

Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association

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Visiting a Cemetery Code of Virginia

§ 57-27.1.

Access to cemeteries located on private property;
cause of action for injunctive relief; applicability.

A. Owners of private property on which a cemetery or graves are located shall have a duty to allow ingress and egress to the cemetery or graves by (i) family members and descendants of deceased persons buried there; (ii) any cemetery plot owner; and (iii) any person engaging in genealogy research, who has given reasonable notice to the owner of record or to the occupant of the property or both.

Visiting a cemetery on private property

1. Conduct your research ahead of time and bring your notes
2. Introduce yourself to property owner or neighbor
3. Explore the cemetery for all possible relatives
4. Record your visit with photographs and notes
5. Do not disturb anything

Rumors of a cemetery?

1. Research local records and newspapers
2. Check deeds
3. Ask community residents
4. Look for a knoll
 - Cedar trees
 - Periwinkle
 - Depressions in a line

Visit to a cemetery can reveal

- Membership in organizations
 - Military Service
- Family Relationships
- Religious Affiliation
- Cause of Death
 - Character

Ulysses Harris **buried in Cub Run Memorial, Centreville**

Virginia
Pvt
24 Depot Serv. Co.
ASC
World War I

Research provides: ASC was the Army Service Corps of 1914-1918 of the British Army. This Corps was the bread basket of the British Army, bringing materials, food, munitions, and establishing communication to the front lines. The researcher learned that when quotas for enlistment by African Americans in the US Army were met, many African Americans joined the British Army.



**Cain Duncan
buried at Cub Run Memorial**

Sergt.
Co. A
23rd U.S. C. INF

(United States
Colored Infantry)



Cain Duncan

From Fold 3

- Drafted August 1863
- Arrested as a deserter
- Enlisted as a private November 1863
- Served until November 1865
- Mustered out as Sergeant in Brownsville, Texas
- Able to prove that he did not know he had been drafted

George Lamb -body servant



Fairfax Herald

Searching local newspapers provided

**George Lamb Buried at Jermantown
Cemetery in Fairfax City**

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Obituary of “Colored” Confederate veteran

**George Lamb served first as a body servant
and then as a soldier. After the war, he
received a Confederate pension.**

Symbols

- Christian crosses
- Marital harmony- husband and wife hand shake
- Orb – eternal life
- Upside down torch – end of life
- Tree stump- life cut short
- Lamb- Young child
- Archway- passage to heaven





WILLIAM B. DAY
DIED APR 15, 1912.
AGE 60 YEARS.
HIS WIFE
SARAH H. DAY
1855 - 1942

DAY



JOHN N.
WALTERS,
DIED
DEC. 14, 1899.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows? Independent Order of Foresters?



Died in 1918 – possibly a victim to the Spanish flu







BREADSHAW
GROOMES
1885 - 1947

Odd Fellows emblem at a grave

F,L,T

Friendship, Love and Truth



Mary Marshall epitaph virtually lost because of vandalism

A precious one from us has gone

A voice we loved is stilled

A place is vacant in our house which can never
be filled

God in his wisdom has recalled the boon his love
has given

And though the body moulders here, the soul is
safe in heaven



**Willie Preston buried on battlefield
“ Slain in Battle” written on the curve of head
headstone**



Death at Second Battle of Manassas

The inscription reads:

William C. Preston son of J. T. L. & S. L Preston Lexington, Virginia

He was a private in the College Company of the 4th Virginia Reg't Stonewall Brigade and fell at Manassas Aug. 28th 1862 in the 19th year of his age.

The Young Patriot lost his mortal life in defending his native state.

The young Christian found his nobler life in Christ who died for him.

The top of the head stone reads SLAIN IN BATTLE and the foot stone has his initials W.C.P.

Willy, as he was known to his family, joined the Stonewall Brigade. He was a favorite of Stonewall Jackson's.

Shortly after the battle, Willy's father traveled to the battlefield to bring his son's body home to Lexington.

Masons



Women's Relief Corps

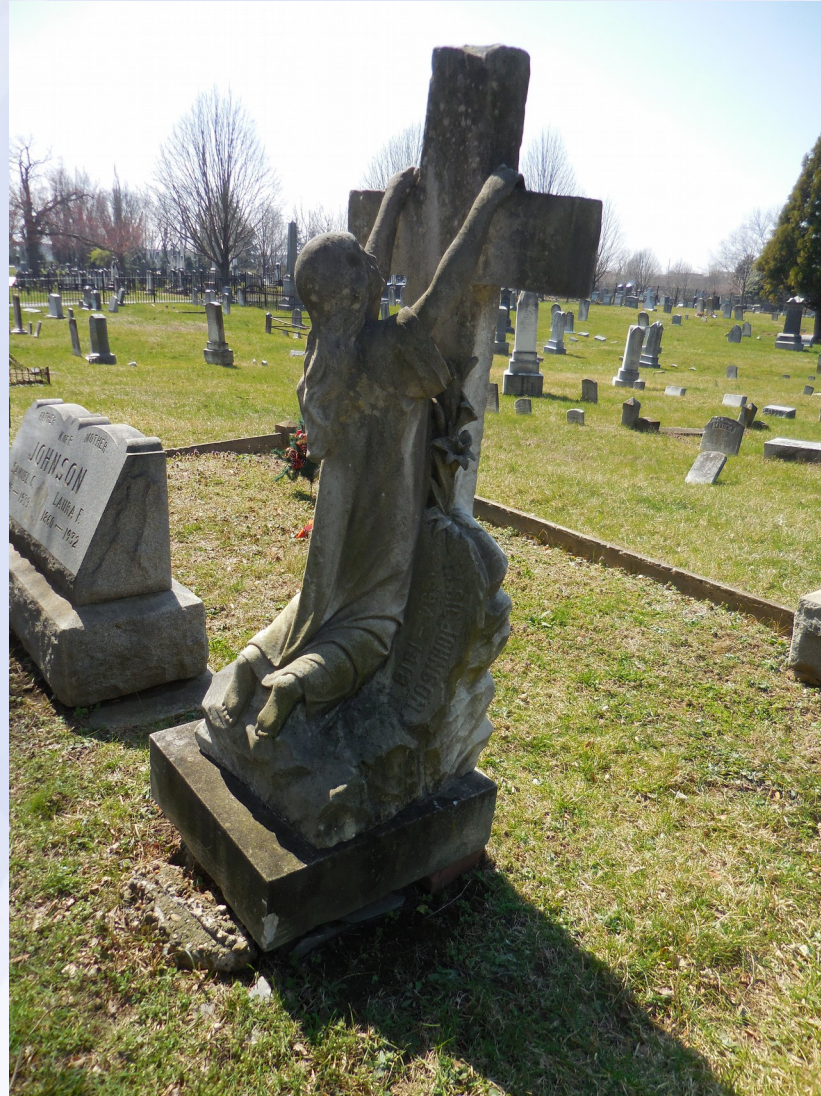
Organized July 1883 to perpetuate the memory of
the Grand Army of the Republic



Military Service



Elise Johnson 1894-1918



Robert I. Taylor was killed in a factory fire November 17, 1855

Taylor was a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. This fraternal organization was formerly organized in 1834. Men who had participated in the Boston Tea Party had an informal organization which eventually evolved into the I.O.R.M.





Cause of Death stated on marker

Died of wounds received in action at the Battle of Dranesville, Virginia



Alton L. Harrover

He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, a fraternal organization founded in 1888.



Samuel C. Johnson K.of.P.

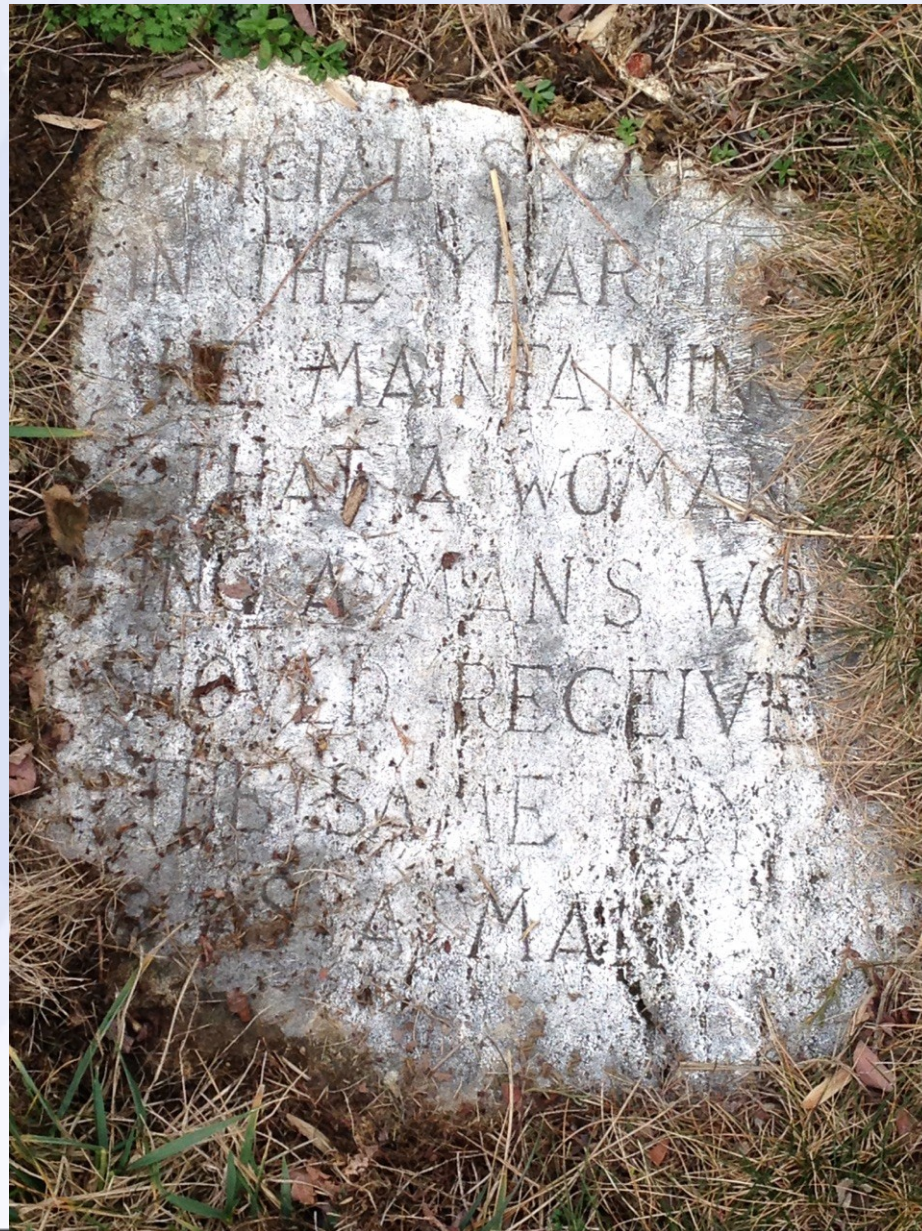


The Order of Knights of Pythias is an international, non-sectarian fraternal organization established in 1864 in Washington, DC by Justus H. Rathbone.

It was the first fraternal order to be chartered by an Act of Congress.

**Fallen Marker with no name
Parts of the marker and epitaph
are missing**

Official _____
In The Year 18 ____
She Maintaining
That A Woman
Doing A Man's Work
Should Receive
The Same Pay
As A Man



Harold Snowden CSA

Epitaph -
He Stood Four Square To
Every Wind That Blew

Research revealed that he was an educated doctor, assistant surgeon in the Confederate Army, and editor of his family's newspaper the Alexandria Gazette



HAROLD SNOWDEN
G. S. A.

HE STOOD FOUR SQUARE TO
EVERY WIND THAT BLEW



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ECKSTONE

TEXAS S.
JUNE 13, 1944
DEC. 27, 2008

LINDA OERTLY
AUG. 21, 1959
MAR. 25, 2008

"I told you I was sick"

Texas and Linda Eckstone died nine months apart

Epitaph

I TOLD YOU I WAS SICK