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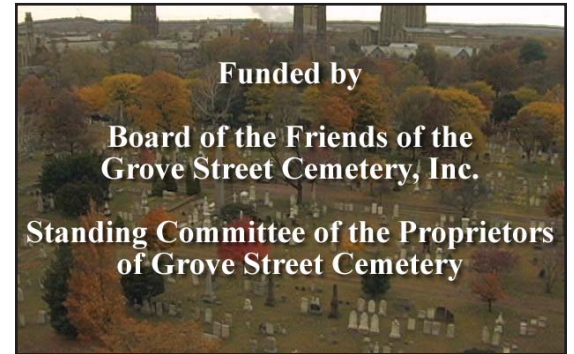
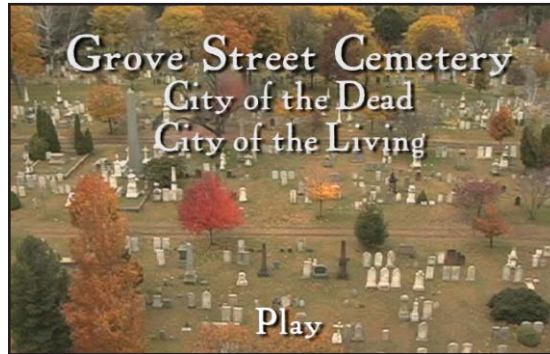
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Grove Street Cemetery DVD to be Shown on Connecticut Public TV



Connecticut Public Television (CPTV) has accepted our acclaimed DVD documentary about the establishment, development, historical significance and the horticulture of the more than 200-year old Grove Street Cemetery for broadcast at **6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 28**. In its communication to the DVD's producer, Karyl Evans, CPTV referred to the film as "a gem." The program's title in CPTV's schedule is listed as "Local Lens" and we advise you to 'check your local listings' for any change in broadcast time.

We believe that a state-wide television showing of the DVD will substantially broaden the public's interest and awareness of the Cemetery and its significance as the burial place of a veritable host of notable persons. And we hope that this event will further stimulate additional sales of the DVD. If you have not already obtained your copy, the DVD is available for purchase at \$15.00 (postage pre-paid) per copy. Please consider not only ordering a copy for yourself but also order copies as gifts for relatives and friends. There is an order form on Page 3 of this issue of the Bulletin.



Bust of Noah Webster
at New Haven Museum

Noah Webster:

Shaping a Language, Defining a Nation

On October 16th and 17th, a series of events in and around Yale University, all under the guidance of Howard Lamar, commemorated the 250th birthday of Noah Webster. Lectures and seminars included such topics as Webster's accomplishments and his service to medicine, and epidemiology as well as public and environmental health. There were, of course, a number of presentations about his talent as a wordsmith, a patriot and a Yale loyalist. Judith Schiff, a member of the Board of the Friends, conducted a well-attended tour of parts of the Grove Street Cemetery, focusing on the grave-site of Noah Webster and his contemporaries and friends. Following a luncheon at the New Haven Museum on Friday the 17th, Joshua Kendall, author of a forthcoming biography of Webster, spoke to those attending about Webster's obsession with words and the creation of America's first dictionary.

The *grand finale* was a dinner at the New Haven Lawn Club followed by a stimulating lecture given by Joanne Freeman, Professor of History at Yale, in which she cleverly juxtaposed current political events with the "The Dirty Game of Politics in Webster's World."



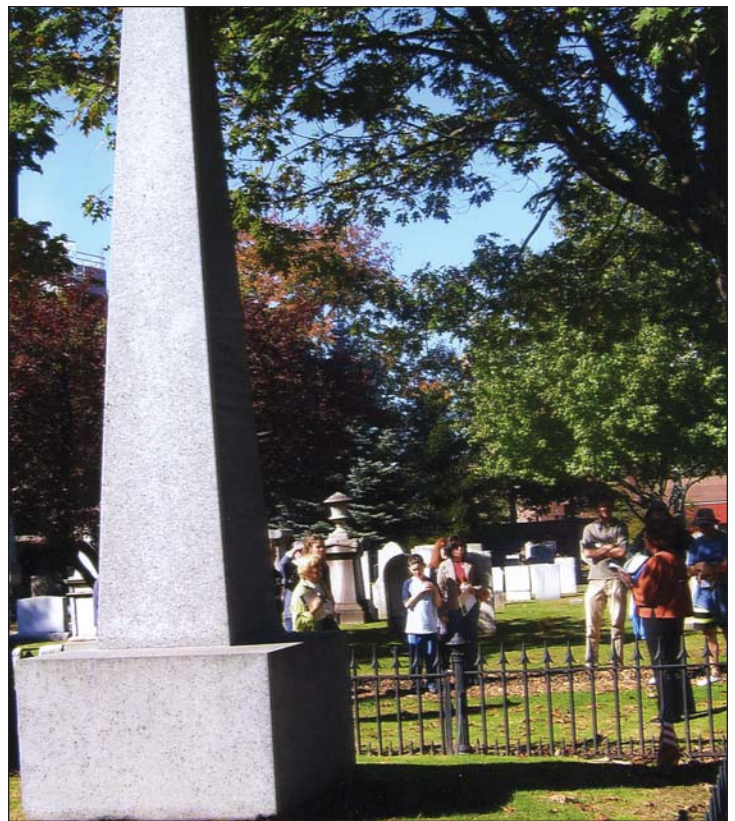
Luncheon at The New Haven Museum



Webster Birthday Dinner at the New Haven Lawn Club



Tour Group Gathers at the Cemetery's Henry Austin Gate



Tour Group at Gravesite of Noah Webster

Docents Complete a Busy Season

From early May until late November, free one-hour tours of Grove Street Cemetery were offered every Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. and on the first and third Sundays at 12:00 noon. Nearly 1200 people were guided through many sections of the Cemetery by our volunteer Docents. Inclement weather affected only a couple of tours this year. There was a marked increase in the number of 'private' tours during this year's 'tour season.' Those special tours are available by arrangement with our head Docent, Patricia Illingworth, who may be reached at (203) 389-5403 or at p.b.illingworth@worldnet.att.net. Schools, families, club groups, historical associations and other organizations who had special interests were among those we served in 2008. Please contact Patti Illingworth to reserve a tour time for the 2009 and indicate any special interests of the group. This year's first private tour was for "Round the World Women," who hailed from Israel, Japan, Russia, Germany, France, and Peru—among other locations. Many Cemetery visitors prefer a self-guided tour. Maps and other materials are available at the gate house, just inside the Grove Street entrance, from Mr. or Mrs. William Cameron, the Cemetery's Superintendents. Please Note: The Cemetery is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (sharp!).

Burial Plots Available

It often surprises those who visit the Cemetery to learn that, while it might appear to be 'full,' there are, in fact, over 1000 gravesites for sale. Burial plots at the Cemetery have always been—and continue to be—available to the general public, everyone and anyone. It was founded, after all, as the New Haven City Burial Ground. In today's world, over 50% of the burials in most U.S. cemeteries, including Grove Street, are for cremation urns. If you would like information about obtaining a gravesite for a full burial or for cremation remains, please contact Mr. or Mrs. Cameron, the Superintendents, at the Cemetery by calling (203) 787-1443.

Major Website Modernization is Underway and Your Help is Needed

The Board of the Friends of the Grove Street Cemetery, Inc. has agreed to undertake a much needed and somewhat major modernization and upgrade of its oft-heralded Website. Changes in the capacity of the site as well as the availability of additional data are among the items on the list which has been approved for implementation. The work is scheduled to begin before the end of 2008 and should be completed by mid-year 2009.

The cost of the modernization is estimated to be \$8,000 and your financial support of this endeavor would be extremely helpful and, of course, greatly appreciated. Your contributions to the Friends for this purpose may be 'earmarked' for the expense of this particular project.

How to Order YOUR Copy of the Grove Street Cemetery DVD

Copies of the Grove Street Cemetery DVD are available for purchase at \$15.00 (postage pre-paid) per copy. Please complete the form below to receive your copy. You should also consider purchasing copies for family members and for friends.

Name _____

Address _____

No. of DVD copies _____ @ \$15.00 = \$_____ sent to the above address.

No. of DVD copies _____ @ \$15.00 = \$_____ sent to the individuals whose names and addresses appear on the separate enclosed list.

How to Join Friends of the Grove Street Cemetery, Inc.

Individuals, organizations and corporations interested in Grove Street Cemetery and the objectives of the Friends are encouraged to become members. Annual membership dues are shown below. The membership year is October 1 to September 30. Membership Dues and other contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Contributions in excess of Membership Dues are welcome and, unless otherwise specified, will be allocated to its General Fund. We also maintain two additional funds which may be of interest to donors. The Landscape and Landmark Funds were created to support the on-going horticultural programs of the organization and the ever present need for support of the Cemetery's renovation and restoration efforts.

Name _____

Address _____ Tel.: _____

Dues: Individual \$35 _____ Couple \$50 _____ Not-for-profit \$50 _____ Corporation \$100 _____

Please check areas of participation that interest you:

Preservation _____ Program _____ Publication _____ Horticulture _____ Docent _____ Fund Raising _____

Checks for DVD orders, Dues and Contributions should be made payable to Friends of the Grove Street Cemetery, Inc. and mailed with this completed form to: P. O. Box 9238; New Haven, CT 06533-0238.

Interested in Becoming a Docent?

The Cemetery needs more docents to maintain its scheduled program of tours in 2009. Several of our present tour guides would be happy to provide you with the training necessary to become a docent and they would lend you an on-site helping hand before you embark on a 'solo flight.' It is not a difficult volunteer assignment and, in fact, you would find the interaction with the Cemetery's 'tourists' to be stimulating. Please contact Patti Illingworth at (203) 389-5403 or at p.b.illingworth@worldnet.att.net for more information.



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**See Grove Street Cemetery's DVD on CPTV
December 28th at 6:00 p.m.**

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