

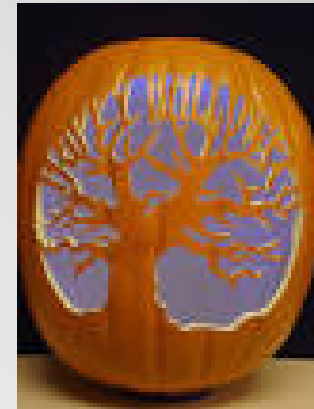
# Milk Row Cemetery

- Established 1804
- Designated historic on local, State and National Register



Honoring Our Forefathers  
and  
Preserving Our Heritage

# Project Overview



# **Milk Row Cemetery**

## **Phase One : Preservation Master Plan Preparation**

- ❖ **Drafted May - September 2002**
- ❖ **Prepared by Walker-Kluesing Design Group**
- ❖ **Funded by DEM State Grant & Federal CDBG \$**

# **Preservation Master Plan**

## **Summary Recommendations**

- Restore Perimeter Fencing and Gates
- Open up & Improve Cemetery Landscaping & Furniture
- Improve Internal Circulation for Pedestrians & Vehicles
- Provide Universal Access within and into Burial Ground
- Stabilize, Clean, and Treat Civil War Monument
- Enhance & Facilitate Public Entry and Use
- Maintain Health of Large American Elm Tree
- Reset and Conserve All Deteriorated Grave Markers
- Rehabilitate 8 Tomb Facades, Vault and Wall

# Phase Two: MHC Grant (2005-2006)

## Major Work

- Civil War Monument Conservation
- Grave Marker Conservation & Resetting
- Tomb Façade Reconstruction of #7 and #8
- Landscaping and Site Improvements
- Universal Accessibility to Monument & Interior of Site



# Phase Three: Perimeter Improvements (2009 – ongoing)

- Restoration and Repairs to Perimeter Metal Fencing and Gates; Bicycle Rack Installed
  - Fencing & Gates Summer 2009; Bicycle Rack Summer 2014;
  - Privately Funded by DeMoulas Foundation as “Friend of the MRC”
  - Additional site improvements proposed for their continuing support
- Exterior Site ADA Accessibility & Furniture
  - Summer 2009 – Summer 2013
  - Somerville Ave. Reconstruction & Improvements
  - Water Source brought to site for landscaping
  - Attractive Benches & Trash Barrels provided inside & outside
  - Electricity made available internal to site
  - Funding from a mix of State, Federal and City grants

## **Phase Four:**

### **Greater Public Access and Use**

- Universal Access Inside & Outside Complete
- Public Programming Offered:
  - Grant Celebration Events
  - SHS and Other School Class Visits
  - May Preservation Month Talks and Tours
  - Annual Ghosts of Somerville Event in October
  - Docent Program Established
  - Monthly Openings via Docent Volunteers
  - Adoption by Somerville Garden Club enabling continuous plantings, maintenance and TLC

# Preservation Master Plan Update

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# Highest Priorities Outstanding

- Rehabilitation of Remaining Tombs

- 2 tombs were repaired in 2006 as a demonstration project
- The remaining 6 tombs have not been addressed at all
- Their condition has deteriorated gravely, causing a serious public safety hazard and inevitable irreparable harm to their integrity
- Grant application to the MHC in 2012 for their repair was not funded, largely due to uncertain City match and reduced competitiveness

# Visuals of Tomb Conditions



# Rehabilitation of Tombs

## Schematic Design Cost Estimate and Scope

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SCHEMATIC DESIGN COST ESTIMATE

6 January 2015

Summary: Each tomb will cost approximately \$16,100 to rehabilitate. Implementing all six tombs at the same time would cost approximately \$15,300 each.



# Why CPA Funding is Important!

- Execution of 2002 Preservation Master Plan
- Continuous Progress and Success
- All substantive work to date occurred via matching grants and private donations
- Site no longer eligible for Federal CDBG \$
- City funds for historic preservation projects scarce