Lydia Mowry Gravestone Transcription

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Mrs. LYDIA

Wife of

Seth Mowry

Died Sept 9. 1815

Aged 44 Years.

4 Months.

Condition Report:

- Material Used: Slate
- Maker: Unknown/No markings

The lot itself is well groomed and maintained, the grass was short and the brush had been cut back. The stone itself was displaying wear from acid rain and abrasions. The color faded from the bottom to the top of the stone due to the acid rain damage deteriorating the top of the stone. The legibility of the writing gets progressively better the further down the stone it is located as a result. There is also a thin layer of lichen in localized patches on the top half of the stone. Two large scratches that show up as lighter colors of stone then their surrounding are located on the right side of the writing in the margin while the other runs through the words “Years” and “Months.” The worst damage
to the grave stone is the chunk of stone absent from the top right corner of the stone. This
damage is about 10 inches long from point to point and makes it impossible to discern the
carving at the top center of the stone. Looking as though the carving was of a lantern,
bowl or pot it is impossible to discern because some of the image is missing. The missing
chunk also obscures the “A” in Lydia as it is missing. Although the lot is in great shape
and the stone is legible in the parts where it exists there is normal wear and tear from
nature and the passage of time, in addition there is damage to the top right corner of the
stone that makes it hard to discern what exactly the carving at the top center is.
Wife of Mr. SETH MURPHY
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