



WOODSTOCK (CT) HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION PRESENTS

“HISTORIC CEMETERY PRESERVATION: THE BRADFORD-MARCY CEMETERY DOCUMENTATION PROJECT”

7:00 PM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016

**WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL
415 RT. 169
WOODSTOCK, CONNECTICUT**

Using grant funding generously provided by the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office, the Woodstock Historic Properties Commission (HPC) has recently completed a pilot program to inventory, evaluate, and assess the grave markers in the historic, town-owned Bradford-Marcy Cemetery. Measuring less than one acre in area and containing 371 markers with interment dates ranging from 1809 to 1989, the Bradford-Marcy Cemetery is perhaps the least well documented of the nine public or multi-family Euro-American burial grounds established in the town between 1686 and 1906. The major goals of the project have been to create an online searchable database of the cemetery for use by researchers and the general public, and to provide a template for the future documentation of other historic cemeteries in Woodstock. Another important goal is to share information about the cemetery research and website development process so that it can serve as an inspiration and guide to other communities interested in documenting their own historic burying grounds.

In this spirit of sharing, the Woodstock HPC is pleased to invite you to a public presentation of the Bradford-Marcy Cemetery Documentation Project. The evening's program will include:

7:00–7:10: *Introduction to the Bradford-Marcy Cemetery Project*

Myron Stachiw, Woodstock HPC Chairperson

7:10–7:25: *The Heritage Value of Local Cemeteries: Preservation Strategies and Resources*

Dr. Brian Jones, Connecticut State Archaeologist, Office of State Archaeology

7:25–7:45: *The Uses of Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) Survey in Cemetery Documentation*

Deborah Surabian, State Soil Scientist, United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service

7:45–8:05: *“No Marble Tablets, Urns, or Stones, Tell Where Repose Their Honored Bones”: Archaeological Approaches to Unmarked Burials*

Dr. Nicholas Nick Bellantoni, *Emeritus* Connecticut State Archaeologist; Adjunct Associate Research Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Connecticut

8:05–8:25: *Website Presentation*

Myron Stachiw; Michael Raber, Raber Associates

8:25–8:45: *Questions and Comments*



There is no admission fee or advance registration required. We encourage guests to spread the word about the program to other individuals or organizations interested in cemetery preservation and documentation.

To read about the history of the Bradford-Marcy Cemetery and explore the online database, please go to:
<http://www.townofwoodstock.com/index.php/cemeteries/bradford-marcy-cemetery.html>