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A new parking lot is transforming the area previously shrouded in brush and debris for decades. A new ornamental fence will separate the cemetery and parking lot. This fence will be located above the wall and will match the existing cemetery fence.

In this area are the remains of an old crypt as evidenced by the cut stone structure protruding from the hillside. During winter and prior to power machinery, bodies were stored here until spring. Access to the crypt room was through this stone facade. A portion of the stone work, which had deteriorated over the years, was restored as part of this project.

Volunteering

For the BAHs to function, it is necessary for our members to volunteer. Serving on the Board of Directors is a great way to help. Also, you can help with: administration, Lynn School maintenance, CoBACH hosting/display set-up, Oral History interviews, photo and document scanning, staffing our Farmers’ Market booth, etc.

It is critical that our volunteer core receive support so as to not “burn-out.” Only, you can determine what you can do to assist. Contact us to learn more.

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