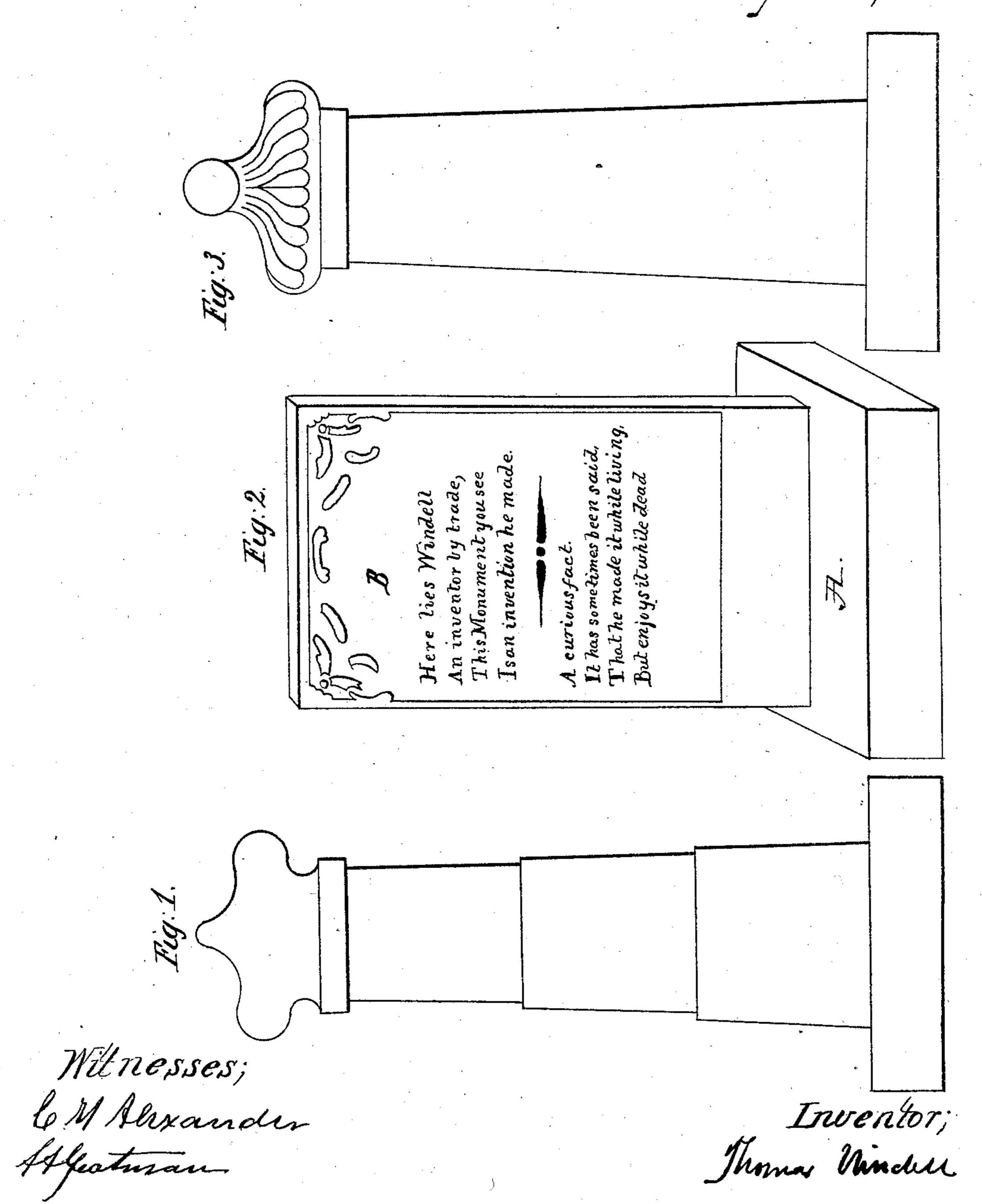
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## TOMBSTONE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Thomas Windell, of New Albany, in the county of Floyd and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in the Manufacture of Tombstones and Monuments; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked therein.

The nature of my invention consists in making tombstones and monuments of glass, in which inscriptions may be pressed sub-

15 stantially as hereinafter specified.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 2, represents, an ordinarily shaped flat tombstone. Figs. 1, and 3, represent forms of monuments—which may be made of glass—and made round or square, or any other convenient and desirable shape.

In Fig. 2, A, represents a pedestal upon which the tombstone B, stands. This pedestal may be made of marble, or stone, or glass, or any other suitable material. The tombstone B, is made of glass, and may be made in any ornamental style, and of any desired form and size. The tombstone must be made of a proper thickness so as not to be too easily broken. If made of the usual thickness of marble stones, it will be suffi-

ciently strong, as it will be stronger than marble, of the same thickness. These tombstones may be readily made when needed, as they will be pressed and any inscription 35 which it is desired to put upon them can be easily pressed in them at little or no cost additional. These stones may be made cheaper and more expeditiously than marble ones. The marble itself is costly, and the 40 work of dressing and polishing is also costly and then the inscription which must be cut with an instrument upon it, is always more or less costly in proportion to its length and the style of its letter. The glass is cheaper, 45 is stronger, is more durable, is more easily inscribed, and may be more easily ornamented, and adorned, than the marble, or any other material of which tombstones are now made, except cast iron, which for many 50 reasons will never be used generally.

Having thus fully described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

Manufacturing tombstones or monuments <sup>55</sup> of glass, in which inscriptions may be pressed substantially as and for the purpose herein specified.

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Witnesses:

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