

Prospect Hill Cemetery

Our Nation's Capital's German American Cemetery

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HOLIDAY ISSUE NEWSLETTER - 2024

LET'S NOT FORGET OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Since 1858 Prospect Hill Cemetery, the final resting place of our family members and other loved ones, has remained practically untouched in a serenely beautiful setting high on a hill just a few blocks from the U. S. Capitol building.

Surely, all of us want this beautiful legacy to continue for years to come. That is why this annual appeal goes out to you today. As you know, our Prospect Hill Cemetery is privately owned by its lot owners, and heirs of those buried here.

Much needed voluntary donations, in any form, ensure the continuing existence of our cemetery by helping finance its daily upkeep and growing operating expenses.

It is nearing that time again, the holiday season, when fond memories of our departed loved ones are felt the most. When memories of joyful days gone by keep filling our hearts and minds.

And once again your Board of Trustees invites you to contribute to our annual Year-End Memorial Fundraising Campaign this holiday season. Let us not forget our own departed loved ones during this time. In good times and bad, we are still counting on you to find it in your hearts to continue to support the historic final resting place of our departed loved ones.

All contributions received from your holiday season memorial donations go entirely toward the upkeep, expenses and beautification of our historic cemetery and its old stone house residence.

If you wish to honor your departed loved one(s) with a holiday season memorial donation, and we hope you do, please indicate it on the Order Form in the back of this newsletter. A complete list of contributors and the departed loved one(s) they are honoring will be printed in the Spring 2025 issue. (The amount contributed will not be published.)

If you do not wish to contribute a memorial donation, please help us with an "End-of-Year" Financial Support donation, also indicated on the Order Form.

SUPPORT PROSPECT HILL WITH A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION

You can gift up to a maximum of \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as Prospect Hill Cemetery without having to pay income taxes on the funds.

Gifts of any value of \$100,000 or less are eligible for this benefit and you can feel good knowing that you are supporting and making a difference. This popular gift option is commonly called an IRA charitable rollover, but you may also see it referred to as a qualified charitable distribution, or QCD for short. Charitable gifts can be made year-round from your IRA account. To proceed, contact your IRA administrator (Fidelity, Schwab, Vanguard, Morgan Stanley, TD Ameritrade, etc.) to help get you started.

Please have the check made out to "Prospect Hill Cemetery" and have it mailed to Prospect Hill Cemetery, c/o Rudolph Becker, 12751 Sudley Manor Drive, Apt 243, Bristow, VA 20136. Ask your IRA administrator to include your name and address for acknowledgment purposes.

Alternatively, you can have your IRA administrator transfer the funds directly to Prospect Hill's Wells Fargo Advisors account. Just contact our treasurer, Rudy Becker at 540-308-5965 or email rbecker2004@yahoo.com.

Please note, we must receive your gift by December 31st for your donation to qualify for the 2024 calendar year.

In advance, we greatly appreciate your support!

FIVE INTERMENTS SO FAR IN 2024

May 29	Siegrid Casagrande	85	Cremation
June 6	Eugene Liang	81	Full Body

MONUMENT RESTORATION PROJECT

So far this year, two monuments have been restored:

Section D Center - 1
Section E - 1

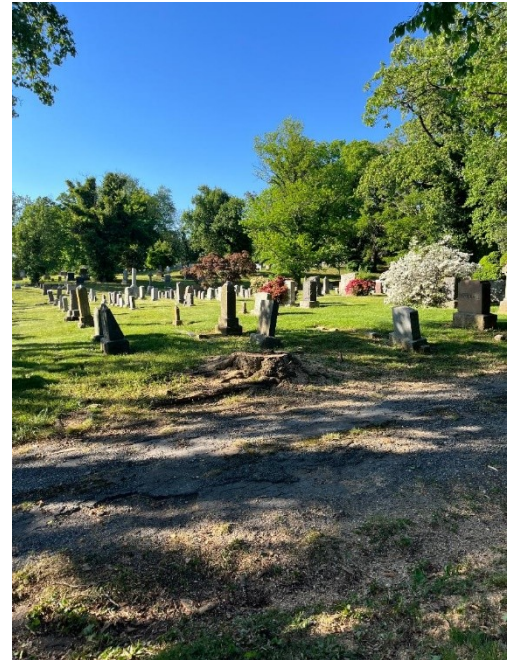
Enhancing the Canopy:

Prospect Hill Cemetery's Partnership with Casey Trees

In an inspiring collaboration led by Secretary Elisabeth Herold-Rogers and Superintendent Joe Connell, Prospect Hill Cemetery has partnered with the DC-based organization Casey Trees to enhance the cemetery's landscape and tree canopy—at no cost to the cemetery. Casey Trees is a non-profit dedicated to planting, advocating for, and caring for trees in the nation's capital.

This project reflects a commitment to preserving green spaces and creating a serene environment for visitors to reflect and remember. The selection of tree species has been meticulously planned using aerial maps of Prospect Hill Cemetery. Several sections of the property, which have been lacking foliage for over 50 years, will soon flourish with new trees.

The initiative focuses on planting a diverse range of native trees to enhance the cemetery's aesthetics and promote biodiversity. Notable additions include Bur Oak at the entrance, which will provide shade and a welcoming atmosphere. The Jefferson Elm, planted throughout the National Mall, will further enrich the landscape. Fast-growing Hackberries will support local wildlife in shaded areas, while the impressive Dawn Redwood will become a prominent feature as it matures. A variety of Oaks will create a rich, shaded environment atop the hill, complemented by Dogwoods and Honey Locusts that will enhance the overall landscape.



The project is slated for completion by Spring 2025. The board members of Prospect Hill look forward to sharing the results of the canopy enhancement project at the annual lot owners meeting, scheduled for Monday, May 26th, 2025.

UPDATE ON THE WATER BILL ISSUE aka CRIAC

Continued Good News – CRIAC relief program renewed for FY 2024



DC Water and Sewer Authority (DCWASA) renewed the amendment to its Customer Assistance Program. The program provides a significant one-year discount on the CRIAC fee for FY 2024 (October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024) to cemeteries and other non-profits. Organizations must provide proof of nonprofit status and demonstrate the need by proving that the CRIAC fee is at least 1% of revenue after expenses. In addition, organizations would be required to install and maintain stormwater mitigation onsite or implement an alternative stormwater mitigation

measure in the district, or in lieu, accept a reduction in the discount if onsite mitigation is not possible. PHC applied and was approved for the program. It received credit to its account of **\$12,339 for FY 2024, or 74.7%** of its total CRIAC obligation. We hope the program for non-profits will continue to be renewed in future years.

The Wassmann Family

*From
The Families of Prospect Hill
By
Jean Bischof Crabill*

**Frederick H. Wassmann
Adolphine Wassmann
Dorothea W. Wassmann**

Born in Germany in October 1862 (1900 census) or 1863 (tombstone inscription), Frederick Wassmann immigrated to the United States in 1885. German-born Adolphine, his future wife, immigrated the same year. Her date of birth was either October 1868 (1900 census) or 1870 (tombstone inscription). Adolphine and Frederick were not acquainted before coming to Washington, DC.

The couple were married around 1892. At that time, Frederick had a barber shop at 207 7th Street, SW; he and his new bride lived across the street in house 218. (Before his marriage, he was living with George Fogle and his family at 208 7th Street, SW.) By 1894 it appears he had moved his shop to the same location as his residence. It was rather common practice in those days for a Washington entrepreneur to have his shop on the first floor of a building and then use the floors above it and at times rooms on the ground floor behind it for his family's living quarters.

In July 1892 a daughter was born to Frederick and Adolphine. They named her Dorothea. In May 1895 son Frederick arrived. The family was complete with the birth of daughter Anita W. on October 7, 1899. Unlike many of Washington's immigrants starting businesses on their own, Frederick did not go through a period of trying several locations in the city before finding one that suited him. Until at least 1928 he stayed at his 7th Street, SW, location, no doubt filling the role of the stable neighborhood barber. Both Frederick and Adolphine lived long lives. Son Frederick drowned in the Potomac River in 1935 while trying to rescue another man. He is buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery. Frederick, Sr., died of a stroke on March 14, 1941, at age 77. Less than three years later, Adolphine lost her daughter Dorothea to cancer. Fifty-one years of age, Dorothea died on December 19, 1943. Adolphine lived 81 years, dying in November 1951. The place of death for all except son Frederick was 7804 Morningside Drive in northwest Washington, DC.

Henry Wassmann

Henry Wassmann was born in Germany in October 1861. In 1884, when he was about 22 years old, he immigrated to the United States and came to Washington, DC. He found living quarters with the Fogles at 208 7th Street, SW, and took positions as driver and laborer until he located a bartending job about five years later. After that time, for several years he lived (probably as a lodger) in northwest Washington, at 1019 7th Street and then 643 D Street.

Around 1892 he married Katie, born in Germany in January 1868, who had also immigrated to the United States in 1884. The couple's first home was at 329 Delaware Avenue, NE. By 1894 Henry had moved back to southwest Washington and was living at 212 7th Street, just a few doors from Frederick Wassmann's barber shop and home. In the late 1890s he and Katie bought a house a short distance away at 625 Maryland Avenue, SW.

By the time of the 1900 census, Henry and Katie had three children-Henry, born in March 1893; Adella, born in January 1895; and Carla, born in July 1896. They had also lost a child (whose name is not known) in infancy or early childhood. They had two married couples living in their home. All were American-born; neither couple had children.

By 1906 Henry and Katie had left southwest Washington for good. Henry opened a tavern at 737 7th Street, NW, moving to the other end of the block around 1913. His business seemed to do well until the midst of World War I; in 1917 he was still living at the same address but had no occupation. Any lingering hopes of reopening his tavern were completely destroyed with the beginning of Prohibition.

By the time the 1920 census was taken, Henry had solved his career problem. Moving his family to 619 H Street, NW, he proceeded to open a poolroom at 635 G Street, NW, just a block away. Still living at home were son Henry, 26, a machinist at the Navy Yard, and daughter Adele, 24, a clerk at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. There were four more children in the family-Rosa, 14; Dorothy, 13; Alvin, 10; and Catherine, 8. There were also two lodgers, a German-born bakery salesman and an American-born government guard.

On January 15, 1931, Henry, 69, died at 635 G Street, NW.

Lester Willard Bosley
Anita Wilhelmina Wassmann Bosley

The son of Elizabeth Rebecca Lee Bosley and Dr. Harry Bosley, Lester Bosley was born in the town of My Lady's Manor (near Baltimore), Maryland, on September 14, 1898. He had three brothers: Milton, Harry and Russell (who died as a child).

Lester's father was a veterinarian and a carriage manufacturer in Baltimore County, Maryland. Some time after Lester's birth, Dr. Harry Bosley brought his family to Washington, DC, where he opened the Bosley Dog and Cat Hospital on Massachusetts Avenue near Union Station. The family lived at 404 2nd Street, NW.

After Lester graduated from Washington's McKinley High School, he enrolled in the School of Engineering at the University of Maryland, graduating in 1923. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Anita Wassmann was born in Washington, DC, on October 7, 1899, the last child of Frederick and Adolphine Wassmann. After graduating from the city's Business High School, she attended the George Washington University.

On October 26, 1927, Lester and Anita were married. The ceremony took place at St. John Lutheran Church, Washington, DC. The couple had one child, a daughter, born in August 26, 1934. They named her Anita Doris.

Lester was employed on many building projects in the Washington area. One of the most significant was the rebuilding of the interior of the White House during the Truman years. Lester was in charge of the building of the East Wing during the late 1940s. Today his name can be seen there on a plaque in the White House.

Lester's mother was a charter member of Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church, Washington, DC. While she was alive, Lester and Anita also attended Metropolitan Memorial Church. After his mother's death, they became active in St. Luke Lutheran Church in Silver Spring, Maryland, where Lester served as an usher and a member of the church council, and where Anita's mother and sister were charter members.

At age 49, on March 10, 1949, Lester suffered a fatal heart attack at Georgetown University Hospital.

Anita was employed as the assistant to the Commissioner of the Interstate Commerce Commission when she retired in 1960 after thirty years of service with the ICC. For the last 36 years of her life she lived at 9919 Thomwood Road in suburban Kensington, Maryland.

Anita lived to be 96 years of age. She died on March 7, 1996, at Sibley Hospital. She is survived by her daughter, Anita Bosley Allingham, and a grandson, Dean Bosley Allingham, born in Denver, Colorado, on February 4, 1957.

Anita Bosley Allingham, respondent



UPCOMING CONCERT AT THE UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 PM

The Washington Saengerbund, our sister society that originated from the United Church, will perform the traditional annual German Christmas Concert at the United Church/Vereinigte Kirche, 1920 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006.



Your Board of Trustees wishes you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

PLEASE CALL FIRST AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Sometimes, people visit the cemetery without notice, hoping to seek assistance or guidance from Superintendent Connell, only to find that he is not available. As he is our sole employee, his responsibilities may require him to be away from the cemetery at times. To ensure you receive his full attention, he recommends that you call ahead and schedule an appointment. You can reach the office at 202-667-0676.

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Order Form

Please fill out the form below completely so we can accurately account for your donation and purchases in the cemetery's financial records. Use return address label for your convenience. Separate checks for donations and purchases are NOT required.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email address: _____

1. I wish to give a Year-End Memorial donation in memory of or in honor of:

_____ Amount of Donation \$ _____

2. I wish to make an end-of-year financial support donation of: \$ _____

3. I would like to order the following books:

_____ copies, The Immigrants and Their Cemetery: The Story of Prospect Hill (\$35) \$ _____

_____ copies, Families of Prospect Hill (\$20) \$ _____

_____ copies, Prospect Hill Cemetery Adult Burial List (\$35) \$ _____

_____ copies, Prospect Hill Cemetery Children's Burial List (\$20) \$ _____

Total number of books _____ times \$5 each for postage \$ _____

Plot Markers for sale – indicate the name as it is to appear on the marker – one name per marker. See the photo sample at our website: <http://www.prospecthillcemetery.org>.

_____	_____	_____	_____	@ \$35 ea.	\$ _____
# of markers	Name	Name	Name		=====

The total amount of book order, plot markers, and donation \$ _____

Make checks payable to Prospect Hill Cemetery, and mail **this FULL SHEET (Do not cut down)** with your donation, book, and plot marker order to:

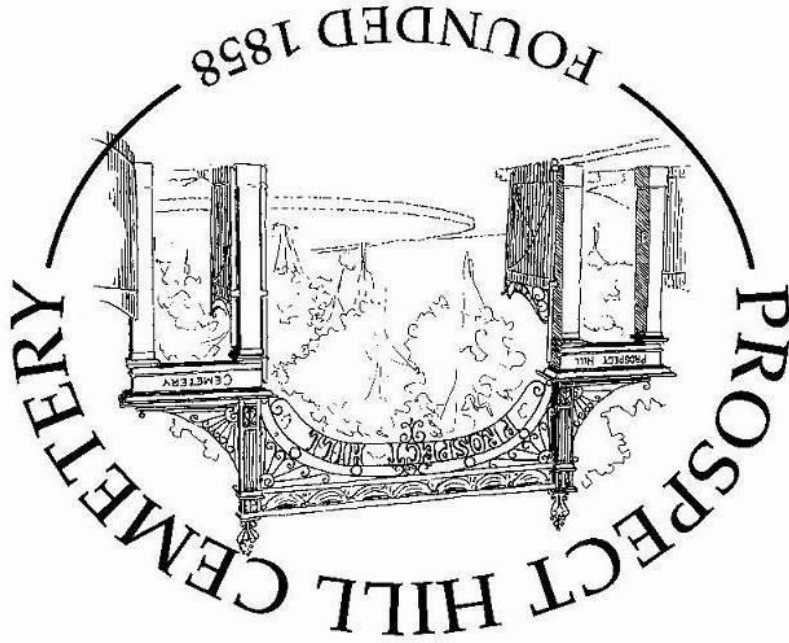
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