

I would like to thank Mr. Dave Taber and the Macedon Historical Society for the opportunity to perform an Eagle Scout project on the Durfee family cemetery on Jeffrey Road. I have had a wonderful experience.

I present these pictures to the Macedon Historical Society for their future reference and remembrance of a historic site.

Thank You.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. Weykman", written in a cursive style.

Daniel J. Weykman

This book contains pictures of my
Eagle Scout Project.

To everyone who helped, Thank you.

The dates of the work were May 28, 1994,
May 29, 1994, and June 10, 1994.

Dan Weykman

Let us return to the Durfee homestead. Bailey Durfee's son, Henry, was a lawyer, and lived in the village of Palmyra, where he practiced law until his death, which occurred about 1915, leaving a wife and no children. It was his desire to leave the farm to someone bearing the name of Durfee. But as time passes on and changes come, the younger generation will know but very little of the past, and the old pioneer farm will be divided into smaller farms, and all the future generations will know of this pioneer farm is what history will reveal. West of the house where now stands an old orchard, is the little old family burying ground, encircled by an iron fence, but as no provisions were made for its care, the little iron gate is broken and the little pioneer's resting place is neglected, and large trees have been permitted to grow above the graves, that the winter winds may sing their requiem, as they rustle through their branches.

Excerpt from Palmyra and Vicinity,
by Thomas L. Cook, 1930



North side of Jeffrey Road

Top - Before, dirt path

Bottom - After, steps, lunch on the hill





Trail going north to cemetery

Top - near Jeffrey Road

Bottom - middle of trail near cemetery





Full view of cemetery

Top - before
Bottom - after





Sign that was once attached to gate;
has been broken off

Sign - all pieces found; will be
re-attached to gate.





Sign being painted.

Top - first black coat

Bottom - white lettering re-painted.





Fence pieces - down because of fallen
tree

Top - before

Bottom - setting it upright





Putting fence together

L) - R), Ken Ossman II, Dan Weykman,
Donny Smith, Jason Goudreau



Trail's end near cemetery - before

Top - west side

Bottom - east side

Please note sign on tree stump in both





Top - before, gate only opened part way
bottom of fence is buried

Bottom - steps from the west



Full view of cemetery - after
gate opens all of the way
bottom of fence is exposed.



Top - cutting out brush;
L) Linda Ossman, R) Ken Ossman I
Bottom - cutting out brush on trail





Top - digging out bottom of fence
Greg Smith

Bottom - most brush has been cleared
almost done





Top - Cutting trail to cemetery
Bottom - Cutting weeds inside fence
Jason Weykman





Top - most brush has been cleared;
taking break.

Bottom - making lunch
Jason Weykman



Top - clearing brush on trail

L) Katy Smith;

C) Jason Goudreau

R) Brian Smith

Center - Digging near fence

L) Katy Smith; R) Greg Smith

Bottom - filling in holes

L) Ken Ossman II; Katy Smith;

Donny Smith | Brian Smith





Top - Finished steps
L) Ken Ossman II; R) Donny Smith

Bottom - surveying work to be done
Greg Smith, Katy Smith, Brian Smith





Top - stones outside fence taken from inside
Bottom - stones outside of fence





Top - repainting sign; myself

Bottom - replacing sign on gate
L) Jason Goudreau R) myself





Finished sign replaced

Top - L) Jason Goudreau; C) Katy Smith
R) - myself

Bottom - L) Jason Goudreau C) Robert
Pringle (scoutmaster) R) myself





Finished project.

