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Dear AGS Members: Welcome to issue 2 of the AGS e-newsletter! We received a tremendous amount of positive response and ideas for future issues. Thanks to everyone for your compliments and input. Please keep sending us articles and suggestions that you'd like to see in the future.

Just Published: Pioneer Cemeteries in Pennsylvania

This announcement came from Elissa Scalise Powell, about a new tombstone reading book. "Pioneer Cemeteries of Pine and Richland Townships, Allegheny County, PA and Pioneer Cemeteries of Hampton Township, Allegheny County, PA". This outstanding work documents the final resting place of many of the Pittsburgh area's first settlers. In addition to a new reading of thousands of weathering tombstones update to April 2003, every effort has been made to cross reference with previous readings and available church records. Included: 496 pages in a hardbound, library-quality, Smyth-sewn book Exact recording of dates, relationships, epitaphs, symbols, etc. Everyname index of over 7,000 names including maiden names Military service units indexed Funeral Homes and Stonecarvers' names indexed Photos, area maps, and histories

Introductory price until June 30, 2003 is \$29.95. Pennsylvania residents add \$2.10 tax. Regular price is \$39.95 beginning July 1. Special Offer! Get the Pioneer Cemeteries of Hampton Township, a 200-page hardbound book published in 1997, together with the above book for a special package price of \$40 plus PA tax of \$2.80 and \$8 shipping. Price of the Hampton Township volume alone is \$14.95 until June 30, and \$19.95 afterward. Send your check to: The North Hills Genealogists, Book Order c/o Northland Public Library 300 Cumberland Road Pittsburgh, PA 15237-5455

Washington Post Article: "In Old Graveyards, the Dead Protect the Living"

This article was forwarded to the office by a few AGS members. It discusses cemeteries as habitats for endangered animals and plants.

[Click here for the Washington Post Article, by Cheryl Lyn Dybas](#)

"A Lifetime of Lessons Carved in Stone", from The Columbus Dispatch

AGS Trustee Katie Karrick is quoted in the attached article. She comments: Here's an article from the Columbus Ohio newspaper about a very interesting fellow who has done research on stones and weathering in Ohio.

[Click here to read the Columbus Dispatch article](#)

Just Published: "Stories Carved in Stone"

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"Stories Carved in Stone: The Story of the Dummer Family, the Merrimac Valley Gravestone Carvers, and the Newbury Carved Stones, 1636-1735", by Mary Elaine Gage and James Gage was just published by Powwow River Books. It will be reviewed in an upcoming AGS Quarterly. Copies may be purchased through their website (see link below) for \$20.00 plus \$3.50 for S&H (\$23.50 total). Or mail a check or money order to: Powwow River Books 163 Kimball Road Amesbury, MA 01913-5515 (Mass. residents need to add 5% sales tax). Their e-mail address is: info@powwowriverbooks.com

[Powwow River Books](#)

**A Report on the 2002 AGS Conference and Annual Meeting Savannah, GA**

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In anticipation of the upcoming AGS conference in Poultney, Vermont, we thought we'd include a re-print from the Winter 2002-2003 issue of the Coalition Courier, newsletter of the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites. The article, written by Diane Nesmeyer, is an enthusiastic review of last year's conference, and an excellent overview of conference structure and activities.

[Link to 2002 AGS Conference Review](#)

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