



Cortland Rural Cemetery

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CITY OF CORTLAND ASSISTS CEMETERY

The Cortland Rural Cemetery has been struggling financially for many years resulting in fallen monuments that could not be easily righted, accumulation of debris that was costly to be disposed of, and broken water pipes that the Cemetery could not afford to repair. With the help of the City of Cortland progress has been made in all these areas.

Under a 2010 amendment to the New York State General Municipal Law, volunteer usage of city goods and services is allowed. Thus, John Hoeschele, president of the Cemetery's Board of Trustees, contacted Cortland Mayor Brian Tobin to ask for a helping hand. Mayor Tobin consulted several department heads about the possibility of aiding the Cemetery.



John O'Connell (in the cab) and Edward Poole from the City (in the rear on the right), and Rob Dittmann and Ace Prentice, Jr. from the Cemetery guide the fallen stone into its proper place.

Nicholas Dovi of the Department of Public Works oversaw removal of a pile of debris that was over twenty feet high; it had been accumulating from decades of burials.

The City of Cortland Water Department assisted the Cemetery with excavation and hook-ups to create working water stations and shut down leaking pipes that caused water to bubble up through the ground.

The city's waste water treatment plant provided assistance by returning eleven fallen headstones to their foundations. They volunteered man hours and equipment. Bruce Adams, chief operator at the wastewater treatment plant, is quoted as saying, "We were very happy to help. We thought it was a very positive thing. The Cortland Rural Cemetery is a gem in the city."

-- Elizabeth Spaulding

Facebook, YouTube, and a website: the Cortland Rural Cemetery is there!

Summer 2013 headstone-righting project



One of the most exciting and inspiring "before & after" examples from the project... Literally a fallen angel returned to her perch!



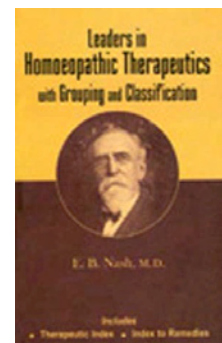
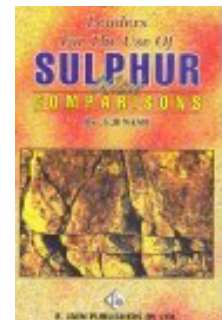
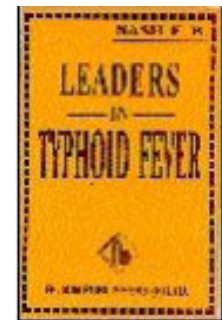
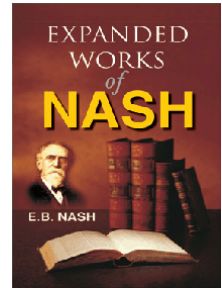
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A RESPECTED LEADER IN HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Ever wonder about the local history that Cortland Rural Cemetery holds? Buried, yes, but surprisingly available, once you have a clue, such as came in a complimentary letter from Dr. Shawn Yakimovich of Kemptonville, Ontario, Canada. He is a

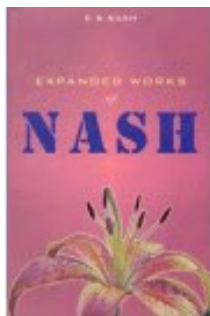


homeopathic practitioner whose admiration for Dr. E. B. Nash detoured his trip to Maryland by way of the Cemetery. He explained that Dr. Nash's books on homeopathy are still in print; he sent a copy of one which has inspired him since his days as a student. Dr. Nash had an international reputation as a physician and medical scholar. He held a Chair in the New York Homeopathic College; lectured at the Homeopathic Hospital of London, England; and in 1903 became president of the International Hahnemannian Association.



Towards the end of the nineteenth century and continuing into the first two decades of the twentieth, his many publications deeply influenced the homeopathic medicine movement and continue to be cited by its adherents.

So, who was Dr. Eugene B. (B as in Beauharnais) Nash? He was born in 1838 and came to Cortland in 1869 from Harpersville, Broome County. He and his wife Euretta Johnson lived at 30 Clinton Avenue (across from the Zonta garden). He was very active in the First Methodist Church and was a member of local medical associations. At his death at age 79 in 1917, he had been blind and infirm for three years.



His daughter Mary married Dr. James Walsh, a physician native to Elmira, NY and a graduate of the Homeopathic and Flower Hospital of New York City. They lived in her parents' home, and like her parents, the couple lived on one side of the house and the doctor's office was in the other side of the house. Their daughter Eugenia, a local librarian, married Fay Evans, and their children were David and Mary Charlotte, two of Cortland's "beautiful young people" of the 1940's.

-- Mary Ann Kane

BOARD UPDATE: The Cemetery Board recently welcomed Brian Bosch and Karen Halstead to its roster. Bosch is the Chair of the English Department at the Cortland Junior/Senior High School, where he has been both a teacher and an administrator since 1979. Brian previously taught at Whitney Point Junior High School, originally hails from Long Island, and is a 34-year resident of Cortland, where he and his wife, Vivian, have raised two children, Kristen and Brian. Halstead is a training coordinator at Walmart in Cortlandville, where she manages the orientation process for new employees. Prior to that, Karen was office manager at Black Diamond Construction, was a legal assistant for William J. Troy, III, and is a life-long resident of the Cortland area, where she and her husband Tim have raised their children Nathaniel and Kate.

ANGEL SOCIETY CREATED TO ENCOURAGE CEMETERY SUPPORT

Inspired by the example of several local eleemosynary institutions, the Cortland Rural Cemetery Foundation has created the Angel Society for the encouragement of bequests which would help maintain and improve the Cemetery. The Board has chosen the iconic statue of an angel which graces a grave near the center of the Cemetery as its symbol.

The Society will be comprised of, recognize, and seek to enlist new friends of the Cemetery and other public-spirited citizens. Its members will emphasize the need for support and publicize the ways in which families can include the Cemetery in their estate planning. Information can be provided through public notices, brochures, occasional public gatherings, and mailings about opportunities for action.

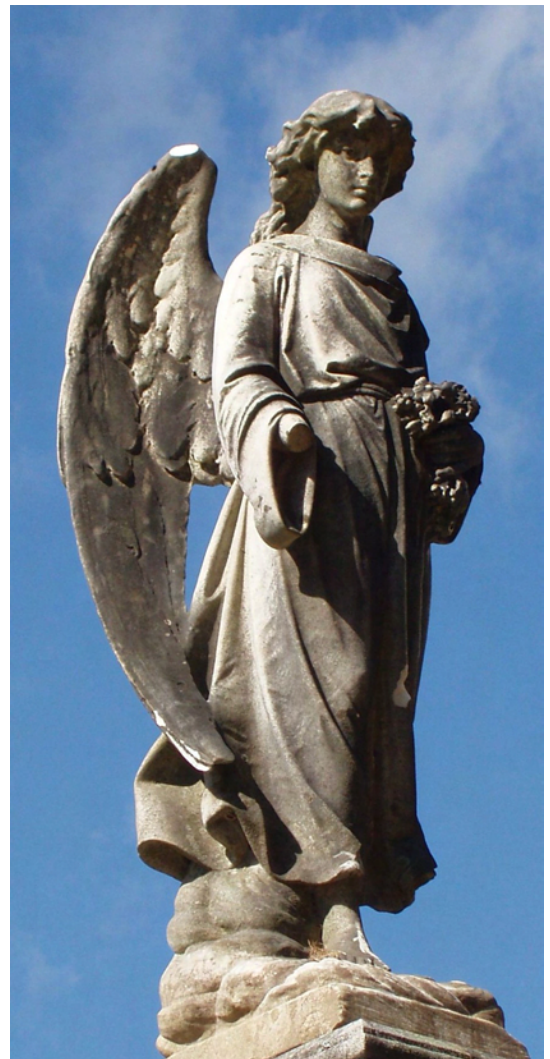
Ordinarily, people consider community assets such as schools, churches, museums, parks, cemeteries, and roadways as givens, common institutions inherited from the past and likely to continue into the indefinite future. But actually they all need continuing support, whether from the public purse or private pocket.

The Cortland Rural Cemetery is one of these assets with an historic past and a promising if fragile future. It is a non-profit (and non-sectarian) service institution which depends on revenue from burial fees and gifts from friends. It also receives, through its Foundation, bequests from benevolent citizens who may or may not have forebears and relatives buried there. It is not operated by city or county government and receives only modest, indirect taxpayer support in the form of its tax-exempt status and occasional grounds assistance from the City.

If you care about this important independent institution, consider becoming a founding member of the Angel Society by naming the Cortland Rural Cemetery Foundation as a beneficiary in your will or estate plan. It would help the Cemetery to retain its traditional role as a local institution that properly honors its history and standing in our community.

To include the Cortland Rural Cemetery Foundation in your estate plan through a will or trust, you should contact an attorney. He or she will help you decide on the proper legal instrument, perhaps by establishing a new will or trust or by amending a document you already have in place. Example:

"I hereby give to the Cortland Rural Cemetery Foundation, Federal tax I.D. number 16-1516368, 110 Tompkins Street (or P. O. Box 288), Cortland, New York, 13045, the sum of \$_____ or _____% of the residual sum of my estate or property herein described, to be placed in the Endowment Fund, Operations, or other designated use for the benefit of the Cortland Rural Cemetery."



Angel atop the J.S. Barber monument

STAFF UPDATE: The Cemetery again welcomed back Ace Prentice, Jr. as a senior groundskeeper (he has worked with us for several years and provides important continuity). Rob Dittmann joined us for the first time as a summer groundskeeper, and will be staying through the winter to handle snow removal, facilities, and other 'quiet season' projects. This fall, the cemetery also welcomed back John Duff as a part-time groundsman; he was senior groundskeeper for the cemetery during four previous administrations and is a wealth of expertise and knowledge. And, finally, Victoria Cottom is our new office manager, assisting with customer relations, sales, records management, book-keeping, and countless other duties. All have done a great job this year. Stop in to say hello some time!

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Spaces in the Gibson Chapel are available in its public mausoleum and its columbaria for cremation remains. The Chapel may also be used for memorial and other services. Please call the Cemetery office at (607) 756-6022 for costs and other information.

Tax-deductible gifts to preserve and enhance the Cemetery may be made to the Foundation. Checks should be made out to the Cortland Rural Cemetery Foundation.



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New York is the most populous of the six states (including, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Jersey, and Wyoming) in which cemeteries are required to be operated only on a non-profit basis. New York State's historical not-for-profit cemetery structure "for the mutual benefit of plot owners therein" is based upon the following aims:

1. to protect the well-being of its citizens;
2. to promote the public welfare;
3. to prevent cemeteries from falling into disrepair and dilapidation; and
4. to prevent cemeteries from becoming a burden upon the community.

--- New York State Department of State