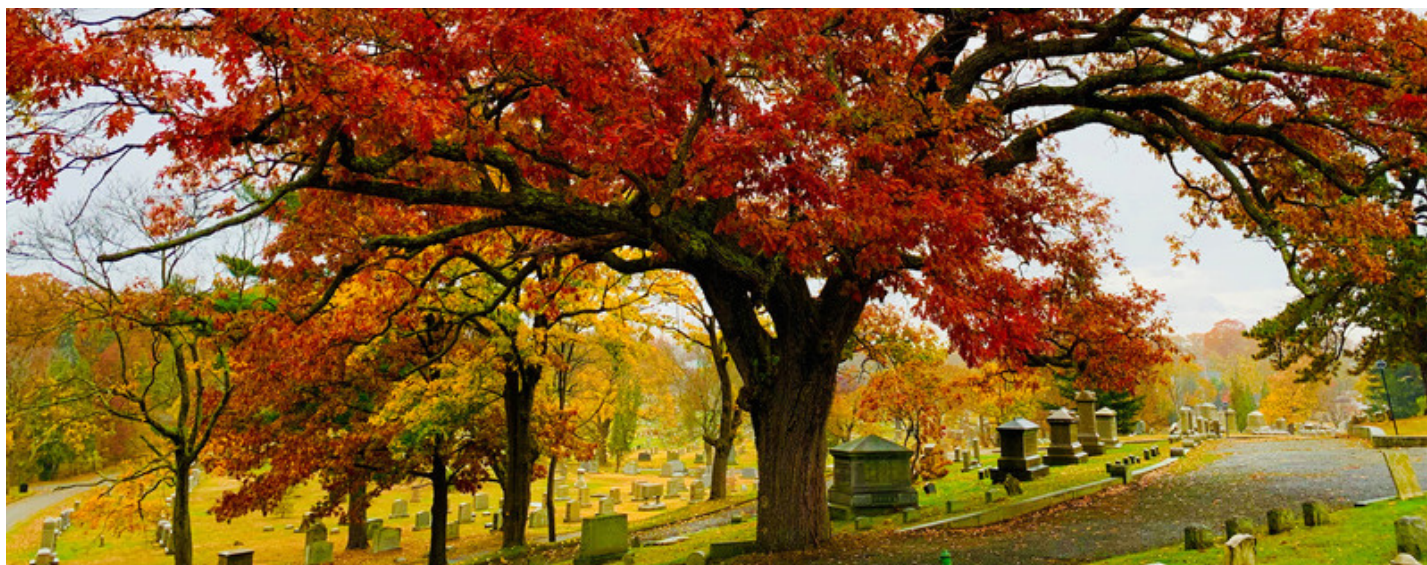




# To The Memory Of...

*North Burial Ground's Quarterly Newsletter*



## Stories in Stone: Marble Steps

While walking along North Main Street on the exterior of the cemetery, you will pass the somewhat unassuming pillared entrance to the marble steps. When you pass through the gate, you will be greeted by a "large, curving, double staircase, constructed in the 1890's of stone left over from the construction of the present Rhode Island Statehouse."

As the neighborhood to the east of North Burial Ground grew and the cemetery landscape mirrored the Rural Cemetery Movement influence, members of the local community desired direct access to the rolling topography and expansive green space.

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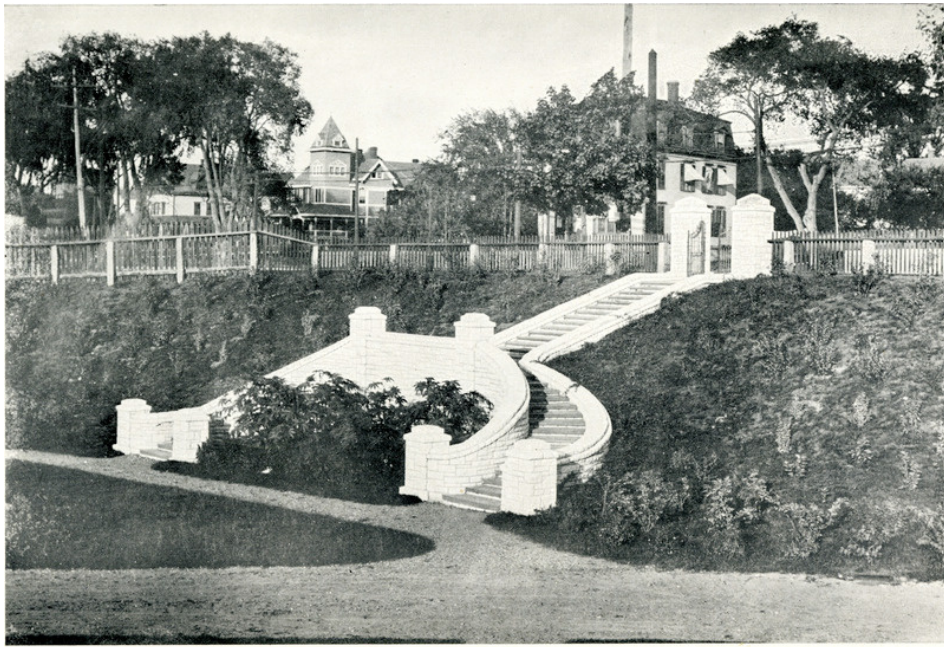
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*Postcard in North Burial  
Ground collection, c.1900*

But over the years, the bright white marble faded and the bountiful plants that at one time surrounded the steps were replaced with grass. The grandeur was lost with the changes to North Main Street, and the historic homes were replaced with modern storefronts. Yet, the marble steps remained.

While needing structural work to bring them back to their former glory, the marble steps received a facelift in the fall of 2020 with the planting of shrubs, plants, and grasses that are a nod to the extensive plantings that once encircled the steps. The planting project was completed by an aspiring eagle scout, Ryan, with the help of Troop 28. We cannot wait to see the area bloom in spring!



*Photograph by Ashlynn  
Rickord Werner, 2020*



# NEW TOUR: GRAVESTONE SYMBOLISM



Have you ever wondered about the meaning behind symbols carved into a gravestone? Outstretched hands, a winged death's head, a setting sun - the symbols selected for a person's gravestone can provide a glimpse into their earthly lives. Find out more on this new tour!

Find the tour at: [arcg.is/bL1KG](https://arcg.is/bL1KG)

## REWIND: 48 States Gravestone Restoration Tour

NBG was pleased to be the Rhode Island host for the 48 State Tour led by Jonathan Appell of Atlas Preservation on Tuesday, August 25th.

Participants learned how to clean, repair and reset gravestones & monuments within our historic section.

To learn more about the 48 State Tour, visit: [www.48statetour.com](http://www.48statetour.com).



# COLUMBARIA COMING SOON!

In consideration of the growing trend toward cremation, the North Burial Ground began planning for the introduction of columbaria in the fall of 2019. After selecting a location, creating a site design, and securing a vendor, we are thrilled to share that four columbaria units were installed in December of 2020.

In the spring of 2021, a new pathway and plantings will be introduced to complete Phase 1 of the project. Subsequent phases will include the addition of at least another 10 columbaria units, along with a pergola, benches, and additional plantings to establish a serene place to memorialize and remember departed loved ones.

~ Pricing information will be available in spring 2021 ~



*You can visit the new columbaria garden in Section 20 of the cemetery, between Main Ave & River Ave.*





# GRAVE & GLORY: NOTABLE INTERMENTS

## John Demount (1741 - 1787)

John ran a tanning business on the west side of what is now Charles Street in Providence. After John died in 1787 at the age of 46, his wife, Mary, would continue the business until her untimely death in 1790.

The tanning business that Demount operated would eventually become the site of a large cotton braid factory ran by The Fletcher Manufacturing Company.

Demount's gravestone is an impeccable example of 18th century gravestone iconography - it is featured in our new gravestone symbolism tour!



## Calendar of Events



**Spring events coming soon -  
please check our website & social media  
for more information!**

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