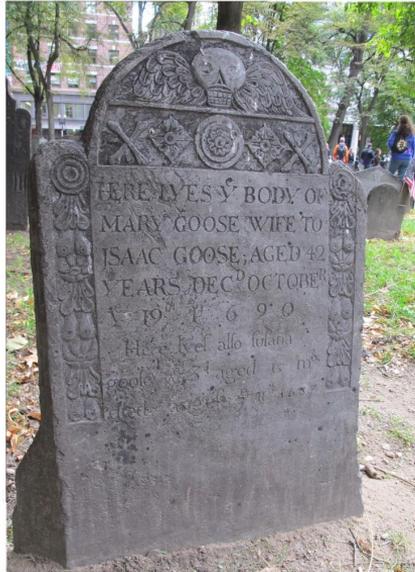


IN MEMORY OF THE DECEASED

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Figure 1



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Figure 2



Death comes with memory. Remembering the dead can take form in many different ways, two most common being in graves and memorials. Ultimately, they are all forms of symbols that carry on the memory of the lives once lived by the individual. The first being a grave typically remembers the lives of the deceased in grief, and it can be seen in Figure 1: Mary Goose's grave. Goose's grave is one of many graves at Boston's Granary Burying Grounds where we can see the popular motif known as "Soul Effigy," a skull or "death's head" with a wing on each side that represents the soul flying to heaven after death. The Soul Effigy is the epitome of eighteenth-century American gravestone carvings, and with the gravestone already giving off a mournful remembrance of the dead, the Skull Effigy adds on as a very realistic and unpleasant representation of death. During the walk on tour, we discussed that the skull can be depicted as a lasting reminder that death is an inevitable feature of life. On the other hand, remembering the deceased can also take forms in memorials, which have a more uplifting and sentimental value of remembering the dead. Here in Figure 2, we can see a firefighter's uniform hanging on the memorial dedicated to the firefighters that passed away during the Vendome Hotel fire. With the names of the firefighters engraved in stone, the hanging of the firefighter's uniform is a symbol of courage and bravery displayed by those that sacrificed their lives on duty. The memorial serves as a hopeful reminder of the people and events that took place during the Boston Vendome Hotel Fire in a feeling of appreciation that can be shared through anyone that sees it, whereas remembering the death of the deceased through graves, such as Mary Goose's grave, has a more meaningful value to those that were related to that deceased individual, as others who see the grave and its engravings can merely interpret it as a symbol of death. Nevertheless, both graves and memorials are very meaningful in the way that they both allow us to remember the lives of the deceased.