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Hadley Gravestone Project:

Last month we indicated to you that we would provide a recommended “tool box” to bring on your cemetery visits to facilitate the recording of all the data you find.

Cemetery Tool Box: *STONES & BONES BOX* (You may wish to keep similar items in the trunk of your car)

1. Clip board, pad of paper including two pencils and a pen.
2. Flashlight and reflective devise. (These may be helpful in redirecting light and eliminating shadows on the gravestone).
3. Camera. Digital is best. Make sure your battery is charged and you have an extra memory card. Perhaps a small tripod might be helpful. Some digital cameras now have built-in GPS capabilities which allow the determination of gravestone location.
4. Container of water. Splashed onto a gravestone can be helpful in creating contrast to aid in the picture. You may like a spray bottle too. It is also good to drink especially on a hot day.
5. Something to cut and clean the grass away from the gravestone.
6. Bug repellent.
7. Head covering. Many find a wide brim hat helpful. Not only can this shield you from the sun and possible rain, it can be used as a sun shield for the camera too.
8. A soft pair of gloves, small soft paint brush and/or a microfiber cloth used to clean off a gravestone in case there is too much water on the stone or if the stone is muddy, dusty, dirty or covered with grass clippings.
9. Moss on a stone is troublesome. Sometimes a small smooth stick can be used to help make the lettering readable, providing great care is taken not to damage the stone.

Important: Use **NO** chemicals of any sort on the stone and do not take any rubbings or use any metal objects. (Using your fingers on the gravestone to trace hard to read letters may be helpful)

Salem Witch Trials:

Many members of our Hadley family are aware we have a genealogical connection with the 1692 Salem Witch Trials in Massachusetts. We know that two of our ancestors were Salem area residents and were hanged for being witches: **Susanna(h) (North) Martin** (30 Sept 1621 – 19 July 1692) and **John Proctor Jr.** (09 Oct 1631 – 19 Aug 1692). In the twentieth century, both these folks were pardoned and then exonerated. For those interested in doing some additional reading, we recommend the following:

Salem Witchcraft Trial Resources

by Lynn Betlock, Editor, New England Historic Genealogical Society

[Salem Witch Trials Documentary Archive and Transcription Project](#)

A collaborative effort undertaken by the University of Virginia and various partners, this website contains seventeenth-century documents, historical maps, biographical sketches, full-text volumes, and more.

[Salem Witchcraft Trials 1692](#)

The Salem witchcraft trials are among those profiled in the [Famous Trials series](#) by Douglas O. Linder of the University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law.

[Salem Witchcraft Hysteria](#)

Presented by National Geographic, this interactive site allows users to “experience the trials.”

[The Salem Witch Museum's 1692 Sites Tour](#)

Users can click on a modern map of Essex County to find out more about witchcraft-related sites in Salem and ten other area towns.

[The Comprehensive Salem Guide](#)

A guide to today's Salem.

["A Genealogical Perspective on the Salem Witchcraft Trials" by Marilynne K. Roach](#)

This spring 2008 *New England Ancestors* cover story “presents four cases that illustrate how genealogical analysis proved useful in adding detail and identifying key people.” The article includes over a page of suggested resources that cites genealogical articles for specific individuals and families, including Bishop, English, Bridges, Burroughs, Corey, How, Jacobs, Martin, Proctor, Putnam, Tyler, and Wilkins.

["Hunting for Salem "Witches" in Your Family Tree" by Maureen A. Taylor](#)

This article on *AmericanAncestors.org* describes a number of Salem witchcraft trial resources.

[The difference between death and taxes.](#) When you die, it does not get any worse but when congress goes into session, taxes get worse. Author unknown

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