



Cemetery Tours & Storytelling

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Grove Methodist Cemetery
Established 1776



1950 Grave Digging Equipment

Stories

Oldest Grave in The Cemetery - L.R.G. 1776

Graves of the Founders of Grove Church
George Hoffman, Daniel Meredith

Grave Medallions

Grave of a Revolutionary War Assistant Surgeon,
Village doctor, and Politician - Dr. Jacob Ehrenzellar

Grave of Wesley Patton - An Infamous Story

Graves of Grove Church Pastors

Rev. John Bell, 1892	Lot D-620
Rev. George L. Schaffer, 1901	Lot C-334
Rev. John H. Priest, 1903	Lot C-314
Rev. Harry H. Poticher, 1907.	Lot D-644
Rev. Jacob Emmett, Deacon, 1917	Lot D-735

Changes In the Layout of The Cemetery
and
Gravestone Shapes and Materials Through Time

Geology of Grove Cemetery

Various Grove Cemetery Bylaws Through Time

Cradle Graves

Activities

Color a Colonial U.S. Flag

Draw 8 Different Shapes of Gravestones

Find The First Names of 4 Females

Find The First Names of 4 Males

List 4 Years from Gravestones
and Circle the Oldest Date

Use A Gravestone to Figure Out
How Long a Person Lived

Discover The Properties of Shale Rock

Look For a Picture of a Hobby On A Gravestone
(and draw it)

Do A Crayon Rubbing of a Sturdy Gravestone
(with the help of an adult)

Activity Assistants

Nancy Peterka

Kathy Parker

Grave Medallions in Grove Cemetery



Revolutionary War



Civil War
Grand Army
of the Republic



Spanish American War



World War I



World War II



Korean War



Vietnam War



Methodist Veteran
of the Cross

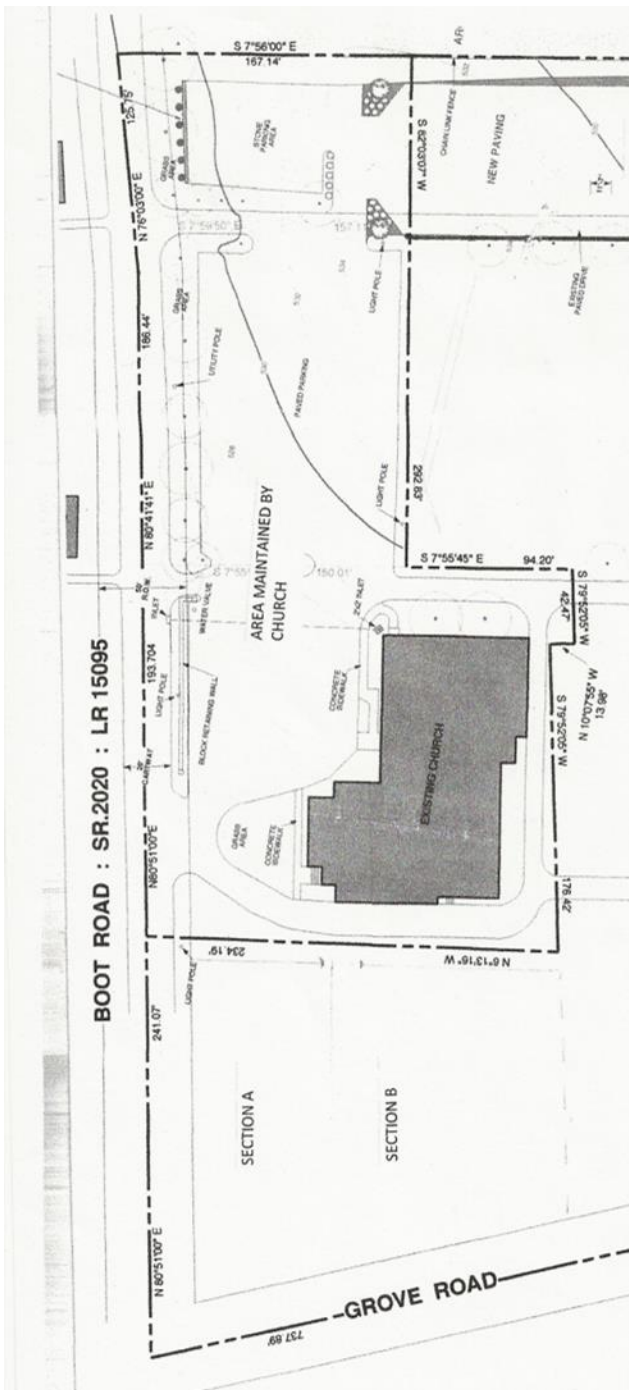


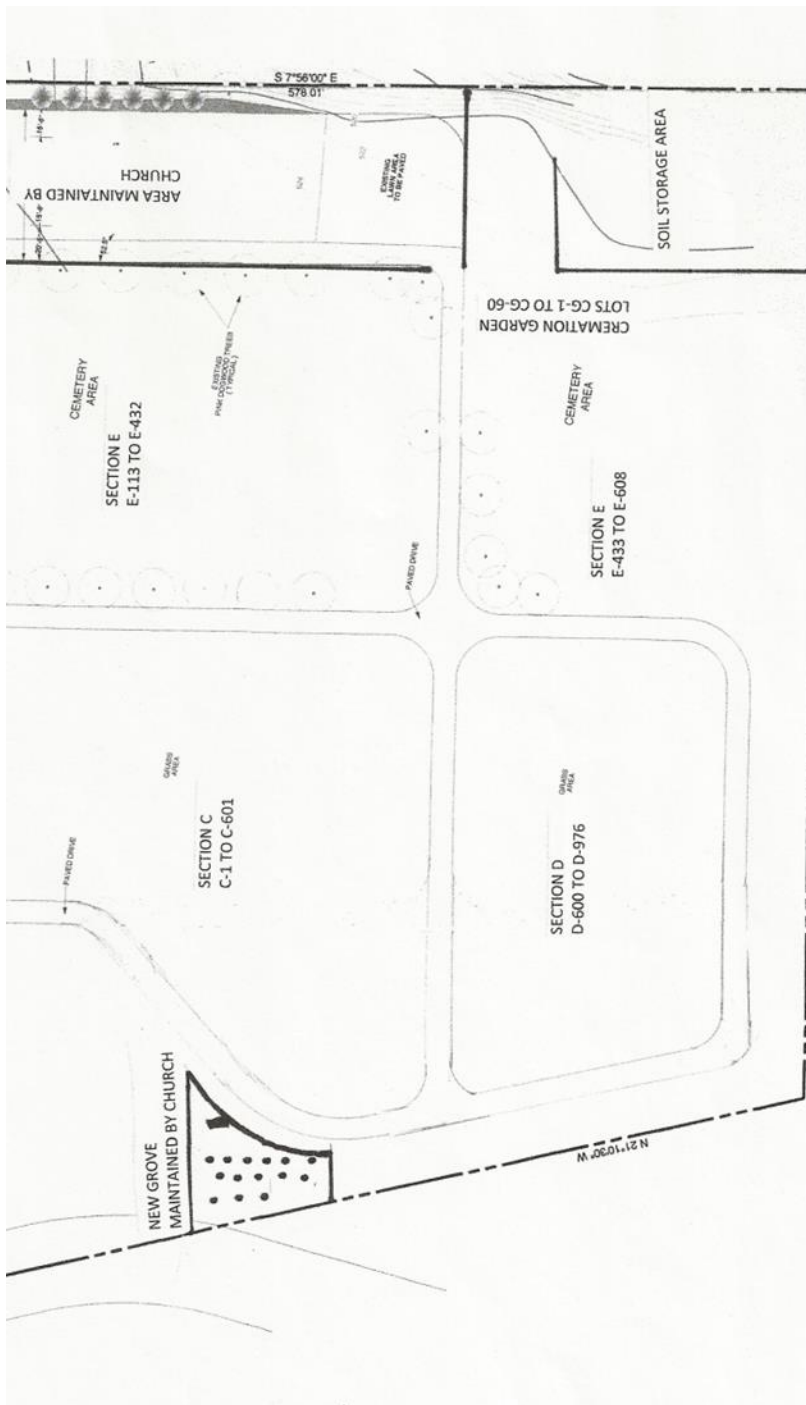
Dept. of the Army



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

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About Grove Cemetery

490 West Boot Road
West Chester, PA

At Grove Methodist Cemetery, we strive to provide a serene and peaceful environment for the friends and families of the departed.

As a nonprofit cemetery, we have designed our price structure to cover the costs of burial and cemetery upkeep. No board member draws a salary and all revenue we receive in excess of our costs is kept in a perpetual care fund, which we will only use towards the future upkeep of the cemetery.

Still, we realize that these costs can be daunting and will work to arrange for affordable payment plans, if necessary.

For more information on lot availability, call the church office (610) 696-2663 or email us at cemetery@grovechurch.org

As a non-profit cemetery corporation, gifts to Grove Methodist Cemetery, Inc. are tax-deductible. If you are able and moved to do so, please consider making a donation to the Cemetery. All donations are put towards the upkeep and perpetual care of the cemetery.

If you are interested in making a donation bequest or other gift to the Cemetery, contact our treasurer, Matthew Morley, at (215) 983-7537.

Schedule of Cemetery Lot Costs

One Grave Lot \$ 1,500

Two Grave Lot (-10%) \$2,700

Three Grave Lot (-20%) \$3,600

Four Grave Lot (-30%) \$ 4,200

Cremation Garden Lot \$ 800

All prices include perpetual care, to the extent permitted by our perpetual care fund.

One through Four Grave lots include corner stones; Cremation Garden lots do not.

Cremation Garden lots are 4' x 4' and can accommodate a maximum of two urns per lot. All Cremation Garden Head Stones must be 12" x 24" and flush with the ground.

A schedule of interment and other associated burial fees are available upon request.

Prices are subject to change.

2023 Board of Directors

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Matthew Morley, Rae Guthrie
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History of Grove Methodist Cemetery

The oldest grave in the Cemetery is marked 1776. The Cemetery's history is closely tied to that of Grove Methodist Church. George Hoffman, who died in 1829, and Mary Eve Hoffman, who died in 1821, owned the property on which the present Grove United Methodist Church and Cemetery stand. They are both buried in the historic section of the Cemetery.

Because of World War II, the church had very few members and the church's future was uncertain and the cemetery was spun off into a separate non-profit cemetery corporation.

The Grove Methodist Cemetery was incorporated on August 18, 1944. After the war, the second parking lot was made and burial lots in the new section were purchased. In the late fifties, the Board added paved roads throughout the Cemetery. A Cremation Garden was added in 2004 to accommodate increased demand for smaller plots for inurnments.

For nearly two and half centuries, Grove Methodist Cemetery has been the last resting place for members of the Grove Community, including many church leaders and veterans.



Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

1 Corinthians 15:51-54, ESV