



# Greenwood Hills CEMETERY

Portland, Oregon  
Estab. 1882

APRIL 2013

9002 SW Boones Ferry Road • Portland, OR 97219

Open 8:00am to Sunset



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## Your Fare, Please! Portland-Fulton Trolley

Some of us are old enough to remember the main thoroughfares of downtown Portland strung all over with electric trolley wires. A number of us may even remember the smell of electric arcing. But, I bet most of you don't know that Greenwood Hills and adjoining neighborhood cemeteries featured a trolley line supplemented by trolley stations.

In 1890, a group of investors including H.L. Pittock incorporated Metropolitan Railway Company to build an electric trolley line between Portland and Oregon City. The line started at NW Glisan and 2<sup>nd</sup> and ran south down 2<sup>nd</sup> Street; the line furthered its journey south along the hillside from Corbett Street at Slavin Road to Fulton Park. At the summit of Taylors Ferry road, the line arrived after traveling by trestle over a gulch.

The cars operating on the route were the first trolley cars built in Portland, Oregon. They were classified as convertible cars and were enclosed, but their windows could be propped up against the roof to allow cooling air flows for passenger comfort. As an interesting sidelight, electrical poles along the line were painted green, cream, and bright vermilion, the same color the cars were painted when they came on line. Vermilion can be described as a deep tomato-red.

To provide power, a powerhouse was built at Fulton Park. But, due to numerous weather-related problems, the extension of the line to surrounding cemeteries was not in service until Memorial Day, 1891. Mudslides, snowstorms, and frozen pipes all contributed to the delay. Yet,

**Need a grave marker?**  
Ordering through us helps with the maintenance costs of Greenwood Hills Cemetery.

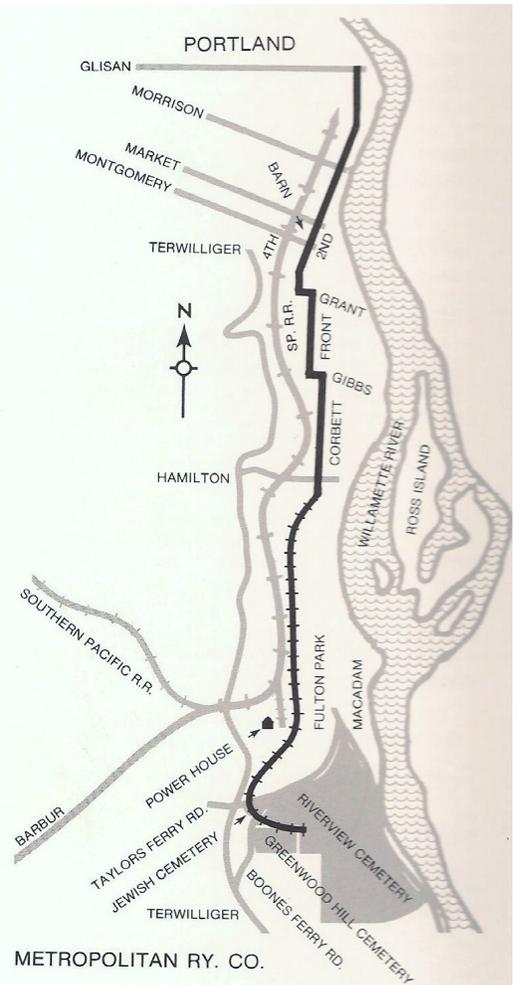
### We Offer These Services

Our Archivist provides quick and courteous records search, gravesite location, and grave marker location services. Interments in GHC are available to those who hold deeds to family plots with available space.

River View is our preferred provider of grave marker and interment services. If we are unavailable, call River View directly at: 503-246-4251.

most impressively, the completed line was six miles long—the longest trolley line in Oregon at that time. After further evaluation, plans were abandoned to continue the line into Lake Oswego and Oregon City.

Although we cannot determine the exact date the cemetery line discontinued its services, we do know the line was still in service in 1918. At that time, it was owned and operated by the Portland Railway, Power, and Light Co. By the 1950s, all electrical trolley and bus services ceased to exist.

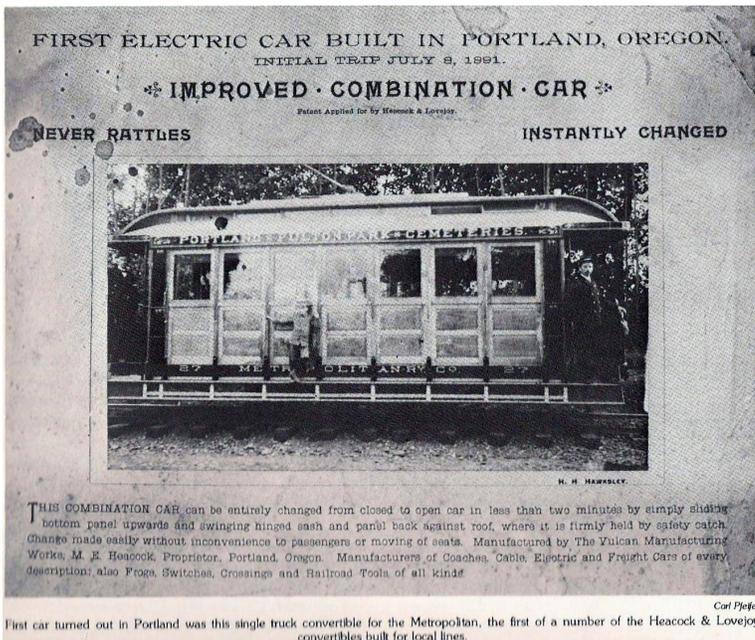


Greenwood Hills Cemetery Maintenance Association is a volunteer organization dedicated to maintaining the grounds of Greenwood Hills Cemetery in a manner that respects the dead, honors the living, and preserves a valuable connection with our rich pioneer history. Through responsible stewardship of resources, we strive to maintain a safe and beautiful open space where people can come to remember the past and enjoy the natural world which we hold in sacred trust for the future.

# Portland-Fulton Cemeteries Combination Trolley Car

This combination car could be changed from closed to open car in less than two minutes. By simply sliding a bottom panel upwards via hinge and swinging a panel up and back against the roof of the car, passengers could gain access to cooling air flows.

The cars were made in Portland, Oregon by The Vulcan Manufacturing Works. The first car turned out was the single truck convertible pictured here at left. It was the first of a number of the Heacock and Lovejoy convertibles built for local lines. Vulcan Manufacturing Works manufactured coaches, cable, electric and freight cars of every description.



## Cleanup Day 2013: Volunteers Needed

Mark your calendars for this year's Cleanup Day 2013. The continued success of this transformative event is inspiring. Volunteers, family, friends and neighbors are welcome.

**When:** Saturday, May 18, 2013

**Where:** 9002 SW Boones Ferry Road

Meet at the cemetery entrance off of SW Boones.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**What to bring:** Pruning shears, loppers, brooms, gas string trimmers, rakes, tarps, gloves, and a chair.

**Benefits:** The power of transformation, great company, exercise, and free food and beverages including coffee to wake you up!

## Upcoming Holiday & Board Events



### Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday—Monday  
May 25, 26, & 27  
10am—4pm



### Annual Meeting

Wednesday— June 12  
7pm

## Contributions are Appreciated!

Greenwood Hills Cemetery relies on charitable gifts to maintain the cemetery and make necessary improvements. Please consider increasing your donation or including GHGMA in your charitable giving plans if you have not done so before. Every little bit truly helps and is *greatly* appreciated.

✂ ————— I want to help maintain and restore Greenwood Hills Cemetery!

Add my name to the volunteer list.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Reply to:**

GHG Maintenance Association  
PO Box 80701  
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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you! We truly appreciate your support.**