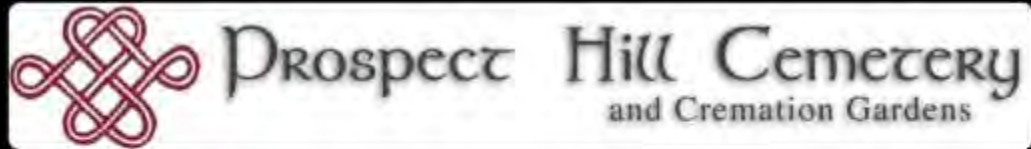




Prospect Hill Cemetery
and Cremation Gardens






FOUNDED IN 1849, PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY IS OUR AREA'S LARGEST AND MOST HISTORIC CEMETERY, COMPOSED OF 170 ACRES IN NORTH YORK AND MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP.

IT IS A HOME OF SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE FOR OUR NATION, OUR COMMUNITY, AND ALL OF THE FAMILIES WHO TREAT IT AS SACRED GROUND. THE LIST OF PATRIOTS BURIED HERE BEGINS WITH PHILIP LIVINGSTON WHO WAS A SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. SOLDIERS CIRCLE, ALSO ON CEMETERY PROPERTY, IS A FEDERALLY OWNED SITE GIVEN TO AMERICA AFTER THE CIVIL WAR. IT SERVES AS A FINAL RESTING PLACE FOR SOLDIERS WHO DIED OF THEIR WOUNDS AFTER THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG.

FROM PAST TO PRESENT, OUR MISSION IS TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE NATION'S BRAVEST MEN AND WOMEN. OUR IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN WAR FLAG MEMORIAL CURRENTLY DISPLAYS MORE THAN 5,000 FLAGS IN HONOR OF THE SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN.

THE STORY OF PROSPECT HILL IS THE STORY OF YORK. WITH OVER 60 ACRES OF PROPERTY STILL TO BE DEVELOPED, THE FUTURE FOR THIS IMPORTANT COMMUNITY TREASURE PROMISES TO BE AS IMPORTANT AS ITS DISTINGUISHED PAST.

A photograph of a cemetery. In the foreground, a large, dark, weathered obelisk stands prominently. To its left, a low wooden fence runs across the frame. The ground is covered in green grass, with several smaller, light-colored gravestones scattered throughout. In the background, more diverse gravestones are visible, including a tall, thin obelisk and a large, ornate monument. A large, leafy tree with some autumn-colored foliage stands to the right of the central obelisk. The sky is bright blue with scattered white clouds. The entire image has a dark, vignetted border.

BE WELL REMEMBERED...



THE CEMETERY IS PART OF THE VICTORIAN RURAL CEMETERY MOVEMENT THAT SAW LARGE, BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED PROPERTIES DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE INSPIRATIONAL "GREEN SPACE" OUTSIDE THE TEEMING CITIES OF EARLY INDUSTRIAL AMERICA.



PROSPECT HILL IS A PLACE OF BEAUTY AND REMEMBRANCE. IT IS HOME TO SOME OF THE
FINEST CEMETERY SCULPTURES IN THE NATION.



--THE OFFICE AT PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY--

THIS BUILDING SERVED AS THE GATE LODGE. IT IS ONE OF THE OLDEST BUILDINGS DESIGNED BY PROMINENT ARCHITECT J.A. DEMPWOLF.



THIS HISTORIC BUILDING FOUND ON THE PREMISES WAS BUILT AT THE SAME TIME AS OUR OFFICE BUILDING. THE STRUCTURE, ALSO DESIGNED BY ARCHITECT J.A. DEMPWOLF, WAS USED AS A STABLE. PRESENTLY, THIS BUILDING SERVES AS A MAINTENANCE FACILITY.



THIS STONE BARN SITS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CEMETERY PROPERTY. IT WAS ORIGINALLY PART OF THE UPDERGRAFF FARM. A STONE MARKER DATES ITS CONSTRUCTION TO 1800. THE DATE STONE ALSO CARRIES THE INSCRIPTION "AMICABLE EMIG."



FROM PAST TO PRESENT, FAMILIES HAVE CHOSEN A VARIETY OF WAYS TO REMEMBER THEIR LOVED ONES AT PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY. THE CELTIC CROSS IS ONE EXAMPLE OF THE ELABORATE MONUMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN ERECTED HERE. THE CATHEDRAL SPIRE MONUMENT IN THE BACKGROUND MARKS THE SMALL FAMILY PLOT.



WITH TIME, PEOPLE'S TASTES IN MEMORIALIZATION HAVE CHANGED. PROSPECT HILL SERVES DIVERSE TASTES BY OFFERING THE LATEST IN MEMORIAL CHOICES. MEMORIAL GARDENS IS A SECTION OF THE CEMETERY WHERE MEMORIALS ARE FLUSH TO THE GROUND. THIS TYPE OF MEMORIALIZATION BECAME POPULAR IN THE 1950'S.



THIS IS THE REGION'S FIRST COMMUNITY MAUSOLEUM. THE FIRST ENTOMBMENT HERE OCCURRED IN 1915.



— ST. JOHN'S MAUSOLEUM —

THIS GARDEN CRYPT MAUSOLEUM WAS BUILT IN 2001, ALMOST A CENTURY AFTER THE FIRST MAUSOLEUM ERECTED IN PROSPECT HILL. THE CHAMBERS CAN BE ACCESSED FROM THE OUTSIDE. ST. JOHN'S MAUSOLEUM IS THE THIRD COMMUNITY MAUSOLEUM IN PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY.



PROSPECT HILL IS HOME TO MORE THAN 26 PRIVATE MAUSOLEUMS. THIS PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS THE NEWEST PRIVATE MAUSOLEUM COMMISSIONED BY DONALD BRICKER. IT WAS BUILT AND DESIGNED IN 2006 WITH THE HELP OF CEMETERY STAFF.



— THE OLD RUGGED CROSS COLUMBARIUM —

THE COLUMBARIUM CONTAINS BOTH SINGLE AND COMPANION NICHES WHERE URNS CAN BE PLACED. THE STAFF AT PROSPECT HILL HAS DEVELOPED A WIDE RANGE OF OPTIONS FOR CREMATION DISPOSITION, WITH THE GOAL OF MEETING ANY FAMILY'S NEEDS.



ONE OF THE MOST HISTORIC GRAVES AT THE CEMETERY IS THAT OF DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE SIGNER PHILIP LIVINGSTON.

LIVINGSTON DIED IN YORK IN 1778 WHILE ATTENDING THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS AS A DELEGATE FROM NEW YORK.



MANY OF YORK'S WELL-KNOWN EARLY INDUSTRIALISTS, POLITICIANS,
AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE ARE BURIED IN PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY.



PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY IS THE FINAL RESTING PLACE FOR PATRIOTS FROM EVERY WAR IN WHICH OUR COUNTRY HAS PARTICIPATED.

SOLDIERS' CIRCLE IS LOCATED IN ONE OF THE EARLY SECTIONS OF THE CEMETERY. 173 CIVIL WAR VETERANS ARE BURIED THERE. MOST OF THOSE WHO ARE BURIED IN THIS SECTION DIED WHILE BEING HOSPITALIZED IN THE CIVIL WAR HOSPITAL ESTABLISHED IN YORK IN 1862.



-- SOLDIERS' CIRCLE --

THE CIRCLE IS A FEDERALLY
OWNED SITE GIVEN TO AMERICA
AFTER THE CIVIL WAR.



1861-1865

REMEMBERING
5 UNKNOWN DEAD
3 HERE 2 NEAR

THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY
CONFEDERATE LEGION

A MARKER ALSO HONORS FIVE UNKNOWN CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS ALSO BURIED AT PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY.

CONFEDERATE FORCES SPENT FIVE DAYS IN YORK COUNTY.



THIS MONUMENT WAS
ERECTED IN THE EARLY
20TH CENTURY IN
HONOR OF THE LAUREL
FIRE COMPANY.

ACCORDING TO SOME
HISTORIANS, THE
LAUREL FIRE COMPANY
WAS THE FIRST
ESTABLISHED FIRE
DEPARTMENT IN YORK
COUNTY.



A WALKING TOUR
AROUND THE PREMISES
SHOWCASES NUMEROUS
OTHER SIGNIFICANT
BURIAL SITES.

THE TOMBSTONE NEXT
TO THE TREE MARKS THE
GRAVE OF MARY
“MAMMY” RUGGLES
(1805-1874). IN 1860,
RUGGLES WAS A SLAVE
WHO OFTEN DELIVERED
HOMEMADE BREADS AND
CAKES TO WOUNDED
SOLDIERS. WHEN THE
CONFEDERATES
ENTERED YORK IN JUNE
OF 1863, SHE TOOK
DOWN THE HOSPITAL
FLAG, WRAPPED IT
UNDER HER HOOP SKIRT
AND WALKED PAST THE
CONFEDERATES. AFTER
THE CONFEDERATE
ARMIES LEFT, RUGGLES
RETURNED THE FLAG TO
THE HOSPITAL.



A RICH CIVIL WAR HISTORY HAS MADE PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY HOME TO MANY CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTORS.



THIS PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS A GUN SALUTE DURING A WREATH LAYING CEREMONY FOR CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. LANIUS. IN AUGUST, 1861, LANIUS ENLISTED AS A PRIVATE IN COMPANY A, 87TH REGIMENT. HE WAS PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN WHILE FIGHTING ALONGSIDE HIS REGIMENT IN SEVERAL CIVIL WAR ENGAGEMENTS. CAPTAIN LANIUS LATER BECAME ONE OF YORK COUNTY'S LEADING BUSINESSMEN.



RE-ENACTORS OFFER A GUN SALUTE DURING A WREATH LAYING CEREMONY TO HONOR COLONEL JAMES STAHL.



PROSPECT HILL'S GOAL IS TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND ENHANCE YORK'S HISTORIC HERITAGE.



IN AUGUST OF 2005, PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY DECIDED TO CONTINUE OUR TRADITION OF HONORING AMERICA'S BRAVEST MEN AND WOMEN.

WE ERECTED THE IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN WAR FLAG MEMORIAL.



THE IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN WAR FLAG MEMORIAL WAS CREATED AS A NON-POLITICAL DISPLAY AND A SHOW OF RESPECT TO OUR NATION'S FALLEN HEROES.

MORE THAN 5,000 FLAGS HAVE BEEN ERECTED IN HONOR OF THE SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN.

A SEPARATE SECTION CONTAINS FLAGS DEDICATED TO PENNSYLVANIA'S FALLEN TROOPS.



THE YORK COUNTY HONOR GUARD USES THE FLAG DISPLAY DURING A FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY. THIS EVENT WAS MADE POSSIBLE WITH THE HELP OF HEFFNER FUNERAL CHAPELS & CREMATORY AND THE WEST YORK VFW.



IN FOUR YEARS, WE HAVE HELD 16 UPDATING CEREMONIES. AT EACH EVENT, THE NAMES OF THE LATEST WAR CASUALTIES ARE ANNOUNCED. CONSEQUENTLY, A FLAG IS PLACED INTO THE GROUND AND A BELL IS TOLLED.



SERGEANT PHIL HEFFNER HAS KNELT OVER A 1 000 TIMES WHILE PLANTING FLAGS INTO THE GROUND.



THE FLAG UPDATING CEREMONY HAS BECOME A COMMUNITY EVENT, WHERE MANY PEOPLE COME TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS.



WITH THE HELP OF BILL DUERR, OWNER OF FEATHERED MEMORIES, A DOVE RELEASE IS INCLUDED TO SYMBOLIZE OUR FALLEN HEROES. DUERR IS A VIETNAM VETERAN WHO UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF PAYING TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS.



THE STATE FLAGS ARE PLACED TO HONOR SOLDIERS FROM PENNSYLVANIA WHO HAVE MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE TO THEIR COUNTRY.



NAME TAGS ARE INCLUDED IN THE PENNSYLVANIA DISPLAY.



FAMILIES FROM AROUND THE REGION COME TO WITNESS THE MEMORIAL.



GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN A BIG PART OF THE CEREMONY. THEY ARE RELATIVES OF SOLDIERS WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN ACTION.



FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO PUT UP THOUSANDS OF
FLAGS IN THE SPRING.



GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBERS READ THE NAMES OF PENNSYLVANIA'S FALLEN SOLDIERS BEFORE PLACING THEIR FLAGS INTO THE GROUND.



NATHANIEL AND LOGAN CUTCHALL LOST THEIR FATHER IN IRAQ ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2003.

THEIR FATHER WAS ARMY STAFF SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER CUTCHALL.



DANA SHEARON LOST HER BROTHER IN IRAQ ON AUGUST 9, 2005.
HER BROTHER WAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD CORPORAL GENNARO PELLEGRINI, JR.



CHER KONDOR LOST HER SON IN IRAQ ON APRIL 29, 2004.

HER SON WAS ARMY SPECIALIST MARTIN KONDOR.



DEB AND RON ETHERIDGE LOST THEIR SON IN IRAQ ON JULY 18, 2007.

THEIR SON WAS ARMY SPECIALIST ZACHARY CLOUSER.



LYNETTE RUNYAN LOST HER SON IN IRAQ ON FEBRUARY 17, 2008.

HER SON WAS ARMY CORPORAL LUKE SMYSER RUNYAN.



THESE PARENTS CAME FROM WEST CHESTER IN ORDER TO HONOR THEIR SON'S MEMORY.



NATHANIEL AND LOGAN SALUTE WITH THEIR MOTHER, DONNA, DURING A FLAG UPDATING CEREMONY AT PROSPECT HILL.

PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY FLAG MEMORIAL

OUR FALLEN HEROES



DENNIS J. VEATER
MARINE LANCE CORPORAL
FAMILY IN YORK
AGE 20, DIED 9 MAR 2007
IRAQ



PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY FLAG MEMORIAL

OUR FALLEN HEROES



BRETT E. WALDEN
ARMY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS
YORK
AGE 40, DIED 5 AUG 2005
IRAQ



AS A NEW ADDITION TO THE FLAG UPDATING CEREMONY, NINE FALLEN HEROES BANNERS WERE UNVEILED IN 2008.

THE BANNERS ARE REQUESTED BY FAMILY MEMBERS AND ARE SPONSORED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES. THE FEATURED SOLDIERS HAVE A CONNECTION TO YORK COUNTY.



PROSPECT HILL HAS A RICH HISTORY OF COMMITMENT TO OUR NATION'S VETERANS. IT IS THE ONLY CEMETERY LOCALLY WHICH DISPLAYS THE AMERICAN FLAG, ALONG WITH THE SERVICE FLAG, DURING A VETERAN'S BURIAL SERVICE.

ATTENTION VETERANS

DOES YOUR NAME BELONG ON THIS MONUMENT?

To honor "the heroes among us," this impressive new veterans tribute will be incised forever with the names of York County veterans who served their country and were awarded valor medals for their service. There is no cost or obligation. This honor is open to all qualified persons, living or deceased.

For details, see our Court of Valor brochure, call our office at **843-8006**, or visit our website www.prospecthill.org.



IN THE FUTURE, PROSPECT HILL PLANS ON CONTINUING ITS PATRIOTIC TRADITIONS. THE COURT OF VALOR MEMORIAL WILL BE UNVEILED IN 2009 FOR OUR 160TH ANNIVERSARY. AT NO CHARGE, THE NAMES OF VETERANS WHO WERE AWARDED VALOR MEDALS WILL BE INCISED ON THE MONUMENT.

A VOLUNTEER PANEL OF VETERANS HAS DETERMINED WHAT CRITERIA WILL QUALIFY SOLDIERS FOR THIS UNIQUE HONOR.



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IF YOU BELIEVE YOU OR
SOMEONE YOU KNOW SHOULD
BE INCLUDED ON THE COURT
OF VALOR, PLEASE CALL
PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY AT
843-8006.

YOU CAN ALSO VISIT US ON OUR
WEBSITE AT
WWW.PROSPECTHILL.ORG.
ONLINE, YOU CAN FILL OUT AN
ELECTRONIC APPLICATION.

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



VETERANS
DAY

THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY, PROSPECT HILL HAS SUPPORTED OUR VETERANS. WE STAND PROUDLY NEXT TO THEM AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE!