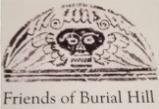


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**FRIENDS OF BURIAL HILL**  
**FOUNDED IN 2010, COMMITTED TO THE PRESERVATION OF BURIAL HILL**



## PRESERVE AMERICA DESIGNATION FOR FOBH

Thank you **Preserve America!** We are honored to receive this designation! Read Frank Mand's article, "Preserve America names Friends of Burial Hill to national list" from the Old Colony Memorial newspaper and plymouth.wickedlocal.com: <http://goo.gl/tjIS0o>



Photo courtesy of Rhonda Atchison

**Our volunteers share an important role in conserving and preserving Burial Hill. Thank you for your time and effort.**



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### First Lady Designates Two New Preserve America Stewards

Washington, D.C.—First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama has signed designation letters for two new Preserve America Stewards, bringing the total nationwide to 56.

The newest to join the honor roll include Friends of Burial Hill, Inc. in Massachusetts helping to preserve Plymouth's Burial Hill Cemetery; and Friends of Lakewold in Washington, preserving a 1918 estate and gardens.

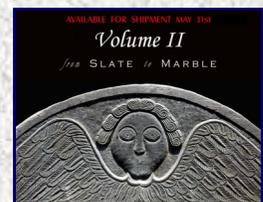
"Preserve America Stewards are volunteer programs that have demonstrated success in saving historic places in the best tradition of the national historic preservation movement," said Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, chairman of the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). "Preservation has always relied upon motivated, active volunteers who band together to make certain that significant historic places remain to enrich and enlighten present and future generations."

**Massachusetts: The Friends of Burial Hill** was founded in 2010 to preserve Plymouth's Burial Hill cemetery, one of the country's earliest English colonial burying grounds. Volunteers assist with grounds maintenance, act as tour guides, conduct research, and work to conserve historic grave markers. Their work has reversed years of previous neglect and community disinterest.

**Washington: The Friends of Lakewold** works to preserve Lakewold estate, which includes a 1918 Georgian-style house and 10 acres of historic gardens. The gardens have evolved over almost 100 years, with significant contributions by famous landscape architect Thomas Church. Volunteers maintain the house and gardens, act as docents, provide horticultural education, and promote tourism to the site.

For more information on the Preserve America Stewards program, see [www.preserveamerica.gov/stewards.html](http://www.preserveamerica.gov/stewards.html).

### FOBH Supporter James Blachowicz



"from Slate to Marble Gravestone carving traditions in Eastern Massachusetts 1750 - 1850" Volume II by James Blachowicz is now available and can be ordered through <http://www.graverpress.com>

"A remarkable effort whose quality and depth challenges all previous work on gravestone carving....Highly recommended."  
J.C. Wanser, Choice

**Don Dewey**, a dedicated Friends of Burial Hill volunteer, has recently published a book, "Return Of The Dead, Plymouth, MA During The Civil War." Read the free ebook:

<https://goo.gl/8CxLc>





## Gravely Speaking

**FOBH wants you!** for cleanup, gravestone conservation, and special events. Training provided. Join a cleanup team or form your own. **Burial Hill has never been cleaner. Thanks to all who continue to be vigilant!**

**Digitization of Burial Hill Surveys**—FOBH continues to upload [completed survey sheets](#) on gravestones that have been cleaned by workshop volunteers for all to access. To volunteer to enter data, contact Don Dewey at [d49dewey@gmail.com](mailto:d49dewey@gmail.com)

**Burial Hill Photos**—If you have old photos of Burial Hill, please email copies to Cheryle at: [cheryle.burialhillfriend@verizon.net](mailto:cheryle.burialhillfriend@verizon.net)

**New FOBH clerk/secretary** has been appointed - Kathy Harrington - 3 year term. Thank you!

**Photographers Needed**—There is a need for designated photographers to document FOBH activities.

**Handyperson Needed**—We need a wooden sandwich board type sign to advertise our workshops. Is there a handyman or handywoman out there who could make one for the "Friends"? We will supply the material.

### FOBH T-shirts

We have FOBH logo t-shirts for \$18.00  
Sizes M, L, XL Checks made payable to:  
FOBH  
P.O. Box 1578  
Plymouth, MA 02362



## FOBH Volunteer Opportunities

Survey Confirmation Workshop—Saturday, June 25th, 9-11 am

### Gravestone Conservation workshops

July 1	2-5 pm	July 29	2-5 pm
July 3	9 am-12 pm	July 30	8-10 am
July 8	2-5 pm	August 12	2-5 pm
July 9	8-10 am	August 13	9-11 am

We will have scheduled dates through October in the next newsletter. We plan to offer one more Gravestone Conservation Workshop for new trainees. If you are interested in helping to conserve the stones on Burial Hill, please email contacts below to register.

## Annual Fund

Your contributions to the Friends of Burial Hill's Annual Fund will help us to complete our archaeological explorations seeking the mass grave of the seamen of the Brigantine General Arnold which ran aground in Plymouth Harbor in December 1778. We are so close.

Your contributions will allow us to continue to raise awareness and engage new audiences through quality programs and events. And most assuredly, we will continue our gravestone conservation.

Please help us in our efforts to conserve and preserve Burial Hill. We were there when no one else was. Gifts in any amount are appreciated. FOBH is registered with the IRS as a 501(c)(3) and fully tax deductible. Visit the website: [www.friendsofburialhill.org](http://www.friendsofburialhill.org)

**Thank you!**

## Gravestone Iconography



Marker A28 Section A - Before and After Photos

SACRED  
to the memory of  
ANGELINE  
dau.tr of Truman  
and Experience Bartlett.  
died April 24, 1838:  
Aged 20 yrs.

Weep not for her whom the veil of the lamb.  
In lifes happy morning hath hid from our eyes  
E're sin threw a blight o'er the spirits young bloom  
or earth had profaned what was born for the skies.

This large marble marker was cleaned and surveyed by FOBH member Rhonda Atchison at a recent workshop. After cleaning, we could fully appreciate the lovely motif and were able to read the inscription in its entirety. Often when we clean the stones and uncover the motif or an epitaph that was not visible or was perhaps indecipherable, we become excited. We had some discussion over the imagery on this stone. Benjamin Drew, in his book, describes a square structure with radiations from upper surface; above and hanging at side, draped curtains, with cords and tassels.

## Sticks and Stones

### Bier



A stand used to place the coffin or casket on during a wake, funeral, or at the graveside prior to burial.

In the Robinson survey, they record, thick curtains with tassels, or festoon, over a pedestal with an ark that appears to be glowing. Or it could simply be a depiction of Truman's and Experience's beloved daughter Angeline's casket resting on a bier, draperies parted and raised, rays of pure light pointing towards Heaven, representing her soul's ascension. Rhonda described in her survey, a tabernacle with rays of light, draperies and tassels hung over a rod. However we interpret the iconography, many agree, the festoons, draperies or veil, drawn back and lifted by tassels traditionally represent a transition from one existence to another, a passage. Draping cloth and palls also represent mourning and sorrow. It was once the custom to drape objects, both in and outside of the home to signify that the household was in mourning. The Ark of the Covenant is the gold clad chest, constructed according to God's design, made to contain the stone tablets on which were written the Ten Commandments. A tabernacle could be a place of worship, a portable sanctuary and a cabinet used to house the consecrated Host. The rays of light must symbolize resurrection; the Heart of Jesus is most often shown encircled by rays of light. Glory. Similar compositions might also depict a dove or an angel.

Angeline's marker is flanked by the grave markers of her family, Charles, Experience, Stephen, Truman and Lucia.

*"Art is not what you see,  
but what you make others see."*

-Edgar Degas

## BECOME A FRIEND

### with a donation or membership

Please remember the Friends of Burial Hill with a donation to help defray the costs of workshops and events. As always 100% of your donation is used in Burial Hill's preservation.

Individual Membership: \$25

Family Membership: \$40

Corporate Membership: \$200

Donations in any amount are appreciated. Please see our website to make a donation or mail your check payable to: FOBH, P.O. Box 1578, Plymouth, MA 02362.

Contributions to FOBH are tax deductible under section 170 of the Code and we are qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055,2106 or 2522 of the Code.

If you have not yet sent your dues for 2016, please take a moment to renew or join.

*Thank you everyone for your donations  
this year!*

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<http://friendsofburialhill.org/>



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