

## The West Cemetery Civil War Quest Keene, NH

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### To get there:

In the square that lies in the middle of Keene  
A civil war monument can be seen.  
From there, follow West Street west.  
Drive a mile and a half...well, more or less.  
Bear right on Park Ave, then drive 0.8 miles  
Take a left on Arch Street, be sure to smile.  
A left turn on Bradford Road, you're almost there!  
Look for it on your right, please enter with care.  
Drive slowly around to the back,  
Park your car, then begin our trek.  
**This Quest begins at the Norway Maple—  
Find the star on our map...if you are able.**

**Note: BOLD** tells you where to walk  
*ITAL* means please listen to our talk

### Your clues:

**Head the way most of the stones face.  
Yup, towards the road—but please don't race!  
Walking in the direction of the sunrise  
We'll begin our tour of Keene Civil war lives.  
You're looking for STEARNS giant granite square.  
It's on your left, walk there with care.  
Just beyond you'll find our cherry tree.  
Take in the view from beneath its canopy.**

*Keene in the Civil War:  
Fort Sumpter was attacked in 1861  
With this the Civil War was begun!  
The call for 75,000 militia was given by Lincoln*

*The Granite State responded with out much thinkin'.*

*It was written that*

*“ the events of the past two weeks had startled all  
And awakened feelings that will soon not fall.”*

*So let's start this quest*

*To find out the rest!*

**Back to the “middle road” you should wander  
Then head east to the 1<sup>st</sup> veteran (right) you will ponder.**

**Note American flags often mark our veteran's stones.**

**Can you find this Civil War vet's resting home?**

**Look four rows (or so) from the entrance gate**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> stone is where Lyman Estey does wait.**

*Lyman enlisted at 18 in 1863.*

*Battling in Virginia he suffered injury.*

*He returned to Keene for kids and wife,*

*And to practice carpentry the rest of his life.*

*Two children of his died at one and nine;*

*The third one, Jennie, did just fine.*

**Now stay in this row**

**and a bit further south you should go**

**You will see an obelisk**

**beneath which is a man who took a big risk**

**Here you'll find Oren's family.**

**Elmer's is the grave we want you to see**

**Look at the Obelisk and go to the opposite side**

**There you will find the date he was born and the day he died**

*In Swanzy Elmer did reside*

*But this is not the place where he died.*

*Eleven brothers and sisters had he,*

*But buried with him is only poor Eloie.*

*His brother James enlisted in the war,*

*Like Elmer did two days before.*

*In 1864 on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May*

*A battle took place in Virginia that day*

*Poor Elmer was wounded and his family they cried*

*Because a month later in a hospital he died.*

**With Dickinson's obelisk on your left**

**Raise your eyes and face to the west.**

**Gaze beyond marble stones newer in date**

**Towards a cluster of 3 older stones of dark slate.**

**Walk westwards towards the cluster of three**

**Beyond them a bush—not a tree—you will see.**

**Stop at the bush that is hiding Ella...  
We are getting close to finding our fella!  
Walk to the finger that points to the sky  
Fred H. is the younger brother of our guy.  
Walk past Frankie in heavenly rest  
Past mother and father, one of the Navy's best.  
You'll find C.L. Hadley at the end of the row  
To see our friend closely you'll have to bend low.**

*Charles mustered in as a musician  
Playing sweet notes as the soldiers listened.  
At seventeen, though just a lad,  
He fought the same war as his Navy dad.  
Wounded, he left Ol' Comp'ny G;  
When healed, he joined heavy artillery.  
In Boston, he made his post war life  
And took charming Jennie as his wife.  
In death, he rejoined his family in Keene  
Whose names mark the headstones that you have seen.*

**Walk once again in the direction of the rising sun  
Onward to see the Masons father, daughter, and son.  
Forty feet (or so) on your left Hs carved in flat stone you will see  
Stop at the first white H for that's where you will need to be!  
Turn to the left, take 15 steps where Henry you will greet  
The patriarch of the Mason family you're here to meet.**

*Henry Mason had a son  
And his name was Simeon.*

**Take a gander to your right,  
To see his stone...which has a bit more height.**

*Born in the same town as his dad,  
The pattern of Simeon's life seems quite sad.  
In the year of 1862,  
His wife passed on and left him blue.  
So off to war he did go,  
But sadly there would be more woe.  
His soldier brother died in battle.  
He came home to make harness for cattle.  
Soon he met his second wife,  
And built himself a happy life.*

**One more step to the north and you will see  
Another member of the family.**

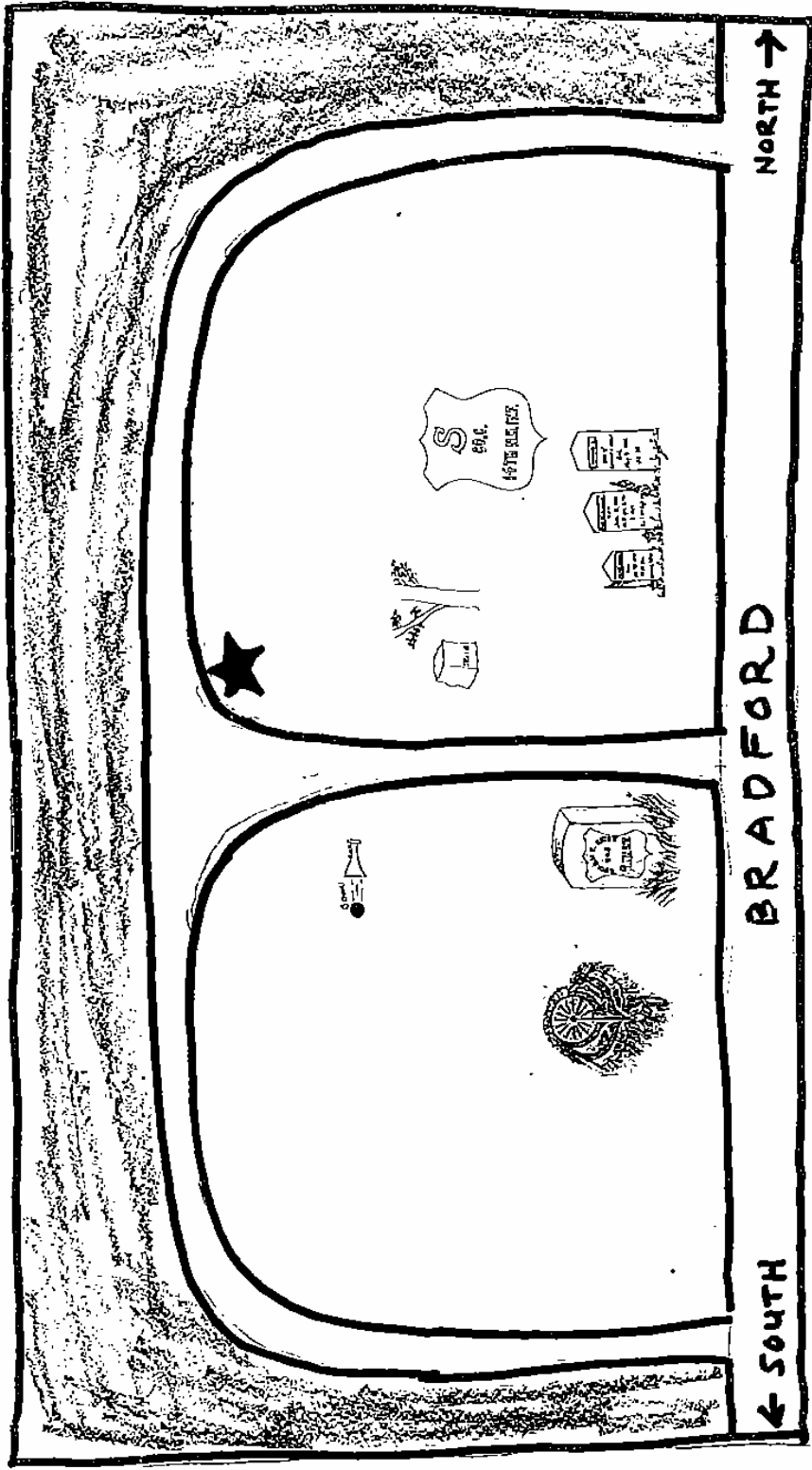
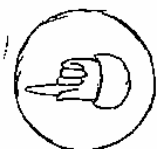
*Her maiden name was Angeline Goddard  
She was Simeon's wife, not his daughter.  
About Angeline's life little is know;  
Men of this area were more often shown.  
At the young age of 38, she sadly passed away,  
A victim of consumption on Simeon's birthday.*

**Now start walking west  
Towards the tall grey obelisk,**

**Behind which a young Daniel does lie  
In a field that is SLY.**

*A young man of twenty years,  
He enlisted in August of 1862 with no fears.  
He was assigned to Company C  
In the 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry.  
A feeling of comradeship in these men.  
He died after the war – but we don't know when.*

**From where Dan Slyfield takes his rest  
Walk towards the woods in back—in the west.  
Pass Miss Fanny, do not stray,  
Straight across the road where Joy does lay.  
Now with the woods along your right  
Down the road south, your final prize is now in sight.  
Walk down the road past stones to Graves,  
Then search deep in arbor vitae caves!**



Keene, NH  
 "West Yard" Cemetery

"Where not shs is at rest"

