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Welcome to the first issue of our new publication – The Grove Street Bulletin

Members of the Standing Committee of the Proprietors of Grove Street Cemetery and members of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Grove Street Cemetery, Inc. are pleased to present the first issue of a new vehicle for communicating with those who have an interest in the functions and accomplishments of the oldest chartered burial ground in the United States. *The Grove Street Bulletin* will be published semi-annually to provide its readers with current information about our activities, programs and plans for the future as well as occasional articles of historical significance related to the Cemetery. We welcome you to our family and look forward to your comments and observations. We encourage your support for this over 200-year old National Historic Landmark, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Howard R. Lamar,
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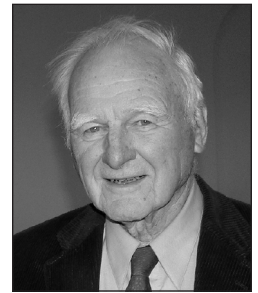
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Management of Grove Street Cemetery

Owners of burial plots in Grove Street Cemetery are also the Proprietors of the Cemetery, created in 1797 as The New Burying Ground in New Haven and later renamed the New Haven City Burial Ground. For many years it has been known informally as The Grove Street Cemetery. The management of the Cemetery rests in the hands of an 11-member board designated as the Standing Committee of the Proprietors. Through the assignment of its members to various aspects of its responsibilities, the Committee assures the continued preservation of the restful beauty and the financial viability of this remarkable Landmark located close to the center of New Haven.



Milton P. DeVane



Henry H. Townshend, Jr.

Members of the Standing Committee of the Proprietors

Friends of the Grove Street Cemetery, Inc.

The Friends organization was founded in 1997 by the Standing Committee in response to growing public interest in Grove Street Cemetery as an historic and cultural resource for the community and, to a degree, the nation. Objectives of the Friends include: 1) preservation and protection of the Cemetery as an historically important land area, as a place of cultural significance, and as a park-like community resource; and 2) dissemination of historical knowledge and other information by means of media presentations, publications (such as this), on-site tours, lectures, conferences and programs. The Friends of the Grove Street Cemetery, Inc. is administered by an elected 17-member Board of Directors and is composed of individuals committed to its purposes. Membership in the Friends organization is open to individuals, organizations and corporations.

Chronology of Programs and Activities Offered by the Cemetery

October	1997	Bi-centennial celebration of the Cemetery's founding
May	1998	Three-day seminar on cemeteries, with guest lecturers from other cemeteries and historical organizations
October	1998	Meeting and reception for members of the Friends
April	1999	Presentation of A Cultural History of the Cemetery with Collections from the Stones, observations by Yale University students
October	1999	Rededication of the gravestone of Mary Goodman, first African-American woman buried in the Cemetery
April	2000	Presentation of reflections on Rev. Thomas Clapp, first President of Yale University
May	2000	Bus trip to Mr. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, MA
April	2001	Bus trip to Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT for tour of exhibits related to Charles Goodyear Presentation of reflections on Charles Goodyear
September	2001	Presentation of a Master Landscape Plan for Grove Street Cemetery prepared by Diana Balmori of Balmori Associates
April	2002	Program of hymns by and reflections on the life of Leonard Bacon, long-time pastor of Center Church, and on the life of Delia Bacon, Leonard Bacon's sister
April	2003	Presentation of reflections on the life of Timothy Dwight, ninth President of Yale University
April	2004	Presentation of new perspectives on the history of women buried in Grove Street Cemetery



Judith Schiff, Chief Research Archivist, Yale University Library, lecturer on "A Celebration of Women" buried in the Cemetery

Coming Events...

Fall	2004	Program devoted to Henry Austin, architect of the Cemetery's Grove Street gate and other New Haven structures
Winter	2005	Program devoted to African-Americans buried in the Cemetery

Visit our Website: www.grovestreetcemetery.org

Our Website contains much information about Grove Street Cemetery including its history, a registry of those buried within its walls and activities sponsored by the Cemetery's Standing Committee and the Friends organization. A photographic tour of the Cemetery is also available. We encourage you to visit the site to learn more about the Cemetery and its National Landmark status, its horticulture, how to buy a burial plot, how to contact the Cemetery, guided tours and self-guided tours, a map of the Cemetery, a list of eminent people buried there, how to make genealogy requests, etc. You will also find copies of materials which were featured in several programs presented by the Cemetery, such as those on Timothy Dwight and Leonard Bacon. Although the prominent orchestra leader Glenn Miller is not buried in Grove Street Cemetery, did you know that a monument has been placed there in his memory? Find out why by going to the Cemetery's Website!

Registry of Burials Now Available

Over 14,000 burials are recorded in the 200-year annals of Grove Street Cemetery. We are pleased to make the list available through our Website, where you will find instructions on how to access the list. There will be no charge or service fee to peruse the list. However, we do require your name and e-mail address so you may select a password for current and future access to the registry of names of those buried in the Cemetery. A mailing address will add you to our list to receive *The Grove Street Bulletin*.

Take a One-Hour Guided Walking Tour of Grove Street Cemetery

Every Saturday morning at eleven o'clock from June 5 through November 13, 2004, the Friends will sponsor a free, one-hour guided walking tour of the Cemetery. And at noon on the first Sunday of each month from June to November, a free one-hour guided tour of the Cemetery will also be available. Tours leave from just inside the gate on Grove Street. Parking on the street near the Cemetery is generally available on Saturday and Sunday mornings. If there are no available spaces, cars may be parked inside the Cemetery.

At noon on Saturday, June 19, 2004, there will be a special, free guided tour of the Cemetery in conjunction with New Haven's Festival of Arts and Ideas.

Texts for three self-guided burial-site tours of prominent Yale University scientists are available on the Website. They were prepared for us by the late Jack Cunningham, Professor of Electrical Engineering. Other self-guided tours can be made by using maps which are available at the Cemetery office.

If you belong to an organization that has an area of special historical interest, such as the graves of Civil War soldiers, or of prominent women, or of noted educators, for example, and would like to arrange a tour of those gravesites for your group, please contact Patricia Illingworth, our chief docent, to discuss what arrangements might be made. Her phone number is (203)+389-5403 and her e-mail address is: p.b.illingworth@worldnet.att.net. You may also contact Ms Illingworth if becoming a tour-guide/docent is of interest to you.

Please note: there are NO public restroom facilities available in the Cemetery.



Ceremony on July 4 to Honor Signers of the Declaration of Independence

This annual Independence Day commemoration in Grove Street Cemetery, sponsored by the General David Humphreys Branch Number One, Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, will begin at 9:00 a.m., rain or shine. With participation by a local Boy Scout troop, brief ceremonies will be held at the gravesites of Roger Sherman and David Humphreys. The public is invited to attend and to participate in this patriotic event, which starts just inside the gate on Grove Street.

< Members of the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard firing muskets at the July 4 ceremony in Grove Street Cemetery

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

All individuals, corporations and organizations interested in Grove Street Cemetery and the objectives of the Friends are encouraged to become members. Dues for annual memberships, October 1 to September 30, are currently as follows:

\$25 Individuals

\$40 Couples

\$50 Not-for-profit Organizations

\$100 Corporations

Contributions made in excess of membership dues are welcome and will be allocated to a segregated fund for the support of our plans for needed capital improvements and restorations.

Checks should be made payable to Friends of the Grove Street Cemetery, Inc. and mailed with the completed form below to: P. O. Box 9238; New Haven, CT 06533-0238. You may join now for 2004-2005.

Name _____

Address _____

Membership: Individual \$25 _____ Couple \$40 _____ Not-for-profit \$50 _____ Corporation \$100 _____



Do You Have an 'Overdue' Library Book?



Several years ago, our only copy of a register of all the gravestones which had been moved to the Grove Street Cemetery from the New Haven Green in the early 19th century was loaned to an individual (or perhaps an organization) for research purposes. Unfortunately, that register was never returned to the Cemetery.

Do YOU know where that register might be? Can you provide us with suggestions of where to look?? Obviously, the register of early New Haven burials is extremely important not only to the Cemetery but also to those interested in researching its contents.

If you can be of any help in finding our overdue 'library' book, please contact us at:

office@grovestreetcemetery.org

There will be NO overdue charges!!

Notes about the Mailing List

Owners of burial plots and their families rarely notify a cemetery of an address change, and Grove Street Cemetery is no different. On the mailing list for this first issue of *The Grove Street Bulletin* we have included the names and last known addresses of burial plot owners or members of their families. We hope that all who receive this issue through forwarding by the USPS will notify us of their current location so our records may be corrected.

We can be reached

By email at:

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By fax at:

(203) 281-6886

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