

BUILT FROM STONE

THE WESTERLY GRANITE STORY

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TO EACH HIS OWN

There is no doubt that a huge obelisk is impressive, a statue can evoke emotions, and a cross is a statement of faith. But some customers wanted something different — something that would stand out in the cemetery. Here is a gallery of options that were available from the Westerly granite companies.

Assembled by Linda Smith Chaffee



Clockwise from right:

Colonnade: a series of columns supporting an entablature (the upper section of a classical monument)
Atwood Colonnade, Evergreen Cemetery, Stonington, CT

Table Tomb: a raised ledger supported at each corner by small columns standing on a landing stone.

Boulder: a rough-hewn monument
Shotwell Boulder, River Bend Cemetery, Westerly, RI

Stele: an upright stone or slab with an inscribed or sculptured surface, used as a monument or as a commemorative tablet in the face of a building

Balustrade: a railing with supporting balusters (short vase-shaped supporting columns)
Castritius Balustrade, River Bend Cemetery, Westerly, RI

Broken (or Fallen) column: symbol of the broken life.
Collins Column, Maysville Mason County Cemetery, Maysville, KY

Ledger: a stone slab that completely covers the gravesite
Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic, CT

Cradle: symbol of final resting place.
Chapman Cradle, River Bend Cemetery, Westerly, RI

Others (not pictured) are:

Bench: a long seat with no back, designed for two or more people

Marker: a small stone marking an individual grave often located adjacent to a family monument. Markers may have varied styles: ornate, simple, round top, slant, flush, etc.

Tablet: A tablet may mark the grave of a couple or a single individual.

Urn: a vase of varying size and shape, usually having a footed base or pedestal; it may be on top of the cap of the monument or freestanding.

TODAY IN GRANITE

Mason Contractor Sam Cillino of Westerly used Medium Round Fieldstone on this custom built home. Special cuts of bluestone were used as wall coping, pier caps and sill stock. Medium Round Fieldstone has a native "New England" coloring and is used on all types of buildings and on retaining and boundary walls. United Builders Supply Co., Inc supplied both Medium Round Fieldstone and bluestone for this project.



PEOPLE WHO BUILT WESTERLY DOCUMENTED GRANITE WORKERS

Roan, S. R.	Roche, David W.
Roan, Samuel	Roche, James E.
Roberts, Daniel	Roche, John
Robertson, Alexander	Roche, Patrick
Robertson, David	Roediger, Richard
Robiani, Antone	Rogers, James
Robinson, Orrin	Ronaldi, Charles
Robinson, Orrin M.	Rossi, Antone
Robinson, William	Rossi, Augustus
Roce, D. W.	Rossi, Charles
Roch, David	Rossi, E.
Roche, David Jr.	Rossi, James

WESTERLY GRANITE



The Second Division Memorial was produced by the Joseph Coduri Granite Company on Oak Street in 1936.

Second Division Memorial

This memorial in Washington, DC honors the 17,660 men and women of the Second Division of the United States Army who lost their lives during World War I from 1917-1919. A wing on each side was added to honor those lost in World War II and the Korean Conflict.

The large open doorway symbolizes the entrance to Paris and the fiery 18-foot golden sword symbolically blocks the Germans from occupying the city. The doorway is flanked by granite shafts with a wreath on each one carved in relief. The names of the battles in which the Division participated are inscribed on each side. The memorial is located on the Ellipse south of the White House at 17th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW.

STONE CHIPS

Referring to her mother doing laundry once a week: "We had to change our clothes once a week in those days. Once a week, but the other people ... in the wintertime it was too cold to change their clothes. We had to take a bath once a week, but the ... Yankees around here didn't. They said we'd catch pneumonia. They said, 'You'll be awful sick.' ... the other people who lived up the road from us ... their underwear was brown by the time spring came around."

Hannah Hill Robinson interviewed in 1985

YOUR PART IN HISTORY

Share your stories, photos and artifacts. Earlier volumes of "Built From Stone" are now on the museum's website; www.babcocksmithhouse.org.

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Dick Comolli: The Last of the Active Carvers



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