In the older northern part of the cemetery, you will see the **Masonic sign** on the graves of men going back to members of the settlement party that came here in 1836.

In antebellum times, Masons exerted considerable social and political authority, and most respectable men were members.

The Masons still exist, of course, but they don't have quite the same influence as those in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

The most common Masonic sign is the square and compass, sometimes surrounded by the "All Seeing Eye of God," an eye surrounded by rays of light.