

# GREEN MOUNT CEMETERY

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## Thank You for Your Support

The Green Mount Cemetery Board wishes to extend a big thank you to those of you who have contributed donations of funds and/or time to the cemetery in the past year. With your help significant progress has been made and we hope that with your renewed assistance in 2007 we can accomplish even more.

Donations are needed for supplies, general maintenance and restoration efforts, please send to: Green Mount Cemetery, c/o Mary Hopkins, 2248 Smith Creek Road, Waynesburg, PA 15370.

## Reflections from a Volunteer

Shared by Bill Davison

Green Mount Cemetery my cemetery in that my parents and brother, grandparents on both sides, g-grandparents and more family are buried there. I became acquainted with Green Mount upon my mother's death and have really gotten to know it since!

Green Mount, like some other cemeteries, is divided into sections and has, what I call, a "Colored", African American, Section. It also has a Catholic Section as well as its main Section divided even more. Even with the different sections, the cemetery is a whole and has been treated as such since I can remember and I appreciate the years of caring it has received and is now receiving.

Most mornings I walk through Green Mount and I have the chance to think about not only family but

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Come Take a  
Tour With Us!

Summer 2007

"History On  
The Hill"



A "History on the Hill" tour beginning at the fountain at the center of College Park in Waynesburg will be held regularly this summer. This guided walking tour will take visitors through the unique history of the parks, the early years of Waynesburg College and most notably the people of Green Mount Cemetery.

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## A Place of Remembrance...

Buried near the brick caretaker's building in the center of Green Mount Cemetery you can visit the grave of West Waynesburg namesake.

Bucktown, in fact was once "Buck's Town" possibly even more formally known as "Buchanan Town" in its early days. Named for James Andrew Jackson Buchanan; the nickname "Buck" for Buchanan men being a generations' old tradition.

J. A. J. Buchanan was born 8 February 1824 in his parents' home on the northeast corner of High and Morgan Streets in Waynesburg. The next to youngest of ten children born to

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## Friends of Green Mount

Throughout the summer of 2006, over a dozen volunteers came out during our monthly work days to help improve and restore the historic markers in Green Mount Cemetery. Sinking and leaning tombstones were dug out so that new foundations could be laid and the stones reset. Fallen tombstones laying face down were lifted to be reset and able to be read again for the first time in many years. Over 50 stones received this major work and many more were cleaned up from shifting ground and weeds which were slowly covering their inscriptions. Work stretched from one end of the cemetery to the other with volunteers trying to prioritize the markers with the greatest needs for this first round of improvements. The oldest stones repaired were actually markers from the 1840s that had been removed from the Commons Cemetery to Green Mount back in the 1870s.

### Upcoming Volunteer Days

When weather permits we will spend our workdays in the cemetery. There are all levels of work available from sweeping grass off markers or planting flowers, to digging new foundations for tilting or fallen stones. On days that are too cold or wet we will have indoor workdays to sort records, type obituaries and database information. For more details about any particular work day or to see if a schedule change has been made check the web site [www.greeneconnections.com](http://www.greeneconnections.com) or contact Candice.

"Good men must die, but  
death cannot kill their names."

– Proverb

"The life of the dead is placed in the  
memory of the living."

– Cicero (Marcus Tullius Cicero)

Source: *Philippicoe* (IX, 5)

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Focusing on individual stories of Greene County lives, the tour will make stops throughout these three sites and incorporate related Waynesburg and Greene County history into the highlighted topics. Local history heroes, as well as our everyday ancestors, will be the focus of this event, with their individual stories being told.

A cemetery with no tombstones...a banished cow...a school that graduated the first degreed woman in all of Pennsylvania...a place called Eden...a famous artist...a Greene County born Governor...a Rain Day Boy...a segregated graveyard...a leader in female education....and so many more that I won't yet give away – all strung together, all being very Greene County "connected" if you will, for your entertainment and education this summer.

Watch for dates and times to be posted in local newspapers and on [www.greeneconnections.com](http://www.greeneconnections.com).



## Research & Preservation

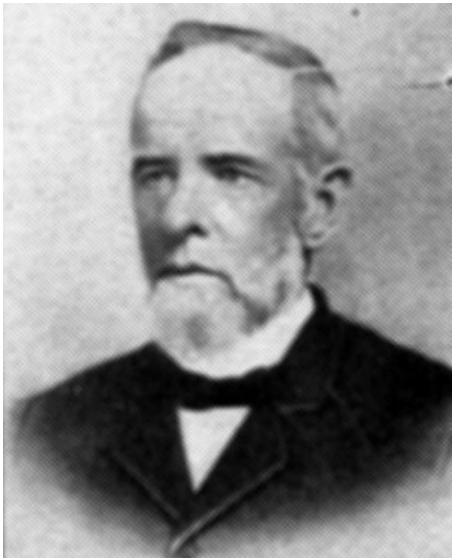
Research continues in an effort to remember and preserve the lives of every person buried in Green Mount Cemetery. The project includes:

- Transcriptions of all gravestone inscriptions in Green Mount Cemetery.
- Photographs of all gravestones in Green Mount Cemetery.
- Transcriptions of all original caretaker records maintained by the Green Mount Cemetery Board.

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Andrew & Rhoda (Stevenson) Buchanan, J. A. J. was his father's protégé and the only one of the children known to have received a formal education. He studied law at Greene Academy in Carmichaels and at Washington College, now W & J. In 1845 he was admitted to the Greene County bar and remained a prominent member of that organization until his death in 1910.



The father of six children, only three of whom survived to adulthood, J. A. J. demonstrated his forward thinking by sending these three, all daughters, to Waynesburg College and seeing them graduate during the earliest years of female education. He also was a staunch advocate and esteemed orator for the Union cause during the Civil War.

In 1875, J. A. J. and his wife, formerly Miss Mary Ann Bonar, left their family home on High Street (now the parking lot near Waynesburg Floral) and relocated in West Waynesburg.

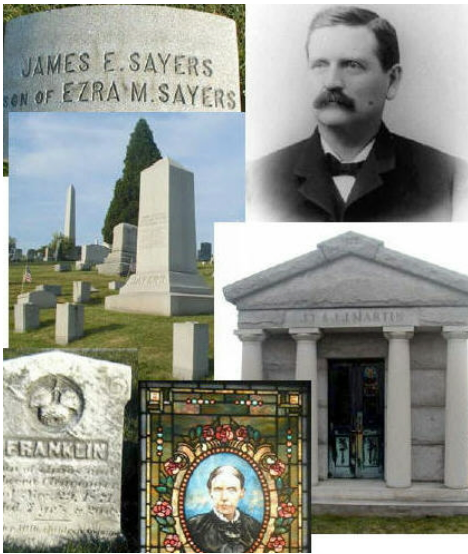
By 1877, the Washington & Waynesburg railroad was ready to begin construction. J. A. J. was keenly interested in the development and prosperity of Waynesburg and Greene County, so when the time came, J. A. J. allowed the railroad to pass through

his land. The depot and engine house were established on property that had been his. Family legend as told in John O'Hara's *Fact & Folklore*, states that J. A. J. donated the right-of-way to the railroad despite protests from other men that he should have contracted a high price for the rights. O'Hara quotes J. A. J. as having said, "I don't give a damn if the train runs through my front door, they can have the right-of-way for nothing."

In January 1900, after his wife's death, J. A. J. sold his 101 acre farm for the benefit of modern development. A part of his land became home base for a new tin mill and rows of houses for the tin mill's employees. This familiar territory in West Waynesburg, affectionately took the name "Buck's Town" (later condensed to "Bucktown") after the man who had made his home there for twenty-five years and then led the way for the hope of growth and opportunity in the area.



J. A. J. is a featured stop on the "History on the Hill" tour along with several members of his immediate family. You can also learn about J. A. J. on a visit to the cemetery yourself by reading the Memory Medallion on his tombstone.



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These documents and photographs are being interlinked to compile a full and accurate list of all marked and unmarked graves.

In addition, an individual file is being created for each person buried in the cemetery that will contain photographs, obituaries and other historical and genealogical details about that person.

To view the ongoing research, please visit [www.greeneconnections.com](http://www.greeneconnections.com).

If you would like to participate in or contribute to this research please contact Candice at 724-627-4632 or by email at [candicelynnb@yahoo.com](mailto:candicelynnb@yahoo.com).

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friends and strangers resting there too, and it seems that each day or so I find another familiar name.

Early this year, although not planned, I had the opportunity to place U.S. Flags and War markers at family graves and tried to place the same at all Veteran's graves in the cemetery. As I said, it was not planned in advance but was a chance for me to say "Thanks" to U.S. Veteran's for their service.

I also met with and worked a little with the volunteers repairing, resetting, and cleaning individual graves within the cemetery. For years and years I have walked by broken and leaning stones and wondered how I could do anything to 'fix' them. What would people think seeing a

lone man with a shovel walk into the cemetery? And how would one person move such heavy stones? Well, Prayers were answered and now several headstones are upright and readable. Thank You, Volunteers and Thank You, Cemetery Board!

Yes, Green Mount is divided, in part, by race but it is not a racial issue. Family buried with family and burials enough for a separate section...it is as simple as that for me. I have visited other and newer cemeteries and even finding loved ones can be rather exhausting but with Green Mount, at least for me, it is a lot easier.

Waynesburg and Greene County was my family's home in life, and Green Mount Cemetery, their home in death.

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