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COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

TO: NEW YORK STATE CEMETERY BOARD
FROM: MICHAEL D. SEELMAN, INVESTIGATOR 3
SUBJECT: EXETER CEMETERY, #39-010
RE: HAZARDOUS MONUMENT REPAIR CHECKLIST
DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2026

Application dated February 9, 2026, completed, notarized and signed

26 Monuments Requested

Legal Notice run 3 times in The Daily Star \$171.34

26 Monuments Appear Eligible

Estimate: **Barnett Memorials repair estimate, \$28,408 (average \$1,093/monument)**
Humphrey Memorials repair estimate \$33,062 (average \$1,272 / monument)
Mohawk Valley Memorials repair estimate \$34,777.55 (average \$1,338/
monument)

All contractors propose 42-inch concrete foundations, Barnett and Humphrey provide a 10-year warranty and Mohawk Valley provides a 5-year warranty.

The cemetery is up to date on Annual Reports and Vandalism Payments

Recommend Approval in the amount of \$28,579.34



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TO: New York State Cemetery Board

FROM: Jessica E. Rosario, Investigator I

SUBJECT: Exeter Cemetery, 39-010
REST-2026-01072

RE: Application for Repair of Hazardous Monuments

DATE: February 9, 2026

Exhibits

- A) Application for Repair or Removal of Dilapidated or Disrepaired Monuments that Create a Hazardous Condition.
- B) Barnett Memorials: repair estimate for \$28,408.00 (average \$1,092.62 per monument)
- C) Humphrey Memorials: repair estimate for \$33,062.00 (average \$1,271.62 per monument)
- D) Mohawk Valley Monuments, LLC: repair estimate for \$34,777.55 (average \$1,337.60 per monument)
- E) Publication Invoices and copies from the Daily Star for a total of \$171.34

Introduction and Recommendation

The Division received an application dated 2/9/2026 (Exhibit A) for the repair of 26 hazardous monuments located in the Exeter Cemetery, town of Exeter, Otsego County. The application was submitted by Gayle Gilbert, President of the Exeter Cemetery Association. Included with this application were three estimates as follows Barnett Memorials: repair estimate for \$28,408.00 (Exhibit B); Humphrey Memorials: repair estimate for \$33,062.00 (Exhibit C) and Mohawk Valley Monuments, LLC: repair estimate for \$34,777.55 (Exhibit D).

Also included was an invoice from The Daily Star for a legal notice (Exhibit E) that was run for three consecutive weeks from 11/15/2025 through 11/29/2025 for \$171.34.

The Monuments

The Exeter Cemetery was visited, and 26 monuments were found to be either loose on their foundations or tipping and appeared to pose a hazard to cemetery visitors and employees. Gayle Gilbert stated that the cemetery has no records for the monuments in question and as such, could not contact the last known lot owners by mail, the oldest is dated **1819** and most recent monument is dated **1900**. The cemetery has had no response to the legal



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advertisements which it placed, and has no funds dedicated to the restoration of monuments. Based upon the information provided, it is the Division's understanding that the cemetery has determined that the monument owners cannot be found.

The Estimates

All three contractors propose to: remove the monuments from the existing foundations; dig out existing foundations; replace them with new foundations, made of solid concrete poured to a depth of **42** inches and replace the monument, resealing all joints with setting compound or epoxy.

Contractors Barnett Memorials and Humphrey Memorials offer a 10-year warranty, however Mohawk Valley Monuments, LLC offers a 5-year warranty.

Recommendation

The Cemetery is up to date on annual reports and vandalism payments. This appears to be a legitimate claim for \$28,579.34. I recommend that this application be approved.

Favorable Bid Amt:	\$28,408.00
Publication Reimbursement:	\$171.34
Recommendation Total:	\$28,579.34

EXHIBIT A



Division of Cemeteries

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FEB 09 2026

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

New York State
Department of State
DIVISION OF CEMETERIES
One Commerce Plaza
99 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12231-0001
Telephone: (518) 474-6226
www.dos.ny.gov

Application for Repair or Removal of Dilapidated or Disrepaired Monuments that Create a Dangerous Condition

This application applies only to Not-for-Profit Cemetery Corporations and must be completed in full and signed before a notary public. Funds may be allocated for the above-captioned purposes in accordance with 19 NYCRR §200.11 (statutory authority: Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, §1510-a). The full text of this Cemetery Board Directive appears on the reverse.

AMOUNT REQUESTED	#28,408	COUNTY IN WHICH CEMETERY IS LOCATED	OTSEGO
CEMETERY NAME	Exeter Center Cemetery	CEMETERY ID NUMBER	39-010
NAME OF CEMETERY OFFICIAL	Gayle I. Gilbert	TITLE	President Exeter Cemetery Assoc.
STREET ADDRESS	[REDACTED]		
CITY	[REDACTED]		
TELEPHONE	[REDACTED]		
E-MAIL	[REDACTED]		

Has this cemetery previously applied for and received a grant from the Vandalism, Abandonment & Monument Repair Fund? YES* NO
 *If YES, when? 2016 work done in 2017 Amount Received: \$ 25,200

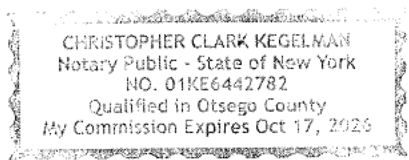
Was proof of completed work forwarded to the Division of Cemeteries? YES NO

1. Provide a description of each damaged monument and/or marker and enclose referenced photos: enclosed sent by e-mail

- Attach copies of bids submitted by at least two contractors for the cost of repairs or removal and replacement.
- Attach proof that the cemetery corporation has given not less than 60-day notice to the last known owner to repair or remove the monument or marker and that said owner has failed to do so within the time prescribed in that notice.

I, the undersigned, duly authorized, swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury that the above-named cemetery has not been able to obtain sufficient funds from the family of the deceased, that the proposed costs of the repairs or removals and replacements are fair and reasonable and that the above-described monuments and/or markers are so badly out of repair or dilapidated as to create a dangerous condition. I further swear or affirm that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I agree that, upon receipt of monies for the repair or removal of dilapidated or disrepaired monuments that create a dangerous condition, such repairs will be made as quickly as possible and documentation (receipts and statements) of the repairs and removals will be submitted to the Division of Cemeteries within 90 days following completion of work.

Signature of Cemetery Official: Gayle I. Gilbert Date: 2/4/2026



On this 4 day of February 20 26
 appeared Gayle I. Gilbert
 known to me to be said person.
Christopher Clark Kegelmann
 Notary Public

EXHIBIT B

236 East Main St.
Elbridge, NY 13060
315-689-3813 (T)
315-689-5241 (F)

131 Seymour St.
Auburn, NY 13021
315-255-1234 (T)
315-255-1333 (F)

26 State St.
Seneca Falls, NY 13148
315-257-0106 (T)
315-257-0146 (F)
barnettmemorials1@gmail.com



July 31, 2025

Dear Exeter Cemetery,

Attached is our bid for your cemetery repair. Barnett Memorials, LLC will warranty any new foundations for 10 years from date of installation. Our foundations are completed to a depth of 42" as required by the State of New York. Any destruction due to vandalism is not included in this warranty. We will also clean all monuments that are repaired. If we are the low bid for your restoration, We would ask that you contact us as soon as possible so we can plan for the 2025 season, as we do a few of these per year. Also, please inform us of any revisions to this list, as the state does not always approve every monument. As per our discussion, we will remove any old concrete from the site all together and dispose of the excess dirt in the allotted space you will provide. This quote provided is also good thru July of 2026.

Thank you,
Barnett Memorials

Hazardous Monument Application Spreadsheet

Cemetery Name & Address: Name: <u>Exeter Cemetery</u> Address: <u>857 Co. Highway 22</u> <u>Burlington Flats, NY</u> Phone: <u>[REDACTED]</u> Contact Person: <u>Gayle Gilbert</u> Number of Stones: <u>26</u>	Contractor of Monument Company Name & Address: Name: <u>Barnett Memorials</u> Address: <u>236 East Main St.</u> <u>Elbridge, NY 13060</u> Phone: <u>315-255-1234</u> Contact Person: <u>Bill Rinaldi</u> Date of Bid: <u>7/31/2025</u>
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<u>1</u> Name on Monument	<u>2</u> Section / Lot / Grave	<u>3</u> Cost to remove, Repair & Reset	<u>4</u> Cost of foundation With 3 Dimensions	<u>5</u> Total cost of Repair & Foundation
Phebe Hollister	Lot 15N	450	30 x 16 x 42 / 600	1050
Cynthia Henry	Lot 65	450	30 x 13 x 42 / 488	938
Nathan Paul	Lot 78	450	24 x 12 x 42 / 360	810
Charles Sumner	Lot 52	450	24 x 12 x 42 / 360	810
Sophia S. Rider	Lot 13	450	32 x 18 x 42 / 720	1170
John Rider	Lot 13	750	32 x 32 x 42 / 1280	2030
William Henderson	Lot 62	450	32 x 16 x 42 / 640	1090
Abigail Henderson	Lot 62	450	32 x 16 x 42 / 640	1090
Harriet Donaghe	Lot 49	450	22 x 12 x 42 / 330	780
Samuel Langley	Lot 60/61	450	32 x 16 x 42 / 640	1090
Mary Langley	Lot 60/61	450	32 x 16 x 42 / 640	1090

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Glesson Purple	Lot 22	450	16 x 16 x 42 / 320	770
Adelia White	Lot 33	450	32 x 16 x 42 / 640	1090
Minoris Brainard	Lot 59	450	30 x 16 x 42 / 600	1050
James Chappell	Lot 74	450	33 x 17 x 42 / 702	1152
Clarence Ansel	Lot 73	450	24 x 12 x 42 / 360	810
John Wood	Lot 73	450	30 x 12 x 42 / 450	900
Julia Wood	Lot 73	450	34 x 20 x 42 / 850	1300
Samuel Jackson	Lot 72	450	32 x 18 x 42 / 720	1170
George T. Dauchy	Lot 58	450	33 x 18 x 42 / 742	1192
Clark R. Dauchy	Lot 57	450	33 x 18 x 42 / 742	1192
Betsey E. Dauchy	Lot 57	450	33 x 18 x 42 / 742	1192

EXHIBIT C

Humphrey Memorials, Inc.

3051 State Rt. 28

Herkimer, NY 13350

315-866-4471*humphreymemorials@gmail.com

August 6, 2025

Exeter Center Cemetery
Gayle Gilbert
County Rt. 22
Exeter, NY 13315

The attached bid sheet being submitted by Humphrey Memorials, Inc. will include the following work to be performed:

- Remove Memorials from existing foundation
- Disassemble Memorials if necessary
- Remove existing foundations
- New concrete foundations poured as stated dimensions-42" depth
- Reset Memorials on new foundations
- Reassemble and repair Memorials as needed
- Clean & Seal all joints of the Memorials
- Clean up of materials & repairing of affected grounds

The Memorials will be sealed with a Thirty(30) year silicone caulk. If any monument needs structural repairs, we will use a two part epoxy and/or mortar to make those repairs. New foundations and repairs completed will have a warranty of Ten(10) years. If any foundation or monument repair fails within those Ten(10) years, Humphrey Memorials, Inc. will make repairs or replace at no cost to the cemetery. If you have any further questions, please contact us at anytime.

Thank you,
CJ Karker
Humphrey Memorials, Inc.

EXHIBIT D

Mohawk Valley Monuments, LLC

2270 Broad St.

Frankfort, NY 13340

Phone/Fax (315) 724-7629

MVMonuments@gmail.com

Exeter Center Cemetery
County Route 22
Exeter, NY 13315
Attn: Gayle Gilbert

Gayle,

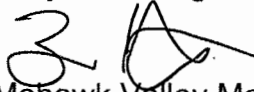
This letter is to detail the method and process my company will use to complete the repair work.

- 1.) Tear down: Disassembly of each part of the monument and set off to side on blocks/boards in a safe manner
- 2.) Removal of old concrete/stone foundation and excavation depth of 42".
- 3.) Tamp and square up hole and place forms (2X4 construction).
- 4.) Pour concrete, screed and trowel smooth
- 5.) Allow 1-2 weeks cure time and remove forms
- 6.) Spread topsoil around area to clean up any track marks and damage from excavation
- 7.) Re-assemble monument back on new foundation. Shim where required
- 8.) Epoxy or pin necessary joints and seal joints with Pecora 890NST sealant (Gray, black, white)
- 9.) Check level and plumb

All work comes with a 5yr warranty.

Thanks,

Benjamin Morgan



Mohawk Valley Monuments, LLC

Hazardous Monument Spreadsheet

Cemetery-Exeter Center Cemetery
 MOHAWK VALLEY MONUMENTS, LLC
 2270 BROAD STREET
 FRANKFORT, NY 13340



Monument information					Cost of repair		
Name on Monument	Location Section-Lot			Foundation Dimentions 42" Deep	New foundation price	Remove, Repair & reset	Total monument repair
1	Phebe Hollister	15N		37" X 15"	\$749	\$650	\$1,399
2	Cynthia Henry	65		32" X 12"	\$518	\$650	\$1,168
3	Nathan Paulk	78		32" X 15"	\$648	\$650	\$1,298
4	Charles Sumner	52		30" X 15"	\$608	\$650	\$1,258
5	Sophia Rider	13		31" X 16"	\$670	\$650	\$1,320
6	John Rider	13		30" X 30"	\$1,215	\$1,050	\$2,265
7	William Henderson	62		29" X 17"	\$666	\$650	\$1,316
8	Abigial Henderson	62		29" X 17"	\$666	\$650	\$1,316
9	Harriet Donaghe	49		21" X 12"	\$340	\$650	\$990
10	Samuel Langley	60-61		32" X 15"	\$648	\$650	\$1,298
11	Mary Langley	60-61		32" X 15"	\$648	\$650	\$1,298
12	Clesson Purple	22		14" X 14"	\$265	\$450	\$715
13	Adelia White	33		27" X 13"	\$474	\$650	\$1,124
14	Minoris Brainard	59		28" X 16"	\$605	\$650	\$1,255
15	James Chappel	74		33" X 17"	\$757	\$650	\$1,407
16	Julia Wood	73		21" X 12"	\$340	\$650	\$990
17	John Wood	73		31" X 18"	\$753	\$750	\$1,503
18	Julia E. Wood	73		31" X 18"	\$753	\$650	\$1,403
19	Samuel Jackson	72		31" X 18"	\$753	\$650	\$1,403
20	George Dauchy	58		28" X 20"	\$756	\$650	\$1,406
21	Clark Dauchy	57		28" X 20"	\$756	\$650	\$1,406
22	Betsey Dauchy	57		28" X 20"	\$756	\$650	\$1,406
23	Lyida Dauchy	58		32" X 18"	\$778	\$650	\$1,428
24	Seth Phillips	19		30" X 15"	\$608	\$650	\$1,258
25	Nathaniel Lewis	40		33" X 16"	\$713	\$1,200	\$1,913
26	Ramsford, Comstock	9		31" X 14"	\$586	\$650	\$1,236
Totals					\$17,027.55	\$17,750.00	\$34,777.55

EXHIBIT E

THE DAILY STAR
473 THIRD STREET
NIAGARA FALLS NY 14301
(800)721-1000
Fax (607)432-5847

ORDER CONFIRMATION

Salesperson: LEGALS

Printed at 11/13/25 11:28 by adefo

Acct #: [REDACTED]

Ad #: 434735

Status: New

EXETER CENTER CEMETERY
GAYLE GILBERT
[REDACTED]

Start: 11/15/2025 Stop: 11/29/2025
Times Ord: 3 Times Run: ***
STD 3.00 X 57.00 Words: 264
Total STD 171.00
Class: 147 LEGALS
Rate: LEGL Cost: 0.00
Affidavits: 1

Contact: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]
Fax#: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
Agency: [REDACTED]

Ad Descript: TO: THE LAST KNOWN OWNER
Given by: *
P.O. #: [REDACTED]
Created: adefo 11/13/25 11:24
Last Changed: adefo 11/13/25 11:27

COMMENTS:

Make good from 432554 - incorrect dates

PUB	ZONE	EDT	TP	RUN DATES
DS	A	97	S	11/15,22,29
IN	A	94	S	11/15,22,29

AUTHORIZATION

Under this agreement rates are subject to change with 30 days notice. In the event of a cancellation before schedule completion, I understand that the rate charged will be based upon the rate for the number of insertions used.

Name (print or type)

Name (signature)

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RECEIPT		DATE <u>8/4/25</u>	No. <u>787333</u>
RECEIVED FROM <u>Gail Gilbert</u>		\$ <u>171.34</u>	
for <u>Exeter Center Cemetery</u>		pd. CK # <u>134</u> DOLLARS	
<input type="radio"/> FOR RENT		acct # [REDACTED]	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> FOR <u>Legal notice</u>			
ACCOUNT		<input type="radio"/> CASH	FROM _____ TO _____
PAYMENT		<input checked="" type="radio"/> CHECK	
BAL. DUE		<input type="radio"/> MONEY ORDER	BY <u>C. Benson</u>
		<input type="radio"/> CREDIT CARD	

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Ad text :

To: The last known owner or owners of the following burial lots located in the Exeter Center Cemetery, Town of Exeter, in Otsego County, New York, and all persons having or claiming to have interest in said burial lots:

Phebe Hollister ^^Lot 15N
Cynthia Henry^^Lot 65
Nathan Paulk^^Lot 78
Charles Sumner^^Lot 52
Sophia S. Rider^^Lot 13
John Rider^^Lot 13
William Henderson ^^Lot 62
Abigail Henderson^^Lot 62
Harriet A. Donaghe^^Lot 49
Samuel Langley^^Lot 60/61
Glesson L. Purple^^Lot 22
Adelia White^^Lot 33
Minoris Brainard^^Lot 59
James Chapel^^Lot 74
Clarence Angel^^Lot 73
John Wood^^Lot 73
Julia E. Wood^^Lot 73
Samuel Jackson^^Lot 72
George T. Dauchy^^Lot 58
Clark R. Dauchy^^Lot 57
Betsey E. Dauchy^^Lot 57
Lydia A. Dauchy^^Lot 58
Seth Phillips^^Lot 19
Capt. Nathaniel Lewis^^Lot 40
Ens. Ransford Comstock^Lot 9

Please Take Notice: That the monuments or markers are so badly out of repair or dilapidated as to create a dangerous condition, the persons to whom this notice is addressed must repair or remove said monuments or markers after the third publication of this notice or by Feb. 1, 2026 and if the persons to whom this notice is addressed fail to repair or remove said monuments or markers after Feb. 1, 2026, the Exeter Center Cemetery Association may remove or repair said monuments without further notice to the persons to whom this notice is addressed.

If you have questions, they can be directed to Gayle Gilbert, President @ [REDACTED] prior to Feb. 1, 2026.


STATE OF New York
COUNTY OF Otsego, SS

Christine Benson of Oneonta, New York
in Otsego County, being duly
sworn, deposes and says that she is a
Classified Advertising Manager for the newspaper
called The Daily Star, printed and
published in Oneonta, New York aforesaid,
and that the advertisement of which the
annexed is a printed copy has been
published in the said newspaper on the
following dates:

11/15/2025 11/22/2025 11/29/2025

Christine Benson

Sworn to before me the 1st
Day of December, 2025



NOTARY PUBLIC

VALERIE ANNE SECOR
Notary Public - State of New York
NO. 015E6417815
Qualified in Otsego County
My Commission Expires May 24, 2029