
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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2823 King Street
Alexandria, Va 22302

NEWSLETTER

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COME ON IN!!

Ivy Hill Cemetery now has a new TWO LANE entrance/ exit on King Street! While the old entrance was fine in horse and buggy days, modern times and traffic volume have required us to build a safer, more accommodating access point to the cemetery. We have included permeable pavers to lessen run off into King Street, and keep some of the water in the ground and out of the storm sewer. This entryway is just west of the office, so give it a try.

Some of you might think our work shed area is a little unsightly in its current state, and quite frankly, we agree. But don't panic! It takes time to reach perfection, and we are working on it. The work shed area will be out

of sight shortly after we build a new fence, and landscaping will be added when the plants have a better chance of surviving in the fall. All will be done in a traditional and tasteful manner to blend with the historic flavor of your cemetery as best we can, but with the safety of our families first and foremost in mind.

What about the old entry? Glad you asked! Eventually this will be an attractive pedestrian entrance. We will place the historic gates back where they belong, with an opening for foot traffic. For a little bit we are keeping it open to vehicles while folks get used to the new traffic pattern.



FALL EVENTS

- Sept 10, 3:00 Cemetery Tombstone Art **walking tour**- by Stacey Hawkins, callingcardevents@comcast.net, info@IHCHPS.org, 703-549-7413 XII2
- Sept 24, 3:00 Don Hakenson- Soldiers of Ivy Hill, Alexandria's Civil War History, **lecture** info@IHCHPS.org, 703-549-7413 XII2
- Oct 13, 11:00am Fire Fighter Memorial **service**, info@IHCHPS.org, 703-549-7413 XII2
- Oct 21, 7:00 History's Mysteries, Tales From the Vault **lecture**- Terry Gish (571) 269 -8119, info@IHCHPS.org, 703-549-7413 XII2
- Oct 25, 6:30 Women and Wine **networking** development@volunteeralexandria.org info@IHCHPS.org, 703-549-7413 XII2
- Oct 28, 7:00 Edgar Allen Poe **readings**, Guillotine Theater Company, info@IHCHPS.org
- Nov 5, 1:00 Veteran Flags, info@IHCHPS.org, 703-549-7413 XII2

MORE EVENTS TO BE SCHEDULED

If you wish to be added to our event notification email OR if you wish to have an event here, please contact us at info@IHCHPS.org

WHAT ELSE IS NEW?

Across the creek we have mapped out section 5 on the hillside, and a portion of it is now available for your burial needs. The remainder will be available later this year. This is the last section to be developed for full body burials, and provides a beautiful view of the cemetery. Come check it out! Down the lane a little further, by the Section 4 Cremation Garden, our erosion abatement plan is finished. Grass has been planted and we are doing our best to keep it growing during the toughest months of Summer. We used permeable pavers in the roadway to minimize with rain runoff. These pavers help the water to get into the ground, not just run into the creek. And around the bend you will see our new Children's Butterfly Memorial Garden. This garden was built and is maintained by the members of one of our families to aid in their grieving process, and to offer a place for all of the siblings of Ivy Hill's children to come and express themselves. Some of the rocks have been painted by siblings of the Children of Ivy Hill to aid them in a difficult time. We plan on having memorial events at this cheerful spot, so be sure and let us know if you want to be included on mailing lists for these events.



Jack Ticer: Growing up in Alexandria

John (Jack) Tenneson Ticer was born in Alexandria in 1923. His mother was born on Fairfax Street, and his father all the way up on Patrick Street. It was a small town.

In the summer, the children would build forts, play softball, and spend most of day in an abandoned lumber yard. From time to time, they would see a film at one of the few single screen theaters located around Old Town. Air conditioned movie theaters were a luxury that had recently been introduced, yet the theater that is now called the Old Town theater (once known as the Richmond theater) didn't get AC until much later. Children didn't wander too far from home. Winter fun was weather dependent, with snow providing great entertainment. There was outdoor skating on local ponds, and sledding on the streets or at the Masonic Temple.

During high school Jack worked at Nicklin's Drug Store, dispensing sodas. As well, he attended dances at the Old Dominion Boat Club and Belle Haven Country Club.

After finishing up at George Washington High School, Jack's mother made him take a year off before attending The University of Virginia because she thought he was too young to go right out of high school.

When the Depression hit, the Ticer family fared better than many throughout the rest of the country due to his father Edmund's employment with the Southern Railway. His

railway career lasted 52 years and helped support the large family through the nation's toughest economic crisis. Alexandria has always been a major hub for shipping since its foundation as a tobacco port in the 18th Century. Before during and after the Civil War, Alexandria became a major railway hub due to its proximity to D.C.. Edmund Ticer had a secure job through the Depression that allowed him to take care of his family.

When the nation's call to arms went out for WWII, Jack Ticer responded as many young men of his time did. He enlisted in the army combat engineers and found himself on the front lines at the end of the war. His regiment was there to support the bridge company on the river Elbe as the Red Army and Allied forces divided up the remnants of Germany. After serving his country, Jack picked up where he left off and he and many of his friends took full advantage of the GI bill to earn degrees from UVA.

During Jack's career, he worked for the Atlantic Research Corporation, the United States Senate Armed Services Committee as the chief clerk, the Air Force, and then retired from the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense in early part of '96. Over the years he became very involved with the city, serving on the Alexandria City Council in the 1950's and 60's. His father was mayor from 1932-34 and his wife was mayor from 1991-1995.

(Source: OHA Oral Histories 2/25/1999)



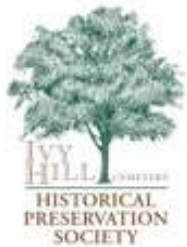
John- (Jack) Tenneson Ticer

6/9/1923-8/29/2007

TIM BURTON COMES TO IVY HILL!!

Well, not THE Tim Burton. Tim, the Retired Pathologist, Burton whose hobby is identifying wild flowers. Dr. Burton is helping us identify the native wild flowers throughout Ivy Hill. We have an amazing collection of our region's oldest living wild flower species. Due to the undisturbed,

undeveloped nature of our grounds, Ivy Hill benefits from this secret collection of Nature's treasures. Our plan is to identify them for a wild flower tour, and to create a guide book for our nature enthusiasts. This project is important in preserving Alexandria's floral history!



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