

Preparing my Gravesite, Old Burying Ground, Jaffrey, NH

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Sean Driscoll and I went to the Old Burying Ground, Jaffrey Center, and buried a white plastic container east of my headstone to be a receptacle for the Maple Syrup Jug that will eventually hold my ashes.

Here are the details:

We measured 48 inches (4 feet) from the base of my headstone to the east and planted a stick. This is well within my plot (we uncovered my RS corner stones which delineate my plot).



We screwed a ca. 2 inch screw eye into the center of a 3/4 inch board measuring 1x2 feet, the size of a Veteran's Marker which someday will replace the wood board once my ashes are deposited into the plastic container that we buried.

We cut around the board slicing the turf which we removed.



Sean dug down approximately 2 feet.



We placed crushed stone at the bottom of the hole, then placed the container into the hole and then placed more crushed stone around the edges, up nearly to the top of the container.



On top of the container we placed some more crushed stone, then some dry mortar mix, then poured water over this (probably a mistake as this will have to be chipped away when my ashes are interred).



Over this we placed an aluminum pizza pan and crunched it down on top.

Some of the dirt that had been removed was placed on top of this to bring up the level of the hold.

Then the board was placed on top of this, then more dirt on top of the board.

The sod was then placed on top of this and some soil put around the edges . . . and we were finished.

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See re Veteran's marker: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/memorial-items/headstones-markers-medallions/>
<https://www.cem.va.gov/hmm/>
<https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/types.asp>
<https://www.va.gov/resources/government-headstones-and-markers-faqs/>
<https://www.thesoldiersproject.org/how-to-install-a-military-grave-marker/>



