



# The Grove

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## **GREETINGS!**

Welcome to our first ever issue of “The Grove”!

We want to keep in touch with the community and share information about what makes Oak Grove Cemetery so special.

Oak Grove is the oldest operating cemetery in Hammonton, founded February 22, 1860.

With each quarterly issue, we’ll introduce a board member, highlight a resident, and answer questions from the community.

## **What’s new at Oak Grove?**

The summer of 2019 is going to be a big one! We’re performing a census of all of our residents and lot owners. Our last census was in 2005.

In order to make this successful, we are going to need your help! Please make sure that we have updated information for you on file. We’re also combing through our records and

creating computerized databases. This will allow us to identify each resident, even if their resting place is not marked.

Please visit our website or Facebook page to fill out the census form. Or feel free to send us an email or leave a voice message at the office.

However you prefer, we want to hear from you!

## Office Hours

**Monday**  
6pm—8pm

**Wednesday**  
6pm—8pm

**Saturday**  
9am—2pm

*Emails, phone messages and facebook messages are checked frequently.*

*Make an appointment or stop by during hours!*



## Office Staff

**Robyn Berenato**  
*Secretary*

**Lou Santanello**  
*Groundskeeper*

## Meet a Board Member - Carlton "Skip" Measley, President



Carlton "Skip" Measley was unanimously elected President at the 2019 Annual Meeting. A Hammonton native, Skip is no stranger to Oak Grove Cemetery.

Generations of Measleys are buried among the Oaks and that's what makes him an ideal fit for his position.

"I have a lot of family here and it's important that I maintain the legacy of the cemetery. Not just for my family but for every family" says Skip.

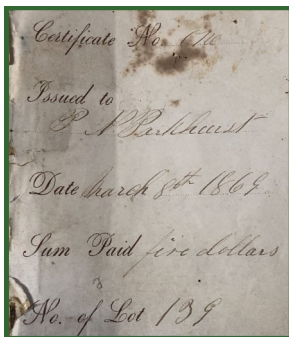
As a May 1979 graduate of Cumberland County College, Skip earned an Associate in Science degree in Horticulture.

This knowledge has proved invaluable as the board discusses landscaping upgrades (like trees) for the property.

It no doubt also came in handy to help him win 1st prize in August 2013 for his blueberry wine.

Skip is the owner/operator of Piney Hollow Farm blueberry farm, which has been in existence since 1939. He is married with two daughters, Heather and Amanda, and two grandchildren, Giana and David.

## Meet a Resident - Paschal N. Parkhurst



The first deed ever written for Oak Grove Cemetery is dated March 8th, 1869. The deed number is "one" even though the lot number is 139.

Paschal N. Parkhurst was born November 16, 1810 in Milford, MA. He married Elizabeth "Eliza" Hero on

October 18, 1833. They raised their family of three children in Milford. Their daughter, Susanna, succumbed to typhoid fever in 1849 at the age of 15. Shortly thereafter, the Parkhurst family migrated to Mullica Twp with their two sons, Merrill and Luman.

In 1860, Paschal was one in a group of men who established the Trustees of Oak Grove Cemetery Association. Another, was his son Merrill. Luman went on to be a Civil War hero, injured in Fredricksburg.

Paschal passed away on October 2, 1871. He and Eliza are buried side by side in the Parkurst family plot in Section C

at the entrance from Old Forks Road.



## Ask a Genie! (A Genealogist that is!)

*Are you working on your family tree but don't have all the dates you need?*



Dates of birth and death are critical when working on your family tree Don't guess! Contact the office!

Robyn Berenato is not only the office secretary, but she's the founder of Discovering Yester-

day, a genealogy firm in Hammonton.

We want to do everything we can to help you find your family at Oak Grove and stay connected to your roots.