## MARKER No. 09: "THANKFUL" (d. 1845) wife of R. Abell Esq.

### **EXISTING CONDITIONS**

- The marble headstone is in good condition and the inscriptions are legible. The headstone is not currently set in a solid base and is leaning over. There are broken concrete berms at the base of the headstone.
- The headstone is experiencing biological growth and slight staining.
- No visible evidence of a sandstone base.





Before (July 2009)

After (September 2009)

### TREATMENT SUMMARY

### A. Excavation/Fragment Recovery

- 1. Remove concrete berms from marble headstone.
- 2. Remove headstone from ground.
- 3. Search for original sandstone base.
  - ► located two fragments.

# B. Cleaning

- 1. For removal of biological growth and general soiling, the marble headstone is to be cleaned with D/2 Architectural Antimicrobial.
  - a. Clean water at low pressure (max 400 psi) and hand-pump sprayer.
  - b. Natural or nylon bristle brushes.
  - c. Avoid dissolution or erosion of the stone.

# C. Re-attachment and Repair

1. Carefully remove remnants of concrete berms from marble headstone with small hand chisels and detailing rotary tools (Dremel).

# D. Reset and Level

- 1. Reset marble headstone in the ground, at proper depth, in a mixture of fine gravel, sand, cement, and hydrated lime.
  - a. Place brick or pieces of stone in hole for additional support.
- ▶ two sandstone base fragments were set in the ground with dry mix and the marble headstone was set snugly between them (fine sand was placed in remaining joint b/t marker and base fragments).

## E. Site Preparation and Repair

1. Place pea gravel around base.