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Thursday afternoon, October 21, 2010, NPS Culture Resources Program Manager Jennifer Talken-Spaulding and I had a telephone conversation and an email exchange. This communication came in response to my much earlier request for a status report regarding the restoration of the Hahnemann Monument.

The last piece of the Hahnemann Restoration Project is the resolution of the inactivated fountain at the rear of the memorial. Two considerations speak against reactivation of the fountain, 1) lack of a water recirculation option and 2) misuse of an accessible water source.

The proposed plan, which the AIH Hahnemann Monument Preservation Committee has offered to support, is to replace the current steel banded concrete slab with a more appropriate cover. Mrs. Talken-Spaulding has been seeking a source of a matching piece of granite. The first source evaporated when the New England quarry closed earlier this year. Thus far she has received a proposal from Solid Rock Company in Maryland for preparation of a piece of granite from North Carolina, which she pronounces a near match. The cost from this company is \$4850.00. She is seeking two other bids for the prepared slab of granite. The HRP Fund now holds \$11,844.68.

Prior to the placement of the finally chosen shaped granite cover, the concrete slab will be removed, the rust stains will be expunged, and the pebbles in the base of the basin will be collected.

The entire process will be memorialized with serial photographs, copies of which will be provided to the Chairman of the AIH Hahnemann Monument Preservation Committee for our archives.

A new donation letter may need to be composed to accompany the contribution for the completion of this project.

The goal is to complete this final task well in advance of the AIH September 2011 conference when a memorial ceremony is planned for those in attendance.

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