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Preserving Irish history in Newport



From left, John Booth, Bob Finn, Nicholas Benson, Tom Mahoney, Ed McCarthy and Brian Pelletier, all of Newport, load a granite Celtic Cross that had been buried at the Barney Street Cemetery (St. Joseph) since the early 1970s. The cross, pictured below, marked the cemetery in 1920. It will be restored and returned to the site in about a year.

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The Museum of Newport Irish History began yesterday a restoration project at the Barney Street (St. Joseph) Cemetery. A Celtic Cross, buried there since the early 1970s, was unearthed and taken to the John Stevens Shop where stoner carver Nicholas Benson will restore the memorial that was erected at the site in the 1920s. The Barney Street Cemetery is part of the first Irish-Catholic parish in Rhode Island, St. Mary's, now a nationally designated historic site.
