

# St. Boniface Cemetery

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Dusty Weber now working on the parging on the inside of the "Old Walled" Cemetery.

Much work has been going on in the "Old Walled Cemetery" at St. Boniface Parish during the past few months.

This summer Ron Schmuck has devoted a lot of time and energy in the restoration of our ancestors resting places and many monuments in this cemetery. He has leveled, straighten at least 20 monuments and has replaced crosses from the tops of the monuments and even made angels to place on

some of the monuments where they have disappeared. Work has also been done on some of the iron crosses. Please check out his website: <https://schmuckfamilyhistory.weebly.com/old-walled-cemetery-project.html> If you need help to restore your family or friends marker Ron would be only too pleased to assist in any way he can. There are several excellent books available on the internet on how to "Correctly" restore and maintain cemetery monuments and a course is offered on restoration and care of monuments etc.

Next summer the St. Boniface Cemetery Board is hoping to have a working bee to clean the stones in the cemetery and Ron's expertise will be gratefully accepted.

There has also been a lot of work being done on the wall in the Old Walled Cemetery these past couple of weeks. This wall had been built in 1862 and although through the years some work had been done, there had never be anything major. Through the years it has stood up very well but now it is starting to show its age.

This cemetery is the second oldest cemetery in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo County and it is the second cemetery. The first cemetery was located directly across the road from the walled cemetery.



James Lapointe & Shane Bohn working on the coping

On the week of October 15th James Lapointe and Shane Bohn of Martini Construction of Ariss were busy with sledge hammer and crowbar working away on the coping around the wall. This coping was about 2 feet across and 3 inches thick. Back then they knew how to build walls. Next will come the cribbing and then the new coping.

During the weekends Dusty Weber had been busy with the mortar "pointing" the stone wall in the on the outside of the wall facing the street and this is now completed and has started on parging the inside of the cemetery wall.



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The Historical Society of St. Boniface and Maryhill Community committees were formed in 1977. Today our membership is made up of those who have a deep affection for unravelling the mysteries of the past and of those who have ancestral roots in the Parish and Community. Diane Strickler leads the Genealogy/Archives and lives in Maryhill.