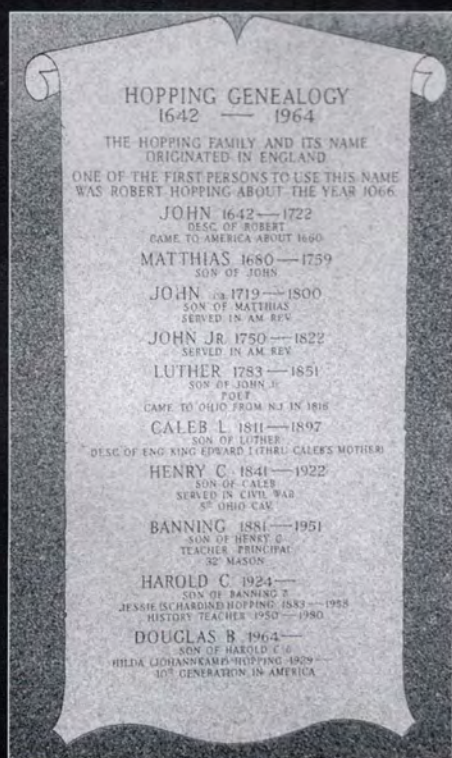


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Granite Corporation of Barre



Joseph B. Calcagni designed and erected this Mountain Rose granite mausoleum for the Harold C. Hopping family. It features a sandblast panel of Hopping genealogy and a stained glass window depicting the Hopping farm. The mausoleum is located at St. Joseph Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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A Handcarved Spring Bouquet Graces A 70-year-Old Memorial In Hope Cemetery
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We decided to become voting members for several reasons:



one being that we wanted to give back to the industry.

Todd Tosi and Mike Gaydos

Tosi Custom Sandblast Company

Tosi Custom Sandblast Company may well be one of Barre's best kept secrets.

Tucked behind the Granite Industries of Vermont plant on Vanetti Place, Tosi Custom Sandblast has made a name for itself over the years among Barre manufacturers for quality sandblast.

As a custom sandblast shop, Tosi's does not manufacture memorials. It does, however, design and sandblast memorials for several area manufacturers and specializes in roses.

"We've refined our roses over the years and have made them more competitive," says Mike Gaydos, co-owner.

The 41-year-old company was founded by the late Nelson Tosi, father of Todd Tosi, co-owner and president. Todd and

Mike purchased the company in 1989, the year the firm moved into its new 32,000-square foot plant. (The previous winter, a fire destroyed the old Tosi facility.)

Tosi's plant employs six people. It has a shaping room, rose room and three blowing rooms, and it has the only recirculating suction in Barre.

Recently, Tosi's added an office space to accommodate its computer drafting, which the company uses itself as well as supplies to area retailers.

Tosi Custom Sandblast Company has been a longtime Associate Member of the Barre Granite Association. In February of this year, it became the BGA's newest and 26th Voting Member.

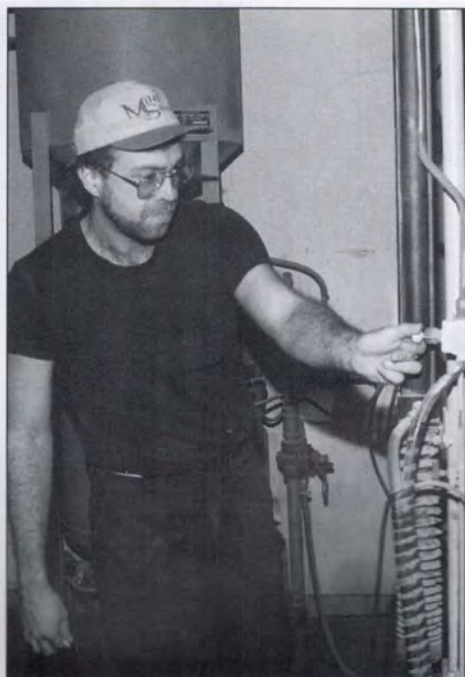


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Top photo: Interior, Tosi Custom Sandblast Company. Workers, clockwise from left: Ron Deforge, Jr., aka "Tojo," Brian Martel, Luc Laperle, Steve Rivard, Steve Moran, Not shown, Christine Sainza.



The Barre Guild Seal

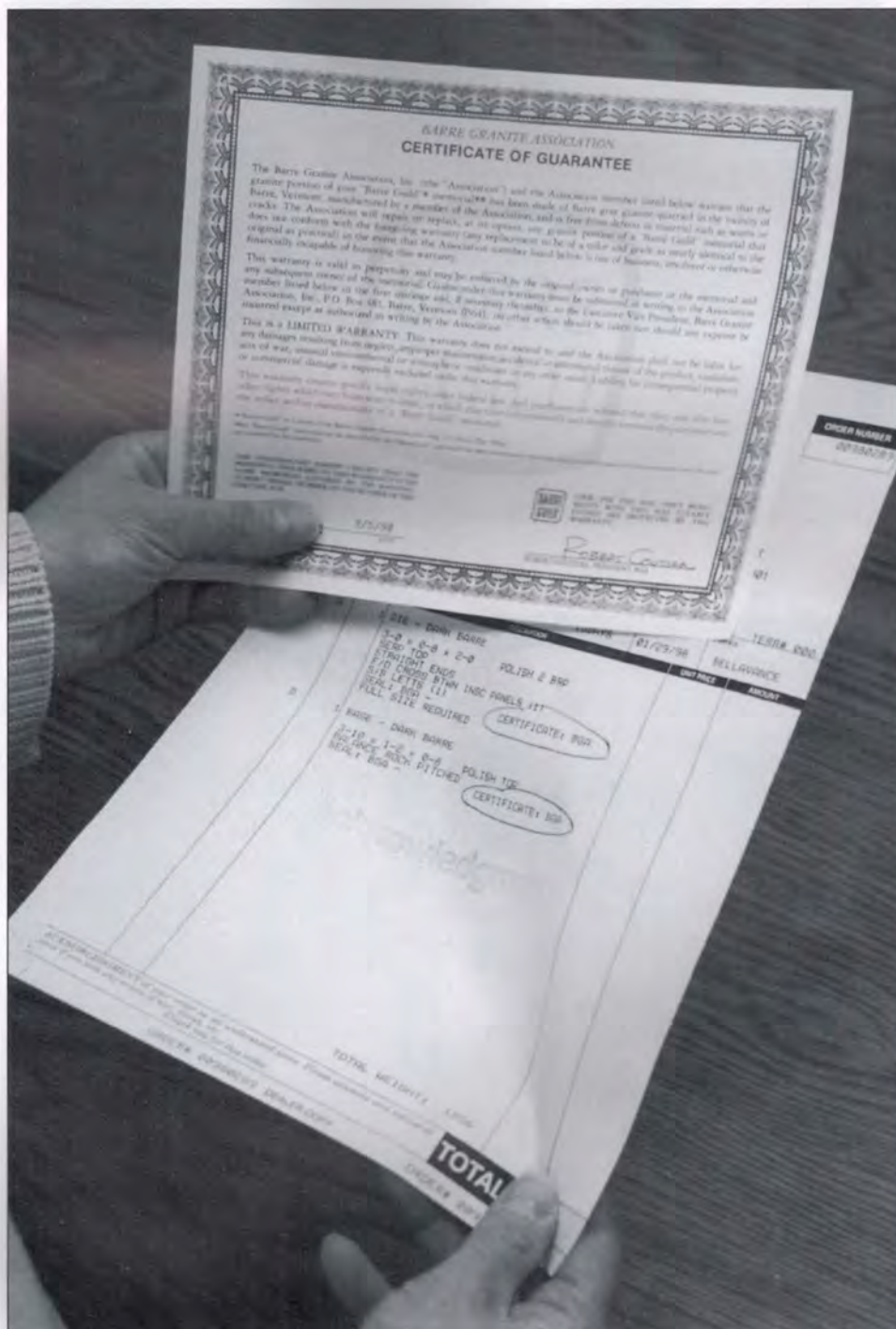
The Most Important Letters On Your Barre Gray Granite Memorial Are Often The Smallest!

For many retailers, it's the Barre Guild seal and accompanying warranty that close the sale.

While most manufacturers have and honor their own warranties, the BG seal offers a customer added assurance or insurance.



Ed Peake, quality control inspector at Adams Granite Company, uses a light to check for any hidden blemishes or other faults on this Barre Gray granite memorial before he applies the BG seal to the bottom right side of this die. As the order at right shows, many retailers demand that their Barre Gray granite monuments bear the BG seal.



NEWS AROUND TOWN

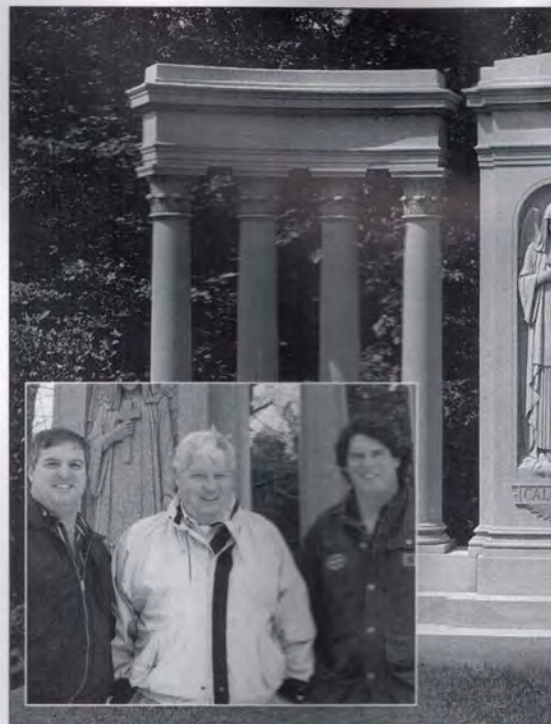
February 8, 1999
George Kreis Granites
Great Falls, Montana

The cover photo on the winter issue is one of those that makes guys like me say, "I wish I had taken that!" Awesome! Barre life as a whole has never been better. Having been in this business for 46 years, I appreciate your efforts.

Thanks,
George

MIGHTY JOE'S YOUNG

MATTHEW J. CALCAGNI (inset, right) has joined his father, Joseph B. (center) and brother Joseph V. (left) in operating the family business -- Granite Corporation of Barre. Matthew, a surveyor by trade, and his brother Joseph V. are fourth-generation Calcagnis involved in the granite business. The firm was founded by Joseph B. Calcagni, who has more more than 50 years' experience in granite design and sales. His grandfather, Joseph G. Calcagni, was a partner in one of Barre's most prestigious firms: Novelli and Calcagni, the firm that sculpted one of Barre's landmarks -- the statue of Robert Burns. Joe's father, Joseph O. Calcagni, later took over the operation of the plant, which, during its heyday, produced monuments for the Firestone and Packard families as well as the Calcagni family memorial (right).



CSI PLANTE EXPANSION

BOB PLANTE, COLOMBO STONEWORKS, Inc., president, explains recent improvements to his plant in four simple words: "We weren't big enough." Those improvements include the addition of two executive offices to accommodate an increased office staff, and the renovation of CSI's slab polisher, which has resulted in substantially increased production, Bob says. To handle this increase in production, CSI installed a new custom built automatic top-and-end polisher this spring.

Back row, from left: Kim Dufresne, Bookkeeping/Secretarial; Dave Widmer, Sales; Eric Meade, CAD Drafting; Billl Binaghi, Drafting, Design and Sales; Ron Plante, Plant Manager and Sales; Tom Cross, Order Processing/Expediting. Front row, from left: Bob Plante, President and Sales; Gwen Plante, Drafting and Office Management.

NEWS AROUND TOWN



ON THE CUTTING EDGE

AFTER 25 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE, slicing its way through thousands of granite blocks, the Ordway Machine, Inc., block saw at Riverton Memorial, Inc., has been replaced by an 8-4 gantry-type block saw. The new saw, also manufactured by Ordway, is fully automatic and computer operated, says Riverton's Arthur Miller.

MOUNTAINS OF BUBBLES

GEORGE KURJANOWICZ OF Kurjanowicz Sculpture Studio says anything can be done in stone -- as this bathtub surround shows. Made for the Pitcher Inn in Warren, Vt., of Danby White Marble and Verde Antique Serpentine from an architectural design by Sellers & Co. of Warren and set by Keith Young of Woodbury, Vt.

NEWS AROUND TOWN

ADDITION AT JOE'S

JOE'S CUSTOM POLISHING AND Manufacturing is in the process of building a 20 x 36 foot addition to its East Barre plant to house a 5-4 diamond gantry saw. The new addition, scheduled for completion on July 1, will free up space inside the main plant for a new grinding machine that is needed to keep up with an increased demand for duplicate work, says owner Jerry Perreault. It is the first addition to the plant since the late '80s when Perreault built an 8,400-square foot warehouse. Perreault has also hired an operator to run the saw and planer. "With more equipment, we are able to serve our clients better," Perreault says.

Work is under way on the new 20 x 36 addition to Joe's Custom Polishing And Manufacturing Plant in East Barre.

MID-ATLANTIC FLEET

FOR THE 140 PEOPLE ATTENDING the January meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Monument Builders (including BGA members Montpelier Granite Works and Pepin Granite Company), life doesn't get much better: The Bahamas-bound convention was held aboard the Royal Caribbean's *Sovereign of the Sea* and as the photo (right) illustrates, shorts and t-shirts were the uniform of the day. From the look on John Pesavento of S. Pesavento & Sons, Inc., Scranton, Pa., (photo below) it appears that life *did* indeed get better. On a sad note, Nick Shevchenko, CM, 69, owner of Shevchenko Monumental Works, Perth-Amboy, N.J., and a longtime member of the Mid-Atlantic Monument Builders and Monument Builders of North America, died at home in Woodbridge, N.J., on March 18.



NEWS AROUND TOWN



NEW ENGLAND MONUMENT DEALERS ASSOCIATION STURBRIDGE, MASS.

RETAIL AND MANUFACTURING members of the New England Monument Dealers Association and members of the Connecticut Memorial Builders Guild met at the Sturbridge Host in Sturbridge, Mass., in February for their annual meetings.

Clockwise, from left: Bob Caron, Caron Granite Company, Pawtucket, R.I.; Lynda Mureta Aldrich, Montpelier Granite Works; John Castaldo, Barre

Granite Association; Bruce Rex, Rex Granite Works, Fall River, Mass.; Michelle Mureta Parker, Montpelier Granite Works; and Maureen and Brad Jones, Rouleau Granite Company, at the BGA's booth.

An animated and airborne Paul Dimatteo, Maine Memorials, S. Portland, Me.

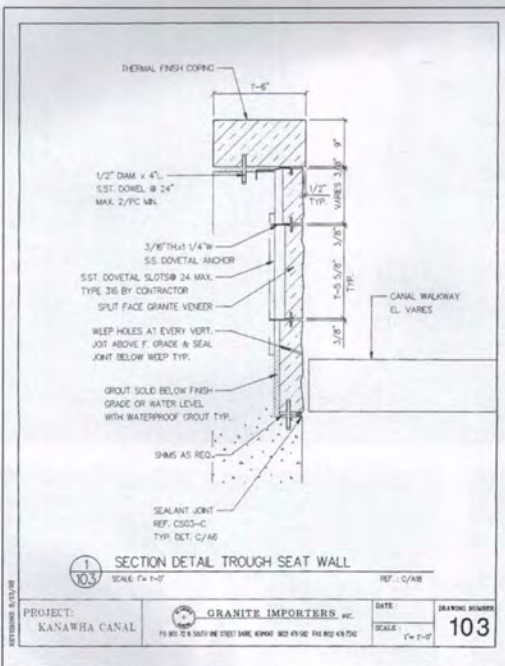
Steve Bigras, B&B Monumental Engravers, visits with Mike Walsh, Abbiatti Memorials, Brattleboro, Vt.



BUILT TO LAST



Granite Importers, Inc.
Richmond, Va., Kanawha Canal Project

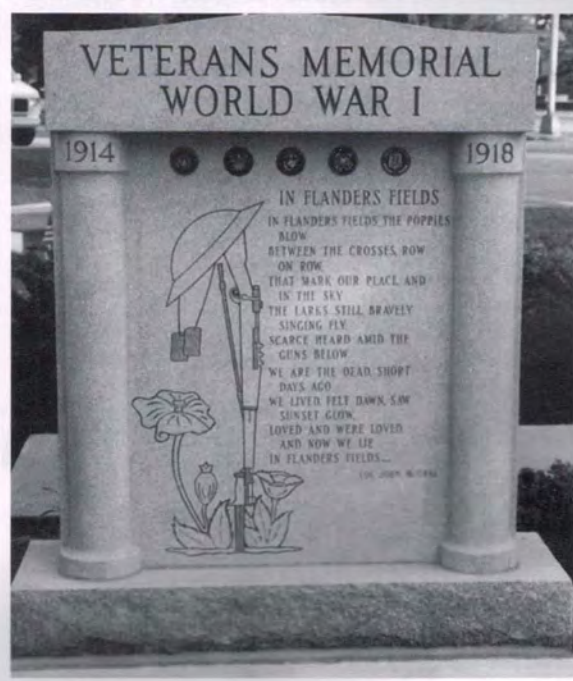
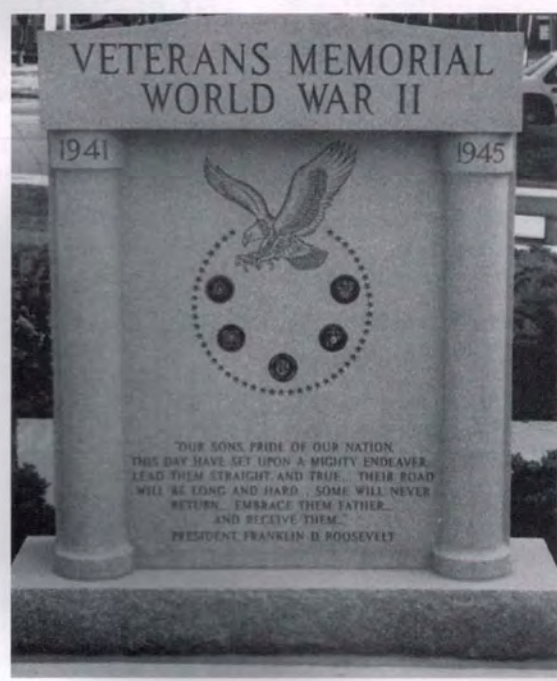


Project commenced March 1997. Began delivering stone June 1998. Completed February 1999. Project used 25,365 square feet of Barre Gray split face veneer on seat wall, bridges and planter walls plus pavers, cobbles and curb and 6,300 square feet of Kershaw Pink thermal coping.

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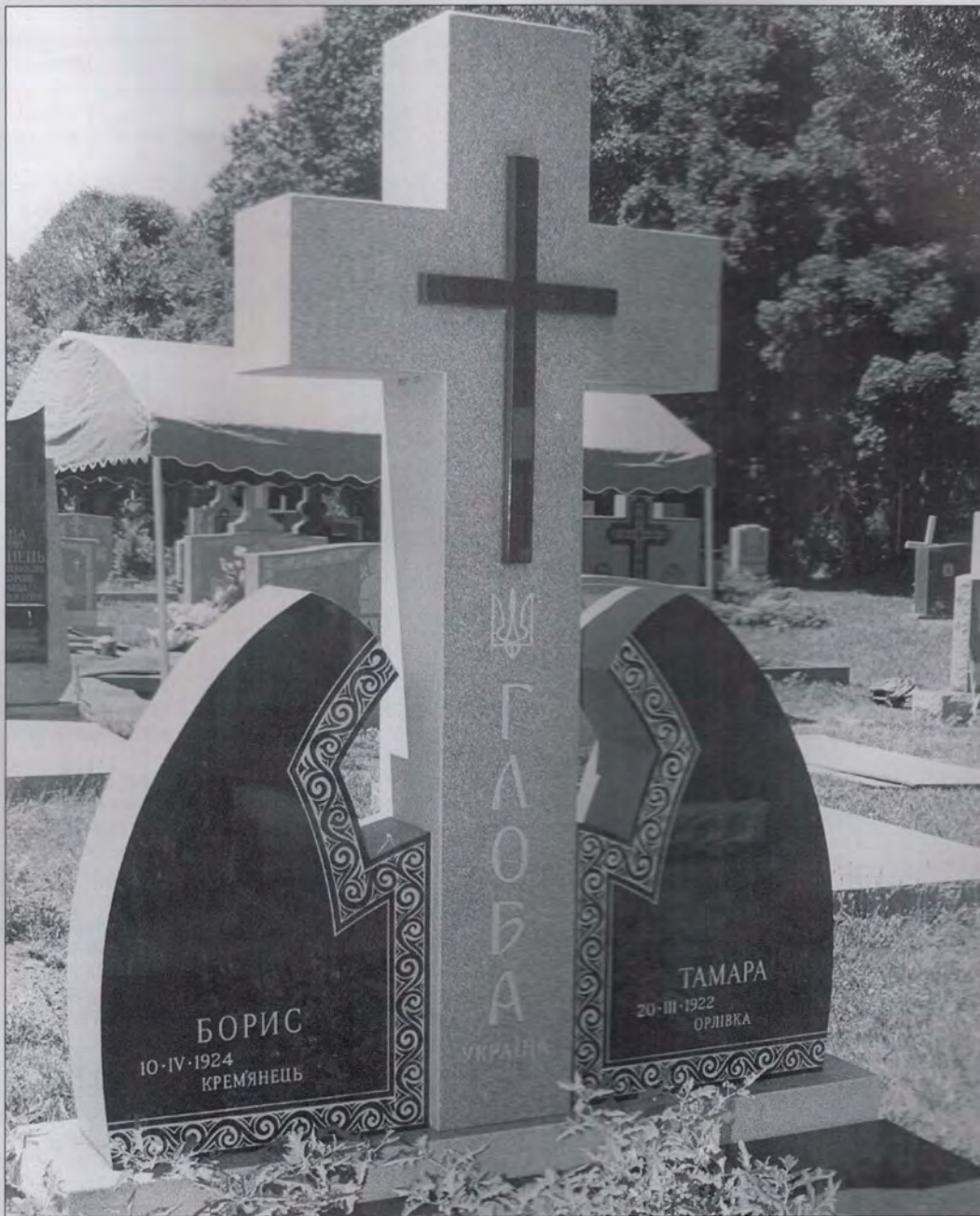
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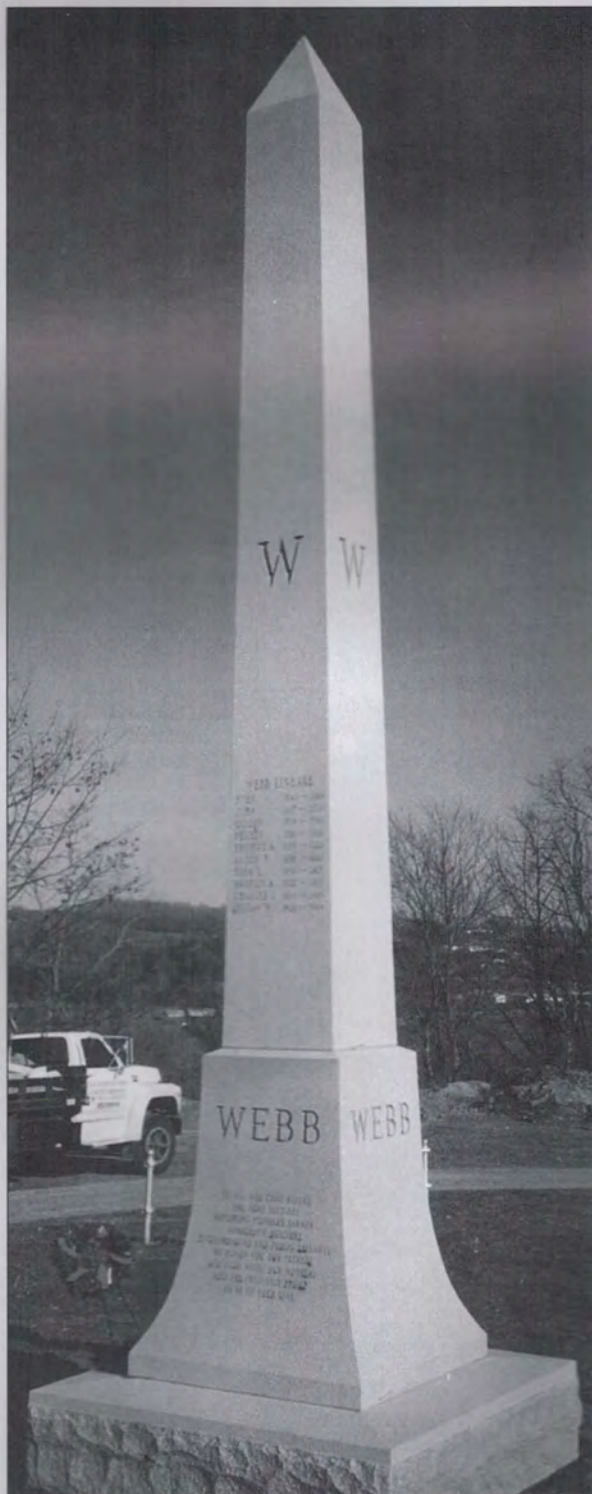
Six-Crypt All-Polished Mountain Rose Mausoleum

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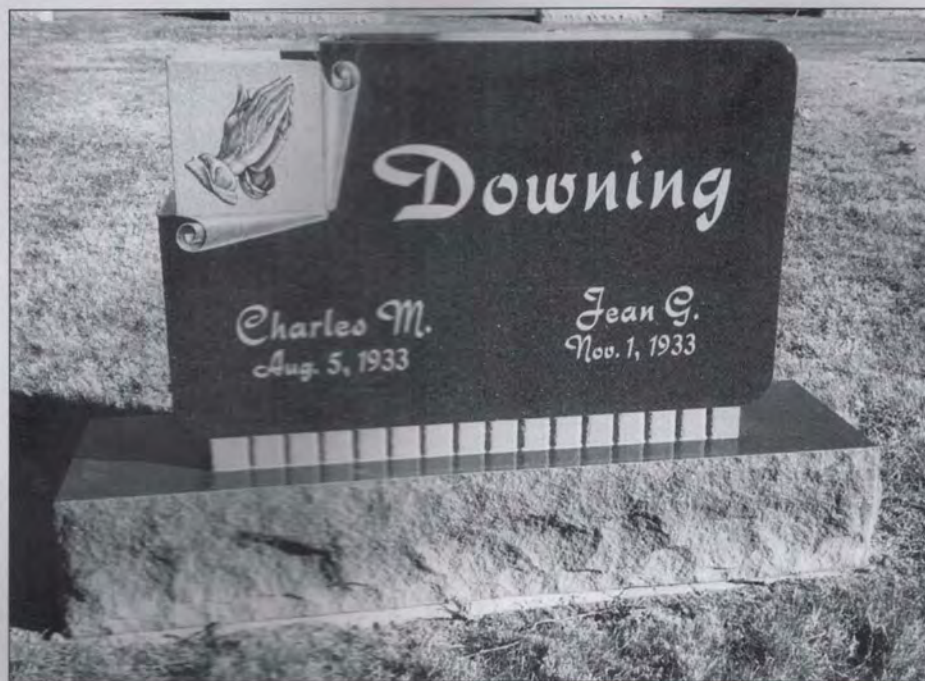


Adams
Granite
Company,
Inc.
For
D.H.
Burdick
& Sons
Clinton, N.Y.

Barre Gray Obelisk,
Overall Height: 20-0



CLASSIC & CONTEMPORARY



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Jet Black Die:
3-0 x 0-8 x 2-0
PFT; BRP Base:
4-0 x 1-2 x 0-6
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0-8 x 0-8 x 2-0
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6-4 x 1-2 x 0-8

CLASSIC & CONTEMPORARY



Joe's Custom
Polishing And
Manufacturing
*For Hamden
Monument
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Barre Die:
3-10 x 0-8 x 3-6
Base: 4-6 x 1-2 x 0-8



Granite
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Custom Jet Black
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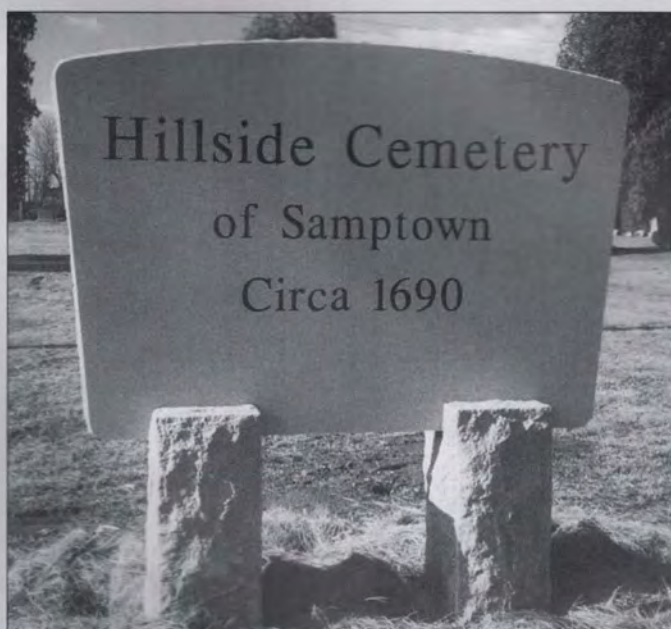


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Twin City
Custom
Sandblast For
*Mt. Pleasant
Memorials
Gloucester,
Mass.*

Bahama Blue
Die: 5-4 x 0-10 x 3-4
Base: 6-0 x 1-2 x 0-8
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Steel-2; BRP Die: 6-0 x 0-4 x 4-0
All Rock-Pitched Legs: 1-2 x 1-0 x 4-0



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 Granite
 Company
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 Monuments*
*N. Lindenhurst,
 N.J.*

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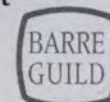
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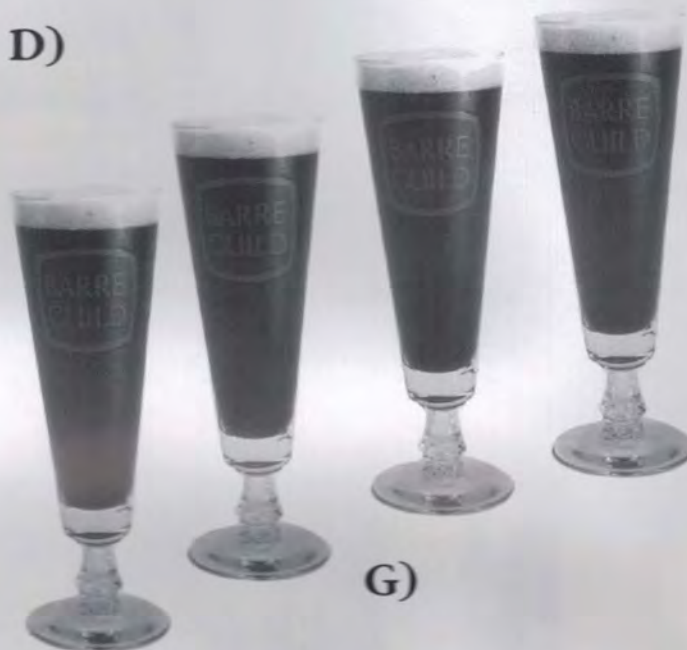
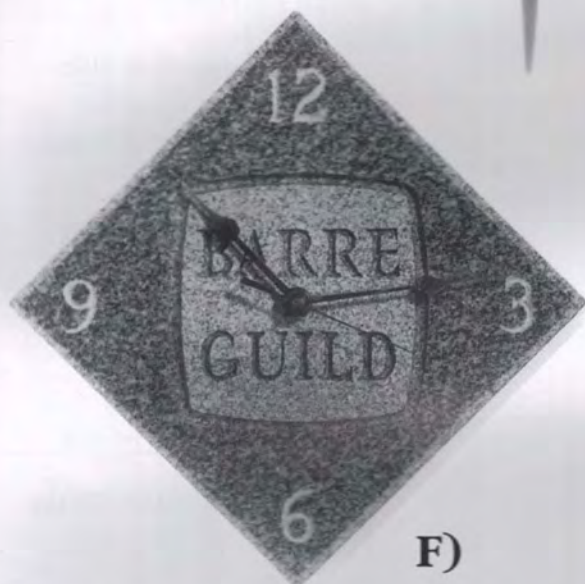
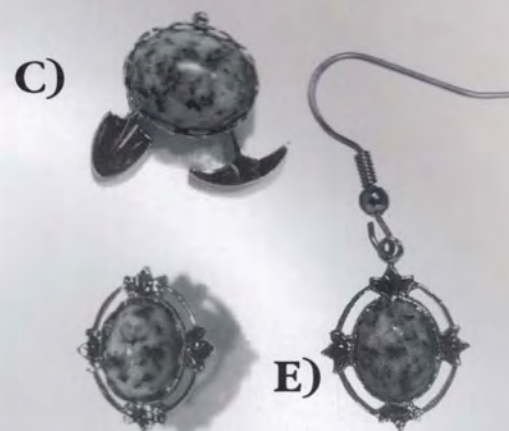
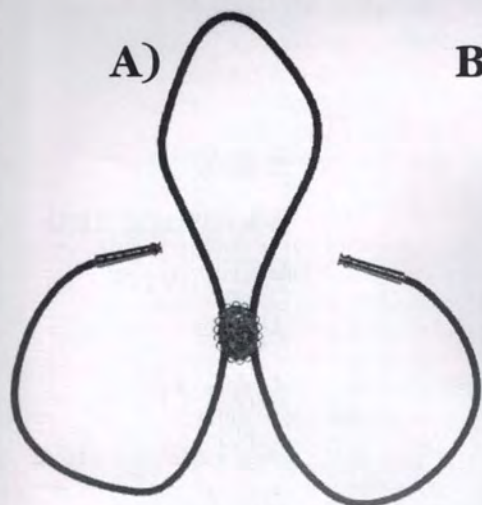


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 Dark Barre
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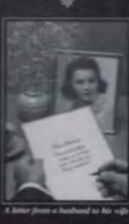
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