

# The Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery

## The Heritage Gazette Winter 2004

### Resources Study Completed Long Term Restoration Plan

After a year of intensive historic research, conferences, and engineering analysis, the much anticipated Historic Landscape & Structures Report is finally complete. The study, authorized by Congress and supervised by the Architect of the Capitol, is now the long-term master planning document for the future development of Congressional Cemetery.

Managed and directed by the architectural firm of *Turk, Tracy & Larry* of Portland, Maine, the study will be the basis for the conservation, restoration, and maintenance of Congressional Cemetery. It addresses all aspects of the physical plant: gravestones, trees, buildings, and roadways.

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### New Visitor Shelter Scout Earns Eagle on Project

Boy Scout Derek A. Richardson earned his Eagle Badge this fall with a construction project at Congressional. Derek designed, planned, and built a visitors pavilion just inside the main gate to replace the old bulletin board.

Derek hails from Scout Troop 1501 of Springfield, Virginia, where he has been a member for four years. Derek is following in the footsteps of his older brother Karl, also an Eagle Scout, and hopes to follow his folks, Susan and Ken, into the Air Force.

Funding was provided by a grant from Capitol Hill Association of Merchants & Professionals. Derek offset the cost of the pavilion by soliciting donated materials. He enlisted seven or eight volunteers to help raise the structure and finish off details over two weekends in November. It was a big project-worthy of an Eagle Badge. Ω



### Annual Sousa Award Presented to Cong. Farr Sousa Descendents Join Tribute to March King

Congressman Sam Farr was presented with Congressional Cemetery's second annual Sousa Award on November 6, 2003 in recognition of his efforts to help preserve and restore the historic structures at Congressional. The Public Vault, built by Congress in 1835, was in dire need of conservation work and, thanks to Congressman Farr and his staff, is ready to face the next hundred years.

The award ceremony was followed by a performance by the Marine Corps Band in their annual tribute to John Philip Sousa. Joining the tribute were Sousa's great grandson Thomas Albert, great, great niece

Betty Lee Dunegan, and great, great nephews, John Pugh and Lex Varela. Mr. Pugh brought along the baton used by Sousa himself.

In his remarks, Congressman Farr noted that "Cemeteries are centers of civilization. They teach  
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### A Race Against Time

#### 2004 Vault Restoration Plans

In the last two years the Association has made great strides in its mandate to preserve and restore the historic markers and structures at Congressional Cemetery. The 2003 *Restoration Summer* program concentrated on the preservation and restoration of four family vaults, a portion of the brick wall, and the Public Vault. Over 80 gravestones, marble box tombs, and one brick vault were repaired during the 2002 program.

The Association hopes to continue this successful program into 2004 with *Restoration Summer II*, a second series of vault restoration projects. *Restoration Summer II* will complete the restoration of the north end of the Slate Carriageway.

Continued restoration success depends on your participation. We have twenty five percent of the funds in hand but need your help to raise the rest. We are in a race against time to preserve these structures before the  
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## Letter from the Board

### Testing Our Mettle

As 2003 comes to a close, we can look back on a very successful year: completion of the Historic Landscape & Structures Report, our selection as one of DC's 9/11 Memorial Grove sites, a \$100,000 vault restoration project, another record Grave Yard Sale, our second Eagle Scout project, ongoing archival collection and documentation, meeting our goal of \$50,000 for the Endowment Fund, and another year of fantastic and dedicated volunteers.

It was also a year of long term planning and "visioning." In a series of meetings, the Board began the process of strategic planning for our third century. The HL&SR and the 9/11 Memorial Grove projects provided vehicles to begin discussions about landscape planning and structures usage. These issues are naturally influenced by planning for educational and outreach programming.

It adds up to a year of concrete successes and strategic positioning. But before we trample our laurels by standing on them too long, it's time to look ahead to the tasks that await us in 2004.

To a large extent, 2004 may be another year of long-term planning. We must begin prioritizing the recommendations of the HL&SR, designing the 9/11 Memorial, starting on a landscape plan, and working on outreach programming.

Continuing and strengthening our on-going programs will build on 2003's progress. Work on the HL&SR recommendations will continue with the *Restoration Summer-II* program. Fundraising for the restoration work, landscape plan, and educational programming will test the mettle of our membership as we reach for greater heights and accomplishments.

Progress is always sweeter in hindsight. We would love to linger over our 2003 accomplishments a while longer, but big projects await us in 2004 and it's time to get started. As always, it's our members' dedication to historic preservation that makes progress happen. The burden immediately ahead makes for sweet success down the road.

~Patrick Crowley.

## 2004 Budget & Plans

### Modest Gains in Funds

Our budget for 2004 reflects the continued stabilization of our financial status. The overall operating budget of \$207,500 represents modest projected revenue growth over last year. The five main sources of revenue are: general donations, dog-walker dues, trust fund disbursements, site sales, and corporate sponsorships.

The grounds continue to be a popular spot for Capitol Hill folks to relax and walk their dogs after work. Their dues translate into revenues of \$58,500 in donations and fees. General membership donations are expected to raise \$60,000 in the coming year while our friends at the Kiplinger Foundation have pledged \$15,000.

We anticipate site sales to bring in another \$30,000 and our disbursements from the Third Century Endowment Fund and the National Bank Trust should add \$45,000 to the budget. The remaining \$9,000 is expected to come from burials fees, special events, and tours.

On the spending side we've extended our mowing contract with All Seasons for another year. Mowing alone is a \$60,000 budget item—almost 30% of the operating budget. Jeff Hitchcock and his crew have done an outstanding job. We're very pleased with their dedication and care of the grounds.

The budget also reflects continuation of our part-time office manager, Bill Fecke, and our part-time groundskeeper, Collin Ingraham, for a combined \$40,000. Staff makes a huge difference in keeping the organization "up and running." We also have the usual operating costs: insurance, utilities, the annual audit, burial costs, and minor repair work.

This newsletter is an \$8,000 item in the budget—\$2,000 for each quarterly issue for printing and mailing (the writing, editing, and layout are all volunteer). A corporate or individual sponsor for each issue would be greatly appreciated!

The restoration and preservation component of the budget, as of this writing, has \$40,000 earmarked for *Restoration Summer II* (see Page 1 story). Additional support will help fund the rest of the restoration program. The board is also looking for support for arboreal replenishment programs and for interpretive programming. Ω

## Mea Culpa

Our biography of Robert Mills incorrectly honored him as architect of the Patent Office Building. Although he claimed the distinction, it rightly belongs to William P. Elliott, who is also interred at Congressional Cemetery. Ω

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## A New Civil War Research Resource

### Congressional Web Site Features 600+ Union Vets

Civil War researchers now have a fantastic new resource for delving into the endlessly fascinating details of the tragic War Between the States. The latest addition to Congressional Cemetery's expansive online data base is a listing of over 600 veterans of the Union Army who are interred at Congressional.

Our historian, Sandy Schmidt, has again distinguished herself as an outstanding investigator and researcher. Her years of exhausting

hours in library archives lay the foundation for many avenues of research. Sandy's careful indexing of obituary notices allows for the pulling of data by topic and keyword, such as "Union Army" veteran.

Genealogists and Civil War buffs alike will be thrilled to find this treasure trove of names, dates, and army units. The list of Union veterans joins the previously established list of 54 Confederate veterans. See: [www.congressionalcemetery.org](http://www.congressionalcemetery.org) Ω

## Vault Restoration Program Needs Your Help

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century-old lime based mortars completely erode and blow away.

*Restoration Summer II* will include the repair of six family vaults: Blagden, White, Keyworth, Causten, Ulrich, and Gadsby. While the Bladgen and Ulrich Vaults are in fairly stable condition, they need repointing and roof work. The Gadsby Vault's large granite slabs have shifted over time and need to be reset to forestall water damage. The White, Keyworth, and Causten Vaults require major restoration work if we are to keep the facades from collapsing in the near future.

The cost to restore these six vaults is estimated to be about \$150,000. The White Vault alone will cost almost \$40,500.

The Board is raising funds to undertake the 2004 program and to date has \$40,000 set aside for the work, thanks in large part to our friends at the Kiplinger Foundation.

But if we are to save these structures, we need your help. These brick vaults are the very soul of Congressional Cemetery and provide much of the visual character of landscape. Having already lost 20 vaults, we cannot afford to be complacent—your help is urgently needed to preserve our shared heritage.

Please take a moment to send a donation for *Restoration Summer II*. Your contribution now will leave a legacy for over a hundred years, well into our fourth century. Ω

## Public Vault Work

### Consolidation of Facade

This summer's conservation work on the Public Vault included extensive treatment of the Aquia Creek sandstone façade. A soft stone with many imperfections, Aquia has a tendency to flake and spall over time. Soundings taken over large areas of the Public Vault façade indicated hollow spots in danger of flaking off.

The preservation remedy is to fill the voids with a lime injection grout that is so fine it can pass through a hypodermic needle and seep down into the voids. At right, Seth Amoroso of Conservation Solutions injects the solution behind the spalling sheets in a tedious multi-day task that required close attention to detail. The lime grout does not "restore" the façade, just preserves it as is. Ω



## Cemetery Manager's Notes

### Reserve Your Place in History

If you've ever desired to rub shoulders with great people from America's past—here's your chance. The Association is again selling interment rights for burials in Congressional Cemetery. Selling grave sites in an historic cemetery poses a number of difficulties, so the Association has proceeded cautiously. For over two years the cemetery's records have been reviewed and checked, and a list of vacant sites assembled.

During that period a number of inquiries were made by readers of this newsletter and others. We have a list of individuals who have waited (very patiently) for their opportunity to purchase rights. We will attend to those requests over the next few months, after which we will begin to market the remaining sites through this newsletter and local newspapers.

Our cooperative agreement with Congress and the National trust, which established our Endowment Fund, requires that the rights to interment sites be competitively priced. Our pricing structure reflects the value of various areas within the cemetery and can accommodate varying budgets.

The cooperative agreement also requires that the net proceeds of any site sales must be deposited with the Endowment Fund, which is then matched by the Congressional funds already in the Fund in calculating any disbursements to the Association. Consequently, every interment right sale boosts our long term care fund and our annual disbursements as well—a win-win situation.

Estate planners generally recommend that matters such as these be attended to before the need arises. The procedure for purchasing rights begins by visiting the cemetery and walking the grounds with me. After selecting two or three choices, the sites are researched again. The final purchase is completed with the exchange of payment and documentation confirming the interment rights.

If you would like to "reserve your place in history," please contact our office and place your name on our waiting list. I will be in touch with you soon thereafter to go over the details and help you select a site. ~ Bill Fecke

## **Tobias Lear ~ The Ultimate Washington Insider**

On September 19, 1762, Tobias and Mary Lear, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, gave birth to a boy, Tobias Lear V, who would go on to be the ultimate Washington insider: personal aide to General George Washington, America's First Citizen.

Lear's father, Tobias Lear IV, was a prosperous shipmaster in the 1760s until a failed venture ruined him and his fortunes. Yet the family's earlier prosperity allowed the young Tobias to travel extensively in Europe. He graduated from Harvard University in 1783, a worldly, sophisticated, well educated young man looking for a job.

Luckily, Lear's relative, John Langdon, was among the most prominent businessmen in the young nation — a connection that provided Lear an entrée to George Washington. The retired general was in need of a personal secretary to help manage the 10,000 acre Mount Vernon Plantation.

Washington gave Lear an exceptional opportunity to be at the center of the social and governmental elite of the new nation. He lived with the First Family, tutored Martha's children, and mingled with household guests of the Washington's. In 1790, he married his childhood sweetheart, Mary (Polly) Long. The President was godfather to their only child, Benjamin.

Lear joined the family for Washington's inaugural in New York City and moved with the family when the capitol moved to Philadelphia. In 1792 the impending move of the capitol to the new Federal District along the Potomac River inspired Lear to become a land speculator in the new city. He hoped to strike it rich through courting foreign investors in a mall development.

Lear's departure from General Washington's service in 1792 began a long period of tragedy for the

Lear family. His wife Mary died of Yellow Fever during an epidemic in 1792. Three years later he married Frances (Fanny) Bassett Washington, a niece of Martha Washington, who would die the following year, 1796. His business venture failed when some investors defaulted and landed in debtors prison. Lear escaped that fate and returned to Mount Vernon.



In 1799 world events brought Lear back to Washington's side. With another war with England imminent, Washington appointed Lear his military secretary with the rank of Colonel.

Lear was at the plantation in December of 1799 when the former President took ill after working outdoors during a bad snow storm. Lear recorded that Washington maintained a stoic attitude and directed his own care, insisting on being bled and telling the attending physician, "Don't be afraid." As his condition worsened, Washington directed Lear to arrange and record his letters and papers, and settle his accounts and books. The former President passed away with Lear by his side.

Lear spent the next year sorting and arranging the President's pa-

pers and accounts. It came to light later that some papers were missing—papers that some thought related to harsh correspondence over political differences between Washington and Jefferson. Lear was accused of destroying the papers and the scandal followed him all his remaining years.

Nonetheless, in 1801 at the age of 41, President Thomas Jefferson appointed Lear to the post of Consul to Santo Domingo, a dangerous hot spot of international relations. Napoleon's capture of the island forced his return to Washington. Jefferson then appointed Lear Consul to Algiers in 1803, with instructions to negotiate treaties and adjust affairs with Tripoli, Morocco, Tunisia, Algiers, and the Barbary Coast rulers.

In 1803, he married Frances (Fanny) Dandridge Henley before setting sail for Africa. Their last minute reassignment to another ship spared them from being taken hostage aboard the *Philadelphia* by Barbary Coast pirates. This incident would take up much of Lear's diplomatic efforts for years. Lear's treaty with Tripoli conceded ransom payments for the 300 American sailors captured at sea.

Lear spent nine years in Algiers attending to both diplomatic and personal affairs. The War of 1812 with England forced his return to America where strong opposition to the treaty brought his diplomatic career to an end. He was made an accountant at the War Department where he spent four years.

On October 11, 1816, Tobias Lear's life took an unexpected and curious turn when he committed suicide with a pistol. Despite a lifetime of meticulous note and record-keeping, Lear left no suicide note or other explanation, not even a will. Tobias Lear V is buried in Congressional Cemetery at Range 28/Site 14 by his third wife. Ω

## Canine Corner

*Bob Dalton: The Mechanic*

When our aged backhoe went out of commission two years ago, it sat idle for lack of funds to repair it, which caused us greater expense for each burial service as the backhoe operator had to bring his own equipment with him. When we mentioned the problem to Bob Dalton, he said "hold on, I know a guy..." The hydraulics were repaired for free.

Simply "Dalton" to his friends, Bob Dalton is one of our can-do volunteers, always on call to fix this, repair that, or find somebody who can. You can find Dalton every morning and evening taking a leisurely stroll around the grounds with Jeff, a scruffy blond mutt, or grilling on his back deck overlooking the cemetery grounds from Potomac Avenue.

Much to our good fortune, Dalton is a mechanic at Distad's BP gas station at 9th & Pennsylvania. Distad's is highly recommended for trustworthy auto repair among Capitol Hill regulars. Bob and his colleagues have tended each of our lawnmowers several times over the years—always free of charge. Add to that the riding mower, the chain saws, and the chipper/shredder.



Despite his musings about turning Congressional into a golf course or amusement park, Bob keeps a close eye on Congressional and is often the first to respond to problems. Generous with his time and talents, Dalton is a great asset to Congressional socially, financially, and mechanically.

We recently acquired a pick-up truck—and added it to the list of Bob's responsibilities. Ω

## Marines Pay Tribute to Sousa

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us about our heroes. They teach us about our faith. They give us clues about our culture and architecture and art. They are our history all wrapped up in one place. And places like this deserve to be preserved and appreciated."

Association Chair Linda Harper presented Farr with a plaque at the award ceremony and presented another to Eagle Scout Derek Richardson for his visitor shelter project.

Despite a light drizzle, an enthusiastic audience of about 40 turned out for the Marine Corps Band performance, including a class from the Capitol Hill Day School. The kids were fascinated by the drum major's bear cap and staff. The Band played several classics from Sousa's repertoire including The Washington Post and Stars & Stripes.

Reflecting how busy the Association is these days, Ms Harper led a separate group on a tour immediately after the celebration while board member Patrick Crowley spoke with Veterans Administration managers about the VA sites. Ω

### Iconography: Urns

The urn can be found both as a fully-sculpted monumental form, set on a pedestal, and as a motif decorating a larger memorial structure or composition. In the ancient Kerimikos Cemetery in Athens, true ceramic urns were used to hold crematory ashes. However, Victorian monuments used the urn primarily as a decorative motif, not necessarily indicating actual cremation of the deceased.

Some memorial urns, like that over the Elbridge Gerry monument, have a flame on the top: this represents the flame of life. Ergo, a draped urn denotes the flame smothered: a life snuffed out. Urns may also be found in decorative ironwork and stonework throughout the cemetery as bas relief sculpture.

Some urns are garlanded with flowers, which have symbolic meanings themselves, or decorated with a wreath of laurel leaves, symbolizing victory. When seen with a tree motif, it suggests death and rebirth in eternal life. Ω

This is the second in a series of articles discussing funerary iconography: the history and symbolic meaning of the forms and decoration of grave markers and other memorials. ~ Michael Hendron

## Boundary Survey

*Old Maps Left Boundary in Doubt*

Congressional Cemetery is bounded by an assortment of iron fences, brick walls, and chain link fences. The original brick wall was built through an act of Congress in 1824 to protect the markers of congressmen. Most of the fencing is in need of repainting, repairing, re-pointing, or replacement. How we will pay for that is a good question.

Yet a more intriguing question is whether the fences are all in the right places. Congressional Cemetery's growth from its original 4 ½ acres to its present size came through the acquisition of city blocks over a 84 year period ending in 1891. Generally the acquisition was for the land between the streets, not the streets and rights-of-way themselves. The streets and rights-of-way were acquired at later dates.

Unfortunately, record keeping in the 1800s was not always as fastidious as we wish it were. Research on the dates of land acquisition, undertaken as part of last year's Historic Landscape & Structures Report, revealed blank spaces in regard to where some of the property lines were actually drawn. In particular, our east end property lines were a bit fuzzy.

G Street, known as Ingle Street within our walls, is a particularly vexing question mark. Portions of the G Street right-of-way were granted to the Cemetery in 1907 for use as burial sites. But the east end of G street remains unclear. The official Surveyor's Office plat of Congressional Cemetery indicates that G Street and its right-of-way is within our property line but, to be certain, we need a survey done by professionals. The implications are, in a manner of speaking, grave.

The only large open area of land within our fencing is the old right-of-way along G Street. This stretch of property is the key to continued growth of Congressional as an active cemetery and source of funding. Resolving the property line question was one of the highest priority recommendations of the Historic Landscape & Structures Report.

We *think* the results will be good news but a survey of that size will cost approximately \$5,000. The Board included a survey in the 2004 budget. This is an example of your donations at work—please help us meet the donation projections. Ω



## Historic Resources Study

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The consulting team began their work in July 2002, hiring several subcontractors to take on the specific areas of the study: A. Morton Thomas did the civil engineering work and Robert Silman Associates took on the structural engineering; Integrated Conservation Resources, Inc. analyzed 1400 gravestones and Daedalus Projects, Inc. provided the cost estimates; Elmore Design Collaborative handled the landscaping issues and Bartlett Tree Experts examined all the trees and shrubs; and Cathleen Breitreutz researched the history of the Cemetery.

The foot thick, five volume report contains an assessment of virtually every aspect of the cemetery. It also prioritizes recommendations for repairs and provides detailed schematic drawings of "as is" conditions on all structures on the grounds, along with detailed cost estimates. The report estimates the total cost of restoring Congressional will exceed \$55 million.

The study recommends \$26 million in overall landscape restoration and development, which includes rebuilding the roads and pathways, installing new water and storm sewer lines, the planting of over 450 trees and 1,250 shrubs, and stabilizing the topography. It also recommends major overhauls of the gatehouse, tool shed, garage, and chapel for a total of \$1.7 million, including replacing the slate roofs, remodeling the gatehouse into a visitor's center and office. The repair of the brick walls and iron fences, plus construction of new fencing to replace the chain link fencing adds up to \$5.4 million. The repair of family burial vaults and mausoleums will cost \$1.1 million, and individual gravestone repairs could weigh in at \$20 million.

We have a great challenge ahead that, with your help, will make Congressional a beacon of historic preservation here in the Nation's Capitol. Ω

## Outstanding Volunteer: Darrel Isaacs

This summer's vault restoration work brought us a new volunteer with the right skills for the right task. Darrell Isaacs of Standard Restoration & Waterproofing was the foreman for masonry work on the five brick vaults restored this summer. Darrell's high standards ensured accurate restoration of the historic details of these 150 year old structures.

Beyond that, Darrell stepped forward when he heard that our garage was in need of urgent shoring up to halt a widening crack in the back wall. His off-the-clock

volunteer efforts saved the Association thousands of dollars in avoided construction costs.

Darrell also stepped forward to help out with the Smithsonian team working on the remains from the Coombe Vault by constructing the new receptacles for the re-interment of the Coombe family remains.

Darrell's commitment to historic preservation and accuracy are much appreciated. We hope that funds can be raised to bring back Darrell and the rest of the Conservation Solutions and the Standard Restoration crews for *Restoration Summer II*. Ω



## DC Historical Conference

### Panel on Small Cemeteries

The 30th Annual D.C. Historical Studies Conference convened this November 7th at the New City Museum in the old Carnegie Library Building. Among the panel discussions was an exploration of how five historic cemeteries in the District have coped with problems from under-funding to property title questions, to lost records.

Association Chair Linda Harper represented the Association, giving a brief slide show and history of our past and present conditions, and our future prospects. She emphasized the importance of reaching out beyond the core business of interments to find and try to meet other community needs.

Each of the five historic cemeteries noted the heavy reliance on volunteers and active board membership, without which most would have to lock their gates. Ω

## Interesting Epitaphs

SACRED  
TO THE  
MEMORY  
OF MARY ANN

Consort  
of

Charles L. Coltman  
Who

Departed this life

Universally Lamented

on the 19th of January 1844

in the 33rd year of her age.

Possessing in an eminent degree

all those attributes by which the

human character is [ch\_int]ed and  
embellished, her precious memory

will be fondly cherished when this  
merited memorial of her amiable

virtue shall have mingled with  
the dust it now conceals.

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Bereaved affection  
hangs this chaplet  
upon her hallowed urn

## Reserve Your Place in History

Interment Sites

are again available in

Historic Congressional Cemetery

Call the Gatehouse for details—202-543-0539



## Congressional Quiz

### The Ultimate Insider

Tobias Lear was hired by George Washington to be his personal assistant and secretary after the Revolutionary War. As the ultimate insider in this power conscious city, Lear was present at many significant events. After Washington's death, Lear met with controversy in many of his subsequent endeavors.

Which of the following allegations marred Lear's reputation?

- Lear was suspected of destroying potentially embarrassing papers belonging to the late President.
- Lear may have used insider information to earn a fortune on land deals in the future capital.
- Lear was thought to have embezzled funds from the Mount Vernon accounts he managed.
- Lear's negotiation of the Treaty of Tripoli was seen as poorly handled and costly.

Answer in Essay on Page 4.

## Preserving America's Heritage

*I want to help preserve our heritage, here's my contribution to Historic Congressional Cemetery.*

\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_ Other

*Donations of \$250 or more are deposited in our Third Century Endowment Fund which is matched by our Congressional Appropriation and managed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.*

\_\_\_ My check is enclosed (made payable to Congressional Cemetery).

\_\_\_ Please bill my credit card. \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MasterCard

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## Short Shifts

### All Hallows Eve Recital

#### Frightful Performance

Our chapel was the scene of a haunting organ recital on Halloween night by guest organist J. W. Arnold of Christ Church. He entertained the assembly with a medley of scary musical pieces including Bach's Fugue in G Minor and The March of the Marionettes. He was accompanied by singer Kent Bemberger and skeleton Charles Rubio. After the performance, Patrick Crowley led the audience on a moonlight tour of the grounds. Ω

### Abe Lincoln Leads Tour

#### Remembers Friends & Foes

President Abraham Lincoln led a small group on a tour of Congressional Cemetery October 26th, offering reminiscences of his days in Washington and his love of theater as he stopped by the gravesides of those he knew. Several sites reminded Lincoln of the terrible tragedy of the war. Lincoln (Stratton Shartel) hopes to return this spring for more tours. Ω

### Annual Yard Sale

#### Thrivent Financial Matches Sales

The annual fall yard sale held on Saturday October 18 was another resounding success. Furniture, books, toys, brass ware, and countless other donated goods crowded the cemetery's front lawn; a feast for bargain hunters and the Association. This year's proceeds, \$3,200, were matched by Thrivent Financial, sponsors of the National Join Hands Day. A big thanks to the many volunteers who made it happen. Ω

### Isabel Takes Six Trees

#### Hurricane Spares Gravestones

Hurricane Isabel swept across the Mid-Atlantic region on September 19 leaving a wide swath of damage. One of our great Linden trees on the main road fell victim to the storm winds. Several volunteers came in early Friday morning to help clear the roadway. Replacing these trees depends upon donations to the Dick Stock Tree Fund. Every check makes a difference! Ω

### Preservation Seminar

#### October Class Was a Sell-out

The National Preservation Institute's Cemetery Preservation Seminar, held at Congressional Cemetery in October was a great success. Attendees from across the Mid-Atlantic learned the latest theories and methods of cemetery preservation and restoration. The classroom discussions were followed by examples out in our own yard. The Institute hopes to return next fall for another seminar at Congressional. Ω

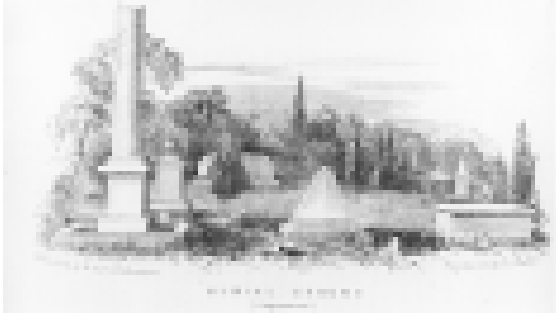
### CFC Drive Update

#### Federal Employees Donate \$3,500

The 2003 Combined Federal Campaign, the federal government's answer to the United Way, brought pledges from federal employees of over \$3,500 to help preserve Congressional Cemetery. The 2004 campaign began in October. If you haven't yet filled out your card please consider supporting the Association by writing in code #7537. Ω

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## The Heritage Gazette Winter 2004



*Bill Fecke at History Conference*

*As the year 2003 draws to a close the Board extends a very appreciative Thank You to the scores of volunteers who rake leaves, transcribe log books, tend to gardens, guide visitors, make extra donations, and so much, much more. 2003 has been a great success—thanks to you. Merry Christmas!*



*Nick Sundt clears fallen Linden tree*



*Lincoln's Ghost Leads Tour*



*Marine Corps Band Returns  
 for Sousa Tribute*