

Cemetery Access and Tours

Free, guided walking tours of the cemetery and the cemetery complex, are available most Saturdays between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM. To arrange a tour, contact the Superintendent at cemetery@opmh.org or by text 703-869-0872.

Cemetery Rules and Regulations

- Visiting hours are between Sunrise and Sunset
- No Plastic Flowers
- No Alcohol
- No Loitering
- Christmas wreaths and decorations will be removed after January 15 of each year
- Dog Walking is a privilege of the cemetery K9 Corps. Dogs without a membership are not allowed.
- Bringing or using firearms, or weapons is prohibited in the cemetery except for official purposes.

The cemetery reserves the right to deny access to any person who violates the rules and regulations, or whose behavior is unbecoming to a cemetery.

Use of the cemetery for special events, tours, concerts, seminars, filming or other uses other than interments or burials require the written permission of the Cemetery Board.



Ceremony honoring Robert Allison, Jr. killed in The Battle of White House Landing on September 5, 1814.

Photo by Larry Rood

Presbyterian Cemetery & Columbarium

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**Presbyterian Cemetery
&
Columbarium 1809**

Welcome to the Presbyterian Cemetery and Columbarium

The Presbyterian Cemetery and Columbarium offers a dignified memorial for you and your loved ones as a final resting place in a fully operating and functioning cemetery that has more than 1000 in-ground burial plots available for purchase. It also has a Columbarium containing 192 niches that are available for purchase. Each niche can hold two small urns.

The cemetery operates as an independent entity overseen by the Presbyterian Cemetery Board under the authority of the Session of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. Day-to-day operations are managed by the Superintendent.

While preference is given to members of the Presbyterian denomination, anyone can be buried in the cemetery, as long as the burial is conducted with dignity and in a Christian manner.

To learn more about the Presbyterian Cemetery and Columbarium or to get additional information on purchasing a plot or niche, please contact Superintendent David Heiby, cemetery@opmh.org or by text: 703-869-0872.

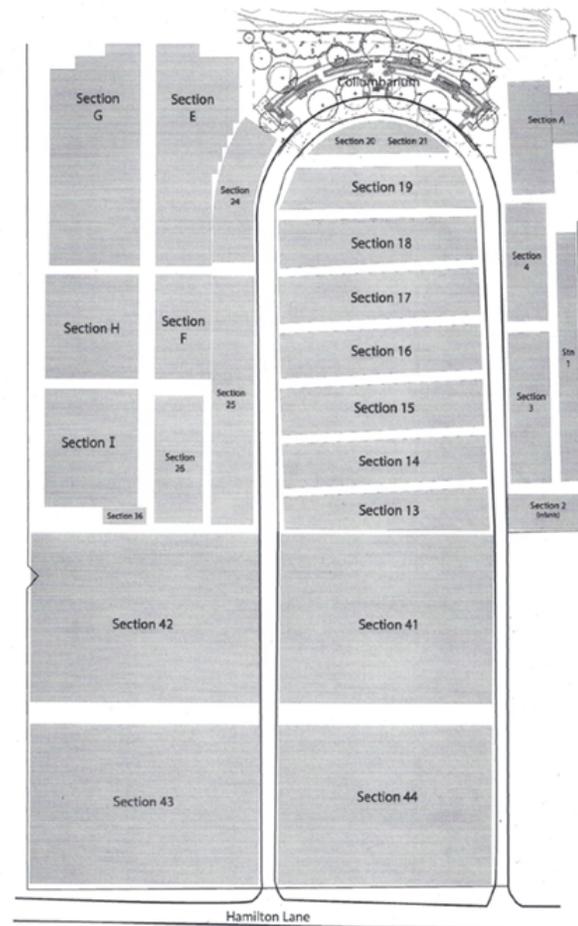


Locating a Grave in the Cemetery

A map of the cemetery is shown below. To explore our collection of deceased records, view headstone photographs, or find an interactive map of the cemetery:

discovereverafter.com/graveyards/266

Please note that you will be asked to create a username and password to use this site.



Spring in the cemetery

History

The Presbyterian Cemetery is located approximately one mile west of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in old town Alexandria. The historic Meeting House Churchyard Burial Ground, located at 323 S. Fairfax Street, contains many early Alexandrians such as John Carlyle, who was a colonial merchant and early leader of Alexandria, and also the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution.

In 1803, a yellow fever epidemic swept through Alexandria, killing hundreds of citizens, including many Presbyterians. In 1804, The Common Council passed an ordinance forbidding the sale of any additional burial plots within the town limits after March of that year. It then passed a subsequent ordinance in 1809 banning all burials within the town limits as the yellow fever epidemic continued.

Needing a place to bury its dead, the Meeting House settled on vacant land outside of the town that was near the 1796 Penny Hill pauper's cemetery as a place to start a new burial ground. Burials started just after the 1804 town edict. The cemetery now contains the remains of over 2500 Alexandrians, many who were historical figures. Annexed as the town grew, the cemetery is now within the borders of the City of Alexandria.

The Presbyterian Cemetery was formally established in 1809. The cemetery is both an active and consecrated location for current and future burials and interments. It is one of thirteen cemeteries located in the Wilkes Street Cemetery Complex, which has witnessed over 35,000 burials since 1796.