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Kristen was contacted very late in the grant writing time period. She assisted members of the Trumbull- Porter Chapter of the Daughter of the American Revolution in writing 2 grants that would benefit our care of the Old Burying Ground in Watertown, Connecticut. At the outset of these projects, Kristen had very little knowledge of our organization or the historic cemetery for which we care.

Kristen insisted on gaining firsthand knowledge of the problems in the cemetery, so we scheduled an on-site visit. Taking it upon herself, she researched the causes for deterioration of gravestones and the acceptable treatments for restoring or repairing them. Kristen then took the time to understand our organizational history as it involved the cemetery, its focus and needs. She also studied the local community and our involvement in the community.

Kristen worked tirelessly with our members to acquire the necessary information to guide us through the grant writing process – a first for our members – from start to finish. I believe her work helped lay the foundation for our organization to proceed on our own. Kristen taught us about the intricacies of grant writing; she is both knowledgeable and willing to act as a teacher for her clients. Kristen has become our grant writing mentor.

Kristen's professionalism inspired confidence, and helped produce the results we hoped for. As a result of her work we were awarded both grants she wrote with and for us, totaling \$4,200. This has enabled the Trumbull-Porter Chapter of the DAR to continue our care for the Old Burying Ground this year.