



Vermont Old Cemetery Association Founded by Prof Leon Dean (1899-1982) Oct 18th 1958

PRESIDENT'S REPORT WINTER 2012-2013

The winter of 2013 is already packing a punch with Vermont already receiving more snow by January 1st than it had all of last year. The low temperature in Rutland this morning was -13. Luckily, I received my new seed catalogs in the mail this week to help me to look forward to spring. Last year I heard from many of you on your cemetery projects. If you have pictures and/or stories from your work last year, please forward them to our new editor, Bill Wiles. My current project is restoration of the House of Corrections Cemetery next to Rutland's new bike/hiking path behind the city's Northwest School. This old jail pauper's burial ground is one of the cemeteries that Rutland City mows, but not much else has been done with it. Many of the individuals who use the path have expressed an interest in this historic site, and, because of their interest, the fence surrounding the burial ground has been repaired. Two signs will be placed at the east and west side of the cemetery identifying it as the Corrections Cemetery with the dates of internment. In addition, Rutland City Schools' Stafford Technical Center is creating a memorial that will recognize the unfortunates that were interred there from the late 1800s to early 1900s.

Former editor Harry Fisher continues to help the organization as the assistant editor. Longtime VOCA officer, Arthur Hyde, has decided to resign as grant administrator. A 25-year VOCA member, Mr. Hyde has visited over 1500 Vermont cemeteries. He has worked with 30 towns on over 50 cemeteries. In addition, he and his wife made significant contributions to VOCA's *Old Burial Grounds of Vermont*. His contributions to the organization are incalculable and much of VOCA's accomplishments are due to his efforts. On behalf of VOCA, I thank him and wish him well on his future endeavors. First Vice President and Assistant Grant Administrator, Diane Leary, has agreed to take over as VOCA's Grant Administrator. Please send all future grant inquires to her attention. As I have often stated in my newsletter, VOCA is a 100% volunteer organization. We are always looking for individuals to assist in VOCA's mission. If you are interested in helping out, please contact a VOCA officer and/or send me an email.

Many of you have used the Vermont Department Corrections work crew programs for cemetery mowing and general maintenance in 2012. I have heard nothing

but good reports on the work that the crews have done for towns all over Vermont. If you are interested in the availability of a DOC work crew program, contact Rutland Field Office Director Keith Tallon at 802-786-5099.

I had the opportunity to deliver VOCA presentations to the Rebeckah Hastings DAR Barre Chapter and the Tinmouth Historical Society recently. I am hopeful we gained a few new members. If you know of a group or organization that would be interested in a VOCA presentation, please let me know.

Our Spring meeting will be on May 4th with coffee hour at 9:00 followed by the meeting at 10:00. The location had not been finalized by the newsletter deadline. Watch your email for an announcement soon. Please check your expiration date on your newsletter and keep your membership updated. We always need new members to keep our organization active, so consider inviting a friend to join you.

I hope everyone has a great 2013.

TOM GIFFIN
VOCA President

A BONE AND COFFIN HANDLE FOUND IN A CEMETERY

By Clifford Giffin

In 1875 political maneuverings forced the City of Rutland Vermont to establish a place for its indigent citizens. The city purchased land for a Poor Farm and used a portion of its unusable land on hill behind the farm house as burial grounds. Boarders who died without relatives, financial assets, or other means to be buried elsewhere were buried at the cemetery. A published report lists the names and ages of thirty boarders buried there. The farm was closed in 1966. Later the area on the hill became the city dump and then the county solid waste center.

During much of this time the little Poor Farm cemetery on the hill was pretty much ignored. One previous cemetery commissioner said that a piece of bone and coffin handle had been exhumed by ground hogs and that she had given the bone to a local doctor for examination.

In 2006 a citizen using the recycle center inquired of an attendant the purpose of a bent fence near the road that seemed out of place. The attendant said that it was a cemetery fence. Later a search through the over grown tree and brush covered area by him and a city cemetery commissioner, a father and son, revealed more evidence of a fence. No evidence of a cemetery like bits and pieces of stones or markers were discovered, and yet, there had been a cemetery.

The twosome decided that something had to be done as it was difficult to accept the fact that these persons buried in the Poor House cemetery because of their situation had been totally forgotten. It was as if they had never existed. An impediment to restore the cemetery was the low priority it held by city officials with budget woes and that had little political implication for them by doing nothing. Meanwhile the cemetery commissioners had no money, no employees, no authority, so it was a slow slog for the project to gain traction. However, with persuasion, political pressure, and persistence on the part of the twosome and the other cemetery commissioner, the little cemetery on the hill was restored. A cemetery that the city can be proud of. The restoration was completed on September 12, 2012. The chronology of the work is approximately as follows:

- 2006-The brush and trees were removed by a corrections department work crew which revealed the size of the cemetery and the remains of the broken fence. A scrap metal pile had damaged and partially covered the fence on the east side facing the recycle center.
- 2008-A local memorial company hearing about the cemetery project donated and installed a granite gravestone. Meanwhile, the site grew back to brush.



- 2010-The area had to be cleared again and the city brought in some topsoil cleared and leveled the area and the city forester planted six trees around the outside perimeter and grass seed was sowed.



- 2011-When the grass came up in the spring the city started including the site as a cemetery and included in its mowing schedule. The plan for a kiosk was developed with a sign display of persons known buried. Materials were purchased and local high school shop class constructed and installed the kiosk. There was a dedication and blessing. Still no fence but the Solid Waste District moved the metal discard file further away from the fence.



- 2012- The damaged fence was replaced by the Rutland County Solid Waste District. The memorial stone that had been installed by the road was moved to a more suitable place near the kiosk and so the story ends.



Jerome Babcock King, 1927-2012

Jerome B. King died on 13 October, 2012 at his home at Kendal in the presence of his children and his wife, Muriel Christiane Driard. As his father once told him, “Marrying Muriel was the best decision you ever made.”

Jerry, as he was known to his parents and family, was born in New York City on 1 May, 1927 to M. Dorothy and Robert W. King. He grew up in Scarsdale, Bronxville, and London. He received a BA from Dartmouth in 1948 having interrupted his studies to enlist in the Navy the day he turned 18, and his MA and PhD from Stanford University in 1956. He then began a long and gratifying career teaching Political Philosophy at Middlebury College, Williams College, l’Université D’Aix-Marseille, and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Jerry was an ardent activist for social justice and peace. He was an active member of Grace Episcopal Church in Amherst where he served on the vestry. He shared a love of painting with his father and a love of music with his mother, and enjoyed music making with family and friends throughout his life.

From the age of thirteen until his death, Jerry spent part of every year in his beloved summer home at Caspian Lake in Vermont where he engaged in activities ranging from sailing his Thistle to tennis, swimming, tree cutting, brush-burning, tinkering with his ancient Jaguar, and patching up the cottage.

His survived by his wife of fifty-nine years; his children Nathalia, Christianne, Daniel, and David; his sons-in-law Sean Craig and Christopher Zinn; his grandchildren, Francis, Peter and Helena Craig, and Gabriel and Sebastian Zinn.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the International Rescue Committee, www.rescue.org.

It is because of the efforts of Mr. King that we have new legislation to protect old burial grounds in Vermont. All members of VOCA owe Mr. King a debt of gratitude. Our sympathy goes out to Mr. King's family.

Click on the link below. (Or, type this link in your favorite web browser.) When you arrive at the website, click on a name to learn the story of that individual. Thanks to Tom Giffin for this information.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gsr&GScid=2345532&CScnty=2949&CSsr=61>

2012 MEMORIAL PAGES

IN MEMORY OF

Angie Abbotello by Ken Coonradt

Wayne H. Alexander by Joan Alexander

Wayne H. Alexander by Martha P. Alexander

Albert B. Atchinson by Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Adamson

Richard Holmes Bailey by Lois A. Bailey

Tracy Lynn Bartlett by Dale & Linda Bartlett

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Elisabeth Lovell Bowman by LCDR William Bowman, USN (ret)

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Charles L. Bullock by Barbara Jones (buried in Guilford, VT)

Moe Burden by Stan Wilbur

William, Delia, Susie and Jacobs Cameron by Ms. Cynthia C. Clement (my grandparents buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Burlington, VT)

William & Peter Cameron by Ms. Cynthia C. Clement (buried in Green Mount Cemetery, Burlington, VT)

Lilian Baker Carlisle by L. Diana Carlisle

Roswell Chaplin by Emma Chaplin

Margaret "Peg" Clark by Larry Clark

Lewis Clayton by Linda Kelley

Dr. Wellington Cushman & Mr. Alan Marlow by Colleen C. Mable (both WWII vets)
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My dear Prof. Leon Dean by Betty (Whitney) Bolognani 1945-'48
Leon and Hazel Dean by Steve Leary
Leon Dean by anonymous
Col. John Brooks Devoe by Gwendolen Young Devoe
Don Dickey by Elizabeth Upton
Jane Pollard Gore by Peter B. & Sally L. Gore
William & Adaline Bixby Greene by Marcelyn Greene Karagosian (of Essex & St. Albans)
The Harvey family by Joan Harvey (six generations in local our cemeteries)
Wes Herwig by Miriam Herwig
Darwin R. Hoadley by Mrs. Darwin (Mona) Hoadley & Mrs. Maria Hoadley Beare
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Edward LaBatt by Georgia LaBatt
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Frank & Arloa Leary (for all their years of work in Barnumtown Cemetery) by Dianne Leary
Raymond & Victoria LeBeau by Norman & Victoria Hawley
Joan Macaig by Terence Macaig
Charles Marchant by Jim & Minxie Fannin (Long time secretary of VOCA & good friend)
Isaac Mead by Beverly M.Q. Freund (1760-1825 buried Olin-Smith cemetery)
My Parents by Ms. Barbara E. Little
My Parents by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Adams (buried in South Newfane Cemetery)
Noble - Porter ancestors by Nancy P. Noble
Faith N. Ogden, M.D. by Herbert G. Ogden
Jacob Perkins, Jr. by Mrs. Paula Mortensen (Revolutionary War ancestor)
Rev. and Mrs. Henry Curtis Petty by Dr. Edward H. Worthen
Nehemiah Pierce by Haig H. Sergenian (buried in Windham Cemetery)
Morris Schwartz by Harry Bleiwise
Captain John & Miriam Simons (of Andover/Weston Island) by Donald B. Simons
Michael Stanton by Mr. Ralph Orth
Levi C. Tenney by James H. Tenney (buried in Cambridgeport Cemetery, Rockingham, VT)
Josiah Terrill by Dency Terrill
Nelson & Amelia Valyou by Linda Decker
General Benjamin Wait by Geoffrey & Liisa Colby (Revolutionary War veteran)
Ruby West by Janet Taylor
Sanford S. Witerell, Sr. by Susan Carpenter
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VOCA's mission of restoring and preserving our heritage in Vermont cemeteries by
Pownal Historical Society

Dear VOCA members,

I have run into some difficulties entering the email addresses into my database that were sent to me with the annual fund donations. Some of the handwriting is hard to read, and, as we all know, the email addresses have to be exact. With that said, would those of you who want to receive the newsletter via email please send an email to dleary123@yahoo.com. Simply reference VOCA newsletter in the subject window.

Secondly, the board is discussing alternative ways to increase our incoming funds. One suggestion is to sell VOCA tote bags. It would help us make a decision if I had some feedback from the membership. Please contact me via the email address above, or you may call my cell phone at 802-881-2754 and let me know what you think.

Thank you for all your time and help with VOCA.

Sincerely,
Dianne Leary, First Vice-President



1892 Illustration

Historic Burial Hill in Plymouth, MA was founded in the 17th century

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From the First Vice-President
I sit here looking out my screen door watching the butterflies flutter about in my vegetable garden as the sun bathes them all in light and warmth, contemplating how I can say thank you to all of you who have made a donation to the 2012 Annual Fund Campaign. It occurs to me that there are no words that can adequately express my level of gratitude and pride to the response of VOCA's inaugural fundraising campaign. The total received far exceeded our goal. With the generosity of so many of VOCA's members our mission of preserving our heritage in Vermont's cemeteries will continue on in a financially healthy manner. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible. I really appreciate it.

Dianne Leary
First Vice-President

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VOCA Books For Sale

The 3rd edition of “Burial Grounds of Vermont” has sold out. Plans are in the works for an electronic edition.

“Stones&Bones”, a teacher’s resource packet \$24.00.

These prices include shipping costs; we are not required to collect VT sales tax.

Send check made out to “VOCA” and a return address label, if possible, to:

Charles E Marchant, VOCA Secretary

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A new member joining in Oct or Nov or Dec will have the dues paid applied to the following year.

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