

Greenwood Hills

CEMETERY
Portland, Oregon
Estab. 1882

9002 SW Boones Ferry Road • Portland, OR 97219

Open 8:00am to Sunset

X Drowning in the Willamette River

One of the headstones in Greenwood Hills Cemetery which stimulates the most questions is that of Annie Hammond and her seventeen year old daughter, Flora May, who both

drown in the Willamette River on July 30, 1897.

Mrs. Hammond, and her daughter went to see the departure of the steamer George C. Elder. The Elder was later known for an 1899 scientific expedition to Russia, visiting Alaska and British Columbia along the way, a voyage that covered 9000 miles. The Ham-

mond, and a Mr. Tabor neighbor, J. D. McIver, procured a small boat to have a river level view of the departing Elder. The small boat came too close to the paddle of the Sternwheeler Elmore, which was also at the same dock. The sternwheeler started moving by putting its wheel in reverse. The suction pulled the small boat under the wheel, crush-

ing it like an eggshell. The heavy paddles of the wheel carried the ladies into the wheel- house and out of sight. The women's bodies were not recovered until the next day. McIver grabbed onto a paddle of the wheel as it made a revolution and then threw him

into the Willamette where he was rescued. Mr. Arthur Hammond, the husband and father of the victims, was a railroad conductor and in Los Angeles at the time of the accident. Hammond returned to Portland as quickly

as he could by rail. As the questions of the drownings were answered, it raises another question. Why were the Hammonds with a character like McIver? He had just been released from jail a month earlier for impersonating an Internal Revenue agent. After the drownings, he was seen sneaking around the Hammond home by a family friend. McIver was later convicted for assaulting this same person. On the night of the same day as the drownings, it was dis-

covered the Hammond home had been completely ransacked. It was known that Mrs. Hammond had many valuable pieces of jewelry. Mr. Hammond however later found all the pieces that had been tucked away by his wife.

As for J. D. McIver, little is documented as to whatever happened to him. So there still remains unanswered questions.

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Garry Dean Lienhard September 1945-May 2016

We would like to take a moment to recognize a friend who was a valuable board member and historian for Greenwood Hills. Garry Lienhard passed away last May. Garry was instrumental in reintroducing the Mason's organization to Greenwood and organized several well attended cleanups that continue today. He and his many contributions to our organization will be greatly missed.

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.

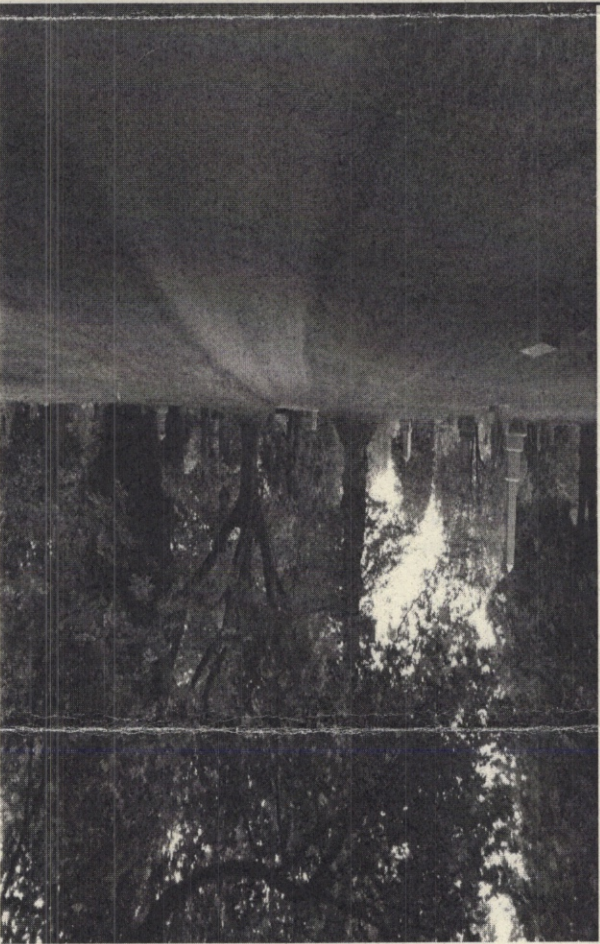
Need a grave marker?

Ordering through us helps with the maintenance costs of Greenwood Hills Cemetery.



Did you know Greenwood Hills Cemetery has its own Facebook page?

Cleanup Day 2016 While the temperature was not the warmest, 60 degrees, it didn't rain. A good turn out of volunteers arrived with tools in hand and ready to work. Some volunteers even brought goodies, delicious brownies and dozens of cookies which is so appreciated. We spent the time well by spreading out and tackled headstones with several string trimmers, laid wood chips on the paths and flower beds. Others attacked the suckers around the trees and there was lots of windfall from recent spring storms. Ivy was pulled and headstones were cleaned. After a break for lunch we continued into the afternoon and everything was completed that was on our list. We are so grateful for our volunteers and happy to see more folks from the neighborhood show up this year. We could not do it without all your hard work. Greenwood looked fabulous. Thank you.



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 GHCHMA in your charitable giving plans if you have not done so before. Every little bit truly helps and is *greatly* appreciated.

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