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GREETINGS!

Thank you for reading this 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.

Office hours vary weekly. Please call if you need us!

Emails, phone messages and Facebook messages are checked frequently.



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The Benefits of Pre-Planning

There are many advantages when you take care of your final arrangements in advance. The most obvious benefit is financial, but the most important is the emotional benefit.

Making burial arrangements at the time of need means that your loved ones have decisions that need to be made hastily.

When you make arrangements in advance you have a better opportunity to make informed choices of your last wishes and additional stress is alleviated during the mourning period.

Your chosen funeral home will have a checklist to help you ensure that no detail is forgotten. If you aren't sure where to start, we'll be more than happy to help you identify resources that fit your wishes.

Meet a Board Member - Lisa Maiale-Howell



I first came to love the tranquility of Oak Grove Cemetery in weekly walks with long-time friend Marcia Lasasso. Given my love of nature and for history, it's no surprise that I would feel a connection to Oak Grove. And now, as a relatively new Board member along with Marcia, I am hoping that I can continue to care for and enhance this local treasure.

The Board of Trustees is a committed and caring group and I'm so pleased to be a member. As part of the Development Committee, I look forward to continuing to work on a five year capital improvement campaign. We hope to hold the kick-off event in February, 2020 which is the 160th anniversary of the cemetery, our Founder's Day! More details about this community event will be available in the coming months.

I hold a BA from Rutgers University and a Master's degree in Social Work from Bryn Mawr College. I've worked at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for over 22 years.

My husband Brian Howell and I are parents to Meredith Howell-Turner and Carl Howell. Meredith and her husband Daniel Turner are parents of two little girls, Charlotte and Amelia. Carl is married to Angela Janas. And, I would be remiss if I didn't also mention Jack, our gentle but giant pooch!

I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve on the Board and to help maintain and improve the final resting place for those interred there now and in the future. Oak Grove Cemetery is unique and if you haven't stopped by recently, I recommend a visit to see the ongoing improvements to this peaceful place.

Community Q & A

Q: I read about the chemical that the Civil War group used to clean the headstones of the veterans. Some of the stones looked almost new! Isn't that something the cemetery should get to clean headstones? Some of them you can't even read anymore!

A: You're right! They did a fantastic job. Each stone is the property of the family who placed it. Maintenance of the stone is up to the family. However, we try to help where we can.

The chemical that the Col. Louis R. Francine Camp #7, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War used is called D-2. It's a biological solution that contains no bleach or acids that could erode the monument. It's even used to keep the White House, well...white!

Although it works wonders, it retails for about \$41.95 per gallon online and is used at full strength.

As we continue to revamp the grounds, we hope that the continued support of the community will allow us to expand our services to include stone cleaning. Please know that stones are routinely brushed off if they have accumulated grounds waste (ie: grass, leaves, excessive dirt).



Before



After

George W. Green
Priv Cr. G
88th Regl Pens. Inf.
Died June 23, 1914
Aged 68 Yrs

Meet a Resident - Mr. Frederick Klinck & Mrs. Elizabeth Klinck

In section B, near the Forks Rd entrance, there is a stone edged plot with a rusted metal name sign that reads “Frederick Klink”. There are no dates or parting words, and if something used to hang from it, it is long gone.

So who is Frederick Klink? Was that supposed to be a temporary marker? Was he a child, a young man, or an old man? A search using Ancestry.com and a trip to the NJ State Archives would tell me what I needed to know.

Frederick Klink was born in Pennsylvania in 1829 to Henry and Mary, who had both immigrated from Germany. He married Elizabeth (maiden name unknown) 1852. They started their family the following year with the oldest of their five children, John, born in 1853.

Frederick registered for the Civil War service as required and mustered into Company D, 3rd Battalion on July 23rd, of 1863. His service lasted for six months.

The 1880 census shared that Frederick is a carpenter by trade, and that sometime between then and the New Jersey 1885 census, the family moved to Hammonton.

His oldest son, John, met his wife, Alice, in Hammonton and married in town on July 6, 1882. (It’s important to

the story, I promise!)

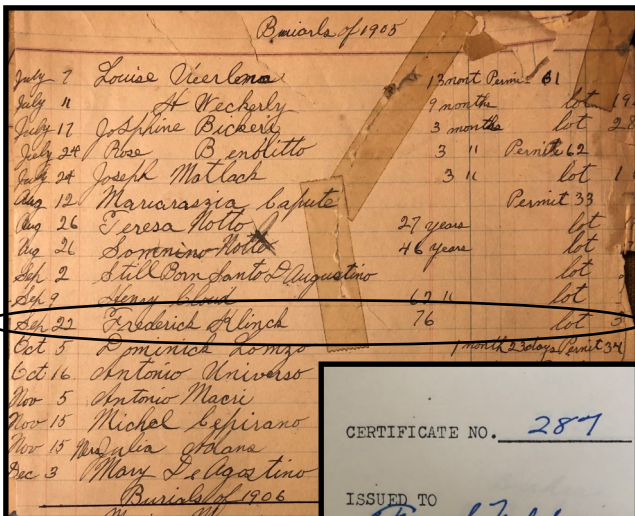
As all of the children grew and made families of their own, Frederick and Elizabeth moved to Nesco until Frederick’s passing in 1905.

Frederick’s death certificate revealed that he passed away on September 19, 1905 at the age of 76. Newly widowed, Elizabeth lived with two of their sons in Millville for a short time before living with her daughter in Philadelphia.

It’s estimated that Elizabeth passed away shortly after 1910 since that’s the last census on which she appears. There is no burial date for her in the original Oak Grove burial book. In the partially recreated burial book, her name is written without a date.

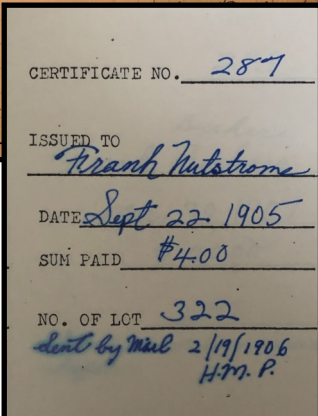
Also written in the same book is the name, Frank Harts-horn. You’re probably thinking, “Who’s that guy”? But remember when I told you Alice was important to the story?

Well, a bit *more* digging divulged that the maiden name of Frederick’s daughter-in-law, Alice, is Hartshorn! Her younger brother, Frank, paid 4.00 for Lot 322 on Sept 22, 1905 so Frederick could be laid to rest.



The original Oak Grove Cemetery Burial Book entry for Fredrick Klinck

Oak Grove Cemetery Deed Book entry



Metal name plate for Frederick Klink.

A Google image search revealed an older photo showing that Elizabeth’s name used to hang below his.

Recreated burial book listing Elizabeth. But she is not in the original book.

