

IVY HILL CEMETERY



HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Dedicated to the preservation of monuments, promotion of history, and protection of flora and fauna of Ivy Hill Cemetery

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NEWSLETTER

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What's new on the IHCHPS web site?

We have successfully created our new web site where you now have the ability to look up loved ones or people of interest. Simply go to www.ivyhill-historical.org or www.IHCHPS.org and follow the links until you get to "Search Records". Type in a name, select the map icon and there you are! You will be shown the location of a specific grave. At the moment, we only have burial dates and military service entered into the data base. You will see icons for other categories, such as obituaries and pictures. We are interested in gathering this information for future entry and will review anything you would like to forward.

From our site we have already received an important contact. Jay Kelly was doing some research for FindAGrave.com, and ended up visiting our cemetery. He was very impressed with the work that we have done on our web site which has inspired him to try and photograph each gravestone and provide us with what ever obituaries he can find. He is providing

this information in an organized digital form. This is a huge undertaking and with help of Society volunteer Clark Edwards on the obituary research, this will be an incredible gift to all of us.

Preserving historic information

One of the stated goals of the Society is the preservation of the historic information at Ivy Hill. Ivy Hill was fortunate enough on two occasions, one many years ago and again in the late 1970's, to have had ladies from the DAR record the names, dates and inscriptions from each tombstone in the cemetery. The Cemetery staff aided in this work, and the collected information has been used in the Cemetery data base. Irene Sullivan and Virginia Bruch published their work in a book called *Beneath the Oaks of Ivy Hill* and thank goodness they did. Since 1980 many of the stones have now become impossible to read.

Now that we have moved to the age of computers, we would like to enter the other inscription information contained in *Beneath the Oaks...* into the Cemetery's data base so that it, too, will never be lost. We also need to update the information, as this project only goes to 1980. Again thanks to Mr. Kelly, collecting the newer data should be a less daunting task. The