

Addendum

Jaffrey Historical Society application to the Jaffrey Historic District Commission
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The Jaffrey Historical Society seeks approval for the construction of a replica of a Hearse House that once stood at the west end of the Horsesheds at the Old Burying Ground in Jaffrey Center.

The original structure was moved to a site in downtown Jaffrey off of Nutting Road at some time in the mid-1900s and survives there today as a private storage shed.

The Society proposes to replicate this structure as closely as possible using traditional materials.

The Society expects the Building Trades Program at Conant High School to undertake the construction of the structure with the timber frame being designed, cut and fitted by Scott Jenkins of Jenkins Woodwrights of Frankestown, NH. Construction is expected in the spring or fall of 2016.

The structure will be the same dimensions as the original Hearse House, i.e. 17 feet wide by 21 feet long and 16 feet tall at the peak. It will be, then, 357 gross square feet.

The roof and wall sheathing will be rough sawn pine. The outer walls will be white-painted wood clapboards. The roof will be of wood shingles. There will be one door, facing east, painted white, hinged at either jamb and opening out. There will be above the door a hand-lettered sign, black on white, reading 'Hearse House.' There will be a single double-hung 9/6 true divided light window at either gable end. The structure will sit on granite or concrete piers as did the original Hearse House. The Society proposes the same windows for the northside (three) and the westside (two). These windows will have operable black-painted blinds (shutters). These latter windows represent the only features not found in the original structure and are being proposed in order to provide natural light to the interior and allow the hearses to be viewed at times when the building is not open for visitors. Because of their being on the north and west facades they will not detract from the views from the Common.

The Society proposes to site the structure south of the southerly stonewall of the Old Burying Ground and west of the present gate. This is very close to the original location which if used would cause maintenance difficulties, obstruct to some extent the view into the cemetery and beyond and require the removal of a portion of the existing stone wall. The site is presently staked at the corner points of the proposed structure. *Note:* The proposed location has been moved 15 feet further west from the location first proposed. The site is reasonably level and would require minimal preparation and the removal of one ash tree.