worn [ ] 3. Mostly decipherable [ ]
4. Traces [ ] 5. Illegible or destroyed [ ] 6. Underground [ ]
Comment: 

Dimensions: Height: 4' 5 1/2" Width: 3' 8 1/2" Thickness: 1' 6 1/4"
Comment: 
Direction marker faces: N [ ] S [ ] E [ ] W [ ] NE [ ] NW [ ] SW [ ]

Inscription: CHARLES C. MESSER, M.D.

1853-1920

son of Phineas & Mary A. Messer
Epitaph:

Cataloguer's remarks: Old English M at top of stone

@ front corner stones

CCM
SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVENTORY OF MARKERS

Cemetery: Messer Cemetery  Location: Messer Hill Rd, Springfield, N.Y.
Date of record: 10-9-96
Cataloguer: Dorothy Elton & Patricia Caswell
Marker # from grid: 
Photo Negative #: 

Marker type: 1. Head  2. Foot  3. Table  4. Tomb  5. Other  
Sandstone w/ marble insert  6. Granite  7. Other  
9. Other: Raised MESSER AT BOTTOM 

Carver: 


Comment: 

4. Traces  5. Illegible or destroyed  6. Underground  

Comment: 

Dimensions: Height 4' 5 1/2" Width 3' 8 1/2" Thickness 1 1/8" Comment 

Direction marker faces: N  S  E  W  NE  NW  SW 

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1853-1920 
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Epitaph: 

Cataloguer's remarks: Old English M at top of stone 

front corner stones 
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