



Scottish Heritage Society

of the Rochester Area, Inc

Application to Reserve a Gravesite New Scottish Burial Plot, Section 3, Lot 212, Mount Hope Cemetery

The New Scottish Burial Plot is at the corner of Evergreen and Forest Ave., in the historic section of Mount Hope Cemetery. It was purchased on behalf of the Rochester Scottish Society in 1888 by John Stewart, after the Old Scottish Burial Plot (purchased in 1856 by the Caledonia Society) at Sylvan Waters was filled to capacity. Both plots were intended for Scots folk unable to afford a proper burial. The funds for the New Scottish Burial Plot were provided by benefactor Angus McDonald, a local steamship ticket agent. Three burials took place, the last in 1891. The Trusteeship of this Plot was handed down under the auspices of successive Scottish Societies until the death of Hugh Hamilton, Treasurer of the Scottish Society, in 1930.

As time passed, the existence of the plot was largely forgotten by the Scottish community. Because of inactivity over so many years the New Scottish Burial Plot became subject to reclaim by Mount Hope Cemetery. In 2013 the Scottish Heritage Society (SHS) learned of the situation and the New Scottish Burial Plot Committee was formed to conduct research. As a result, an agreement was reached between the SHS Board and Mount Hope Cemetery, whereby the SHS assumed the Trusteeship of the New Scottish Burial Plot with the right to approve burials. In keeping with the original intent, applications to reserve a gravesite are accepted from eligible members of the Scottish Heritage Society. There are 23 available gravesites (Dec 2015). There is a \$100 Application fee, proceeds going to provide markers for Scots buried in unmarked graves in Mount Hope. Contact Mount Hope Cemetery at (585) 428-7999 for information on interment fees.

Note: There is an overall limit of two gravesite reservations per family line (or Clan), with an additional limit of a single gravesite reservation per generation within that family.

APPLICANT DETAILS

Name:	Return application to: Scottish Heritage Society, P.O. Box 26669, Rochester, NY 14626, or via e-mail to rocscots@aol.com . Applicants will be contacted to arrange viewing of original heritage documentation. Do not send original documents or fee. Please allow 30 days for processing.
Address:	
City/State/Zip	
Phone: ()	
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CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL

Member of Scottish Heritage Society: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>				
Residency: City of Rochester <input type="checkbox"/>		Monroe County <input type="checkbox"/>		Outside Monroe County <input type="checkbox"/>
Heritage: Scottish <input type="checkbox"/>	1st Gen (Child) <input type="checkbox"/>	2nd Gen (Grandchild) <input type="checkbox"/>	3rd Gen (Great Grandchild) <input type="checkbox"/>	Spouse <input type="checkbox"/>

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Proof of Heritage: Birth Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> / Marriage Record <input type="checkbox"/> / Death Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> / Other: _____			
Date Application Reviewed: ____/____/____		Reviewed by:	1. _____
Date Heritage Docs Reviewed: ____/____/____		Reviewed by:	2. _____
Approved / Fee Paid <input type="checkbox"/>	Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	Grave Number: _____	Interment Depth: Single <input type="checkbox"/> / Double <input type="checkbox"/>
Copies to: Applicant / Scottish Heritage Society / Mount Hope Cemetery, 1133 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620			Date: ____/____/____ Initials: _____