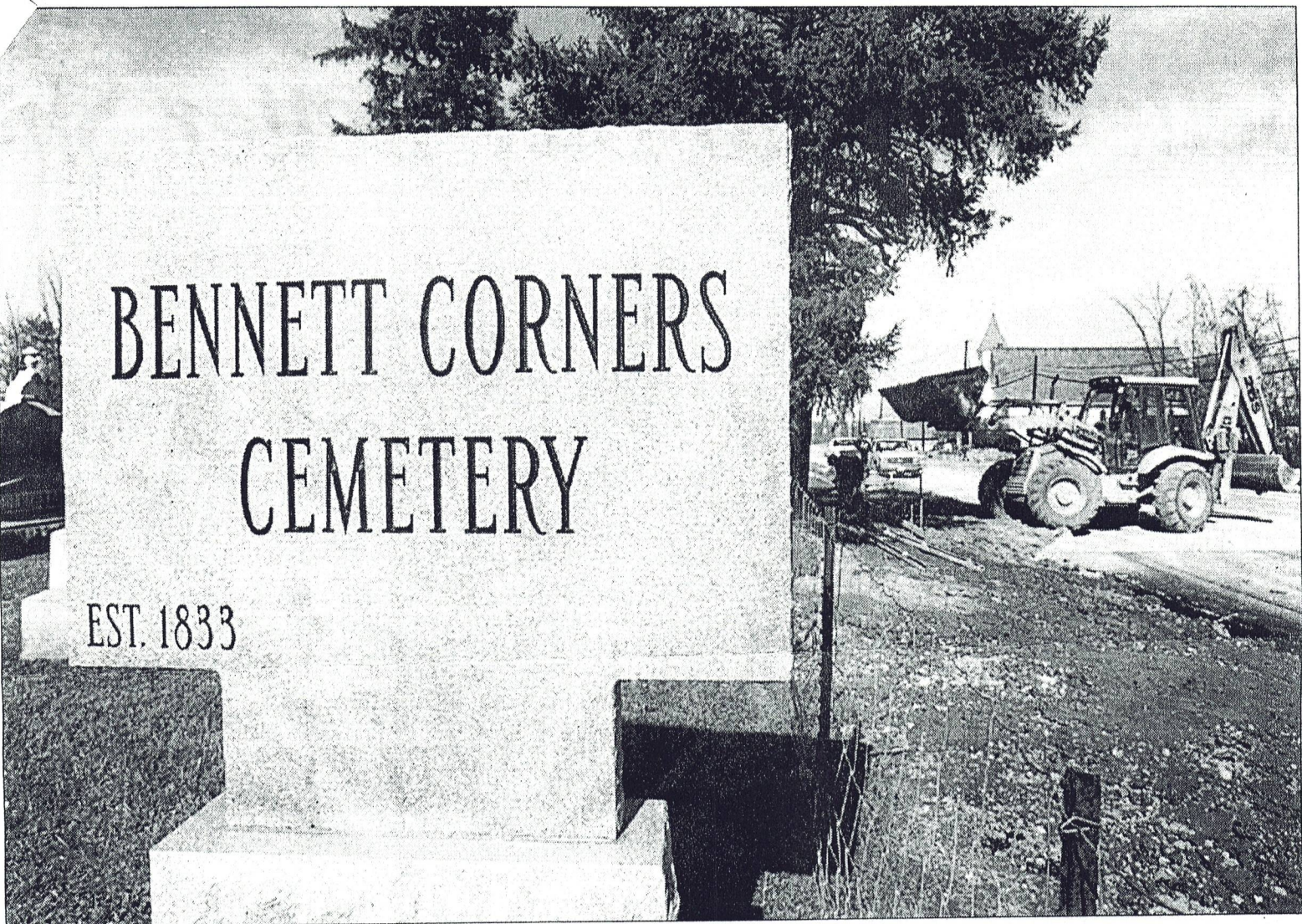




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This \$2,500 stone marker says one thing but residents and historians say another. Some say it should be Bennetts Corners, others Bennett's Corners.

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Name debate at crossroads

Residents, historians, public officials trying to determine whether name of hamlet is Bennett Corners, Bennetts Corners or Bennett's Corners

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BRUNSWICK — Brunswick officials are learning that nothing is certain — even if it is written in stone.

A \$2,500 stone marker identifying Bennett Corners Cemetery has residents, historians and the grammar police on alert. That is because the intersection on which the cemetery sits is variously known as Bennett Corners, Bennetts Corners and Bennett's Corners.

The dispute over the name of the hamlet has arisen as a massive, yearlong overhaul of the intersection nears completion.

Bennett — or Bennetts/Bennett's — Corners used to be a spoked intersection swirl-

ing six stop signs, three cities, a township and two counties into one convoluted mess.

After a year of straightening, signaling and signage, the new four-way intersection is almost finished.

One matter remains unresolved — what to call it.

Eighty-year-old Clyde Levandoski, whose family has tended the cemetery and lived in the neighborhood for seven generations, says he doesn't care about the apostrophe, but you darn well better have an "s" on the end of Bennett.

"We have several different kinds of papers and letters and pictures for 100 years or more back," Levandoski said. "Every one of them is Bennetts with an 's' on the end."

But Brunswick City Manager Skip Trimble insists that the paperwork used to legally document the cemetery — which he said he got from Levandoski — says the name is simply Bennett.

"We have the legal documents recognized by the state and through the courts that say this is Bennett Corners Cemetery," Trimble said.

City Council decided Monday to ask the city's historical society to look into the matter and advise them before any votes are held on whether to change the sign.

"I'll do what I'm told; I always do," Trimble said, standing by his decision. "My recommendation on the floor was to leave it Bennett Corners Cemetery, as it is legally recognized."