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COVENTRY: Celebration To Mark Close Of Footstone Project

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Eight years ago, nearly 100 ancient footstones bearing the names of some of the town's earliest residents were discovered at the entrance to Carpenter Cemetery on Silver Street.

After the stones were carefully unearthed, the names were matched to graves in Holy Grove Cemetery on South Street, nearly a mile away.

Officials speculated that the footstones, usually upright monuments placed near a corresponding headstone, were removed from Holy Grove and used as pavers in the entrance to Carpenter Cemetery.

Last March, the Coventry Cemetery Commission led an effort to reunite the ancient footstones with their headstones. The commission, joined by a group of volunteers under the supervision of the Connecticut Gravestone Network, installed the footstones over three weekends.

A celebration of the effort and a ceremony to mark the culmination of the project will be held Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Grove Cemetery. Further information is available by calling the cemetery commission at 860-742-8933.

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