

How do we deal with Vandalism?

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Laurel Hill Cemetery in Philadelphia offers tours and other cultural events to attract people into the cemetery:

<https://thelaurelhilccemetery.org/>

Westfield Historical Commission hold annual ghost tours at the Colonial-era Old Burying Ground in Westfield, Mass:

<http://www.cityofwestfield.org/index.aspx?NID=384>

Facebook Page: Mechanic Street Cemetery

Mount Moriah Cemetery, Philadelphia, is partially reclaimed after years of neglect. The Friends of Mount Moriah handle routine maintenance, but use volunteer work crews drawn from local colleges and businesses, for the ongoing reclamation and restoration.

For more information or to offer assistance, visit:
<http://friendsofmountmoriahcemetery.org/>

To watch a video about their work:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MsezHCWifsU>

We would like to thank Courtney Coombs for allowing us to use parts of this video in our presentation. For more information about Courtney and her work, please see:

<http://courtneymcoombs.weebly.com/>



Oak & Laurel Cemetery Preservation, LLC

We would like to thank Emily Ford, MSHP, of Oak & Laurel Cemetery Preservation, LLC, for her assistance with this presentation. Emily has been active in cemetery preservation since 2009, focusing specifically on the unique cemeteries of southern Louisiana. The organization provides the following services:

Tomb and Monument Restoration

Materials Conservation

Cemetery and Interment Research

Consultation Services

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For more information about cemetery and gravestone research, preservation and restoration, we highly recommend The Association for Gravestone Studies

<https://www.gravestonestudies.org/>

and The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training

<https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/>

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A Tale of Cemetery Vandalism



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The Hendrickson Family Burial Ground

Holmdel, NJ

The Hendricks and Hendrickson Family

of Monmouth County, NJ

What is Vandalism?

In his Last Will & Testament, written December 9, 1834, Hendrick Hendrickson of Holmdel wrote:

"I do hereby reserve 1 acre of land on the farm where I now live, to be used as a burying ground for the Hendrickson family and their connections, which said graveyard is to include the present graveyard and as much land on each side of it as shall make an acre."

For progress of the NJ bill "Family and Private Burial Grounds Preservation Act," for details of The Hendrickson Family Burial Ground restoration, or to learn more about The Hendricks and Hendrickson Family Association, visit their Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HendricksFamilyAssociation/>

Under current cemetery law, vandalism of private and family burial grounds is treated as a misdemeanor, whereas damage to a church or public burial ground would be a criminal offense. The proposed bill (S-193 and A-3688) would make family and private burial grounds subject to the same criminal statutes as other cemeteries.

Genealogy is available through Andrew Hendricks, MD

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To visit the Holmes Hendrickson House at 62 Longstreet Rd, Holmdel, NJ, please check out The Monmouth County Historical Society web site:

<http://www.monmouthhistory.org/>

To visit the Hendrickson-Longstreet Farm, known as the Historic Longstreet Farm at 44 Longstreet Rd, Holmdel, NJ, please check out the web site of the Monmouth County Park System:

<https://www.monmouthcountyparks.com/page.aspx?id=2530>



Vandalism is intentional damage or changes made to property by someone who doesn't have that right.

How do we deal with it?

Check out what these cemeteries have done by visiting their web sites:

The Historic Jersey City & Harsimus Cemetery and Memorial Park is using goats as a novel way of reclaiming the grounds after years of neglect.

<http://www.jerseycitycemetery.org/>

It is hard to imagine that a cemetery with as much importance as Historic Congressional Cemetery could fall into decline; dog walkers are one of the key reasons for it's recovery. The constant presence of members and their dogs provides surveillance and security.

<http://www.congressionalcemetery.org/>

Thanks to Congressional Cemetery for allowing us to use their video "Cemetery Dog" in our presentation. It was created by K9 Corps member Laura Neal and can be viewed on:

<http://www.cemeterydogs.org/>