

IVY HILL CEMETERY



HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Dedicated to the preservation of monuments, promotion of history, and protection of flora and fauna of Ivy Hill Cemetery

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NEWSLETTER

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Web site contributions

Thanks to those of you who have sent pictures and obituaries of loved ones and relatives. We have added them to the web site and you should be able to look them up easily. We have all the tombstones photographed at this point and are now trying to tackle the daunting task of attaching them to the files on the web site. Hopefully we will have that accomplished in the next few months. We are moving right along with having all the information from Beneath the Oaks of Ivy Hill put into the Cemetery data base for safe keeping.

Partnership with City Natural Resources Manager

After getting several bids on surveying our trees, we have partnered up with the City of Alexandria's Natural Resources

department to survey all the significant trees on the property. By using the city instead of a private company, we saved at least \$14,000 and are getting advice not motivated by profit. We are working with Rod Simmons, Natural Resources Manager for the City of Alexandria, Greg Zell, Arlington County Natural Resource Manager, and John Parrish who is a botanical consultant. By using this team, we will be working from the same page as the City in developing and caring for Alexandria's precious green space.

We are expecting a full report from this wonderful team any day now including the species of our significant trees, their health and age, and what care is recommended at this time. From this report we can plan our next steps. In the mean time, we have been notified that one of our trees is a state co-champion! So we are now in the Virginia Tech Virginia Big Tree Database:

"Comments: The Ivy Hill Cemetery was founded in 1856, with burials dating back to the early 1800's when it was a family cemetery. The Foundation has done a nice job of preserving several hundred mature hardwood trees that represent the