



# The Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery

## The Heritage Gazette Summer 2006

### A Long and Winding Road

#### HCC Association Marks 30th Anniversary

Thirty years ago, the first members of the Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery were desperate to come up with \$5,250 to cut the grass, which was towering over the headstones. "Thirty years ago the cemetery was in terrible shape," says Dudley Brown, one of the original Board members and still a member of the HCC Board. "Christ Church, which owned the cemetery, had no money or personnel to run it, the weeds were eight feet high, and packs of wild dogs lived there."

Frank Kramer, first chairman of the HCC Board in 1976, was a Capitol Hill realtor interested in saving the cemetery; he asked Dudley to serve on the Board with him. "Our biggest problem was raising money," Dudley continues. "In the beginning, we weren't even considering restora-

tion work, we only wanted to raise enough money to have the grass cut twice a year."

Annual Hallowe'en Galas and other events helped raised money and awareness for the cemetery.

"The biggest challenge is perpetual maintenance," he notes. "The cemetery is a very important monumental site." Today, he is very pleased with the association's progress. "So many people have given so selflessly over the years to get us to where we are now."

Cindy Jahnke, who gave this year's Association Annual Meeting lecture on William Prout, was a board member for eight years, beginning in the 1980s. "We were still struggling and trying to expand what we could do then," she says. "We did expand operations, and bought equipment like our

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*Board Member C. Dudley Brown offers a frightening visage at a 1980's Hallowe'en Gala*

### Goals Set, Volunteers Needed

#### HCC Conservation Task Force

Following the October 2004 Angels Project (a day of volunteer labor organized and funded by professional conservators and conservation organizations), three conservation/preservation groups came together to assist the Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery (APHCC). The groups include the Washington Conservation Guild (WCG), the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (AIC), and the Association for Preservation Technologies, Washington DC Chapter (APTDC). These groups urged their colleagues to support a year's "adoption" of the Cemetery for the purpose of creating guidelines for the preservation of monuments in the cemetery.

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### A Very Good Year

#### HCC 2006 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of The Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery was held in the cemetery chapel on April 15, 2006. Here are some highlights of the meeting the complete annual report is available on the cemetery website, [www.congressionalcemetery.org](http://www.congressionalcemetery.org).

New by-laws for the HCC Board are now posted on the cemetery website, and the Board has two important goals for 2006: to increase the length of the lease with Christ Church, and reach the \$500,000 mark towards our endowment fund of \$2 million. This year will also see the start of road repair work (see related article). Four board members have been re-elected to another term: Fred Davis, Scott Kibler, Judith Davis, and Dudley Brown. Tabitha Almquist and Alice Norris were elected to the board since the last annual meeting.

Also in the past year, the Board formed the Leadership Council with a goal of raising \$15M for capital improvements to mark the cemetery's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007.

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## Ready for Road Repair?

If I had a nickel for each time someone said "when are you going to fix the roads?", I would be rich, but not rich enough to fix the roads. It is a big and expensive project! Early on the board decided that they were no longer going to put band aids over the problems, but would fix them correctly...even if it meant waiting for the right opportunity. Well that opportunity is finally here.

With the Historic Resources and Cultural Landscape Study (2003) we learned that the repair of the roads was dependent on repairing the long neglected and mostly non-functioning drainage system, projected at \$4.3 million. The Master Landscape Plan (2004) helped to set priorities and establish options for phasing the project.

With those documents in hand we began work with our historic partner — Congress. In the early history of the cemetery, Congress, through a variety of appropriations beginning in 1823, served as the developer of the cemetery grounds, paying for road grading, fencing, pathways, the first gatehouse, and the public vault.

Congressman Jerry Lewis and his staff, especially Grady Bourn, as well as Congressman Jim Oberstar, listened to our proposal and, recognizing the significance of the site, worked closely with us to determine the most positive ways to approach the problem. Two formats proved successful: \$480,000 to respond to the drainage problems, especially to move water off the roadway and graves in the southern sections, and \$2 million to engineer and begin implementation of Phase 1 as set forth in the Master Landscape Plan.

Board Members Linda Harper and Scott Kibler have been working with the DC government and the National Park Service to initiate the work on the drainage and the roads. Meetings with engineers indicate that if the project can move quickly during the next couple of months there is a strong possibility that phase one of the roads projects (from the front gate to the chapel, to Mausoleum row, and north to a new exit gate at 19<sup>th</sup> and E Streets) might be finished by late spring or early summer of 2007.

We are working closely again with Congressman Lewis and his staff to include FY07 budget funds for the \$2.3 million needed to finish the roads. While this is very exciting, it will mean dust, mud and considerable inconvenience for about six months. It is a nice problem to have and hope our friends and supporters will be patient during construction. ~ Linda Harper

## 2006 Annual Meeting

Organization and support for the council was made possible by a grant from BAE.

An infrastructure for an expanded volunteer program was put in place in 2005, and plans for 2006 include creating a docent program to provide regular tours with the help of a Marpat Foundation grant. Plans include publishing the interment index on CD this summer, and working to complete the HCC Commemorative Book by early 2007.

After adopting a Landscape Master Plan, work has started to restore the tree canopy in the cemetery. We've planted 225 trees in the past two years, with a goal of 300 to start our third century in 2007. We'd like to especially thank the Benjamin French Lodge and the Casey Tree Foundation for their help and for the trees they've donated. The K-9 Corps of dogwalkers donated money for the new John Deere utility vehicle, as well as money for thirty trees. Next year we plan to continue work on the current landscape and conservation plans, focusing on the oldest historic section of the cemetery, the three acres around the gatehouse, with the special help of the Navy Yard volunteers. Other groups who worked on these projects are noted in the Annual Report.

The Blagden vault restoration was finished early this year, and the brick wall at the northeast corner was repaired. Third Saturdays volunteer conservation programs have proven very successful. These began with two volunteer "Angel Projects" in April and May 2005 where conditions of headstones and monuments were documented and repair work begun.

Chairperson Linda Harper thanked all cemetery volunteers, without whom much of this work would not get done, as well as the K-9 Corps members, whose donations help with pay for trees, lawn maintenance, and other repair work. Special thanks go to Farleigh Earhart for writing the annual report, and to Sarah McPhie for donating her time and talent to do the design. Ω

## P.S. to Tom Kelly's last missive

Just a small postscript to my letter in the last issue where I talked about my consulting gig in *Cote d'Ivoire*: I saw a brief mention in the Washington Post in April that a representative of the northern rebel movement had agreed to join the UN-brokered "transition" government. This kind of good stuff happening in Africa doesn't get much play in the US media, but it was nice to see things are starting to shape up over there.

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backhoe. It was so overgrown, and we worked hard to manage the initial priorities of getting the grounds under control.

Today, the only dogs roaming the cemetery are those belonging to K-9 Corps members, whose donations help pay the annual lawn care fees now close to \$60,000. The Association leased the cemetery from Christ Church, and, as you'll read in the article on the 2006 Annual Meeting, has goals that reach far beyond taming the weeds.

"The efforts of those first board members, and all the work of board members and volunteers in the intervening years, have brought us to where we are today," says Linda Harper, current Association Chairperson. "As we move into the Association's 30<sup>th</sup> year, and the cemetery's 200<sup>th</sup> year in 2007, we

are focused certainly on the ongoing conservation, landscape, and preservation efforts that are so important. But we are also focused on raising both money and awareness to allow us to do this in the best possible way. Our establishment of the Leadership Council, which is preparing for a major capitol campaign, is a first important step towards this."

We hope you have an opportunity soon to visit Congressional Cemetery, to walk along avenues of newly planted trees, to enjoy the freshly mown grass, to watch our well-behaved dogs playing under well-maintained mature trees, to see our conservation volunteers at work restoring monuments and headstones. So many people's efforts have brought us to this happy present, and we thank them all, and look forward to the next productive 30 years. Ω

### **Reserve Your Place in History**

Interment Sites are available in  
Historic Congressional Cemetery  
Call for details—202-543-0539



## **The Navy at HCC**

### Long Time Neighbors & Friends of Congressional

Congressional Cemetery has many connections to the U.S. Navy, including Commodore Tingey, the first Navy Yard superintendent, and John Philip Sousa, Marine Band leader. Now, under the auspices of Captain George Chamberlain, currently Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity, Washington, D.C., Navy volunteers have stepped up to adopt the most historic 4½ acres of HCC.

They will be putting together crews and volunteers to make that part of the cemetery a showcase. The work will include a Seabees training exercise to engineer and install a new water line in the yard.

"The Congressional Cemetery is the final resting-place for close to 60,000 persons, including past Commandants, other military members and government officials," says Captain Chamberlain. Not the least among them is Commodore Thomas Tingey, the first Commandant of the Washington Navy Yard and a founder of the Congressional Cemetery. We at Naval Support Activity, Washington, are eager to help clean up and restore the final resting place of our ancestral brothers in arms to its proper dignified state. We value this opportunity to honor the legacy of service that the military members like Commodore Tingey represent." Ω

## **From the Manager's Desk ~ Summer's Commin'**

Things are really starting to shape up here and it's going to be a busy summer. We just had new, historically correct and well-insulated windows installed throughout the gatehouse and the view is great. The Seabees are planning to do a training exercise here soon, installing a cemetery-wide water system. We've received funding from Congress to start repairing our roads, and the Navy has decided on a year-long volunteer program restoring the oldest section of the grounds: filling holes, straightening and repairing headstones, refurbishing paths, etc. These are just some of the many volunteer efforts that will be taking place as we work up to next year's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cemetery.

We have also been receiving a lot of media attention lately. During two days in mid-April we had visits from National Geographic Television and the New York Times. It turns out that National Geographic is preparing a show on vampires and wanted to film a guy in a cape roaming the grounds after dark. Slightly bizarre, but, hey, it's National Geographic.

The Cemetery will also be featured in a one-minute video segment in the Travel section of the New York Times website with reporter Carl Hulse. Keep your eyes out for both of these. We don't yet know exactly when they will air.

Speaking of websites, we continue to receive rave reviews of the new format of our own website [www.congressionalcemetery.org](http://www.congressionalcemetery.org). Many of the compliments about our site are from genealogy researchers both professional and amateur. Just last week I was helping a couple from Burrillville, Rhode Island, looking for information on Senator James Burrill who gave their city its name. I came across his obituary in the National Intelligencer from the late 1800s and found words that should be heeded by our present day legislators: "The character of the deceased requires no eulogy from our lips, but justice demands of us to say of him, that few men, within our knowledge, have discharged the Legislative functions with more credit or usefulness than himself."

Take the time to rummage through our website attic yourself. There are other hidden gems to be found there.

~ Tom Kelly

## Congressional Cemetery's American Heritage

### Henry Ingle: Cabinet Maker to the Nation's Founding Fathers

Henry Ingle, a master cabinet-maker, a civic leader, and a church vestry member in early Washington, DC, died on Oct. 1, 1822 at the age of 58, and was buried in Congressional Cemetery. That was 15 years after Ingle purchased not only his own burial plot, but officially purchased the whole of square 1115 in the District of Columbia of behalf of a group of private citizens to establish a public burial ground in the southeast section of the city, which would become Congressional Cemetery.

Henry Ingle was born in Germantown, Pa. in 1764. At nine he was apprenticed to a cabinetmaker and in 1784 he moved to Virginia and apparently made contact with Thomas Jefferson for whom he made furniture for years. Ingle made a remarkable quantity of furniture in Richmond before he left for Philadelphia in late 1789. There he worked as a highly skilled carpenter.

In 1791 Ingle married Mary Pechin, the daughter of a wealthy merchant. Ingle was employed by Thomas Jefferson to do cabinetwork in Philadelphia in early 1791. Henry and his brother received payments from Jefferson regularly through 1794 for work they had done for him, including modifying the house he rented on High street. Henry Ingle also made furniture for George Washington during his stay in Philadelphia in 1794. Ingle moved to Washington in 1800 and first advertised in Washington's *National Intelligencer* on Oct. 21, 1801.

He was living in Alexandria, Virginia, however, in 1799 when he assisted his brother with George Washington's funeral. (He is cited in some sources as a friend of Washington.) On Sunday, Dec. 15, in the early morning, Martha Washington instructed Tobias Lear, personal secretary to Wash-

ington, to send a messenger to Alexandria to have a casket made. The messenger presented the casket order to Joseph and Henry Ingle, who operated their furniture, cabinet, and undertaking business in Alexandria at the time. The two brothers started at once to construct Washington's casket. It would be made of mahogany and lined with an inner lead casket.

According to an article in Vol. 33-34 of the Records of the Columbia Historical Society, "He [Ingle] was a gentleman of the old school, wore black satin breeches with buckles and his hair was tied with a bow. Once when he was starting for Mt. Vernon to help guard George Washington's body, his satin breeches were so tight they ripped as he entered his carriage and he had to hustle back into his home to dress all over again."

Ingle continued to do work for Thomas Jefferson after Jefferson became President, including cabinetwork, making a writing box, alterations of several tables, and possibly construction of a pair of card tables. Jefferson reportedly bought a variety of supplies such as tools, locks, sandpaper, etc., from Henry Ingle who, in addition to his cabinetry work, had opened the first hardware store in Washington on Pennsylvania Avenue at 6th Street, not far from his house on New Jersey Avenue.

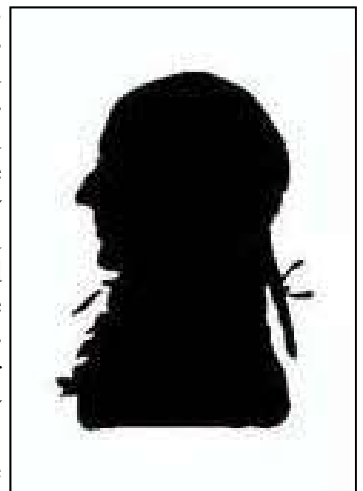
Ingle contracted to provide materials for the building of the US Capitol. These contracts may have resulted from Ingle's association with George Blagden, superintendent of masons at the Capitol, and a fellow Christ Church vestry member and Congressional Cemetery founder.

Ingle became involved in local civic affairs, serving on the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth City Councils of Washington, serving at various

times with William Prout, a major landowner in southeast Washington, James Hoban, and Alexander McCormick, the Rector of Christ Church. Washington was indeed a small town and the local founding fathers appeared in numerous civic positions in the early 1800s. Ingle helped finance the old Capitol prison in the early days of the Federal City.

Ingle became a member of Christ Church – Washington Parish soon after his arrival in Washington,

was selected and re-elected to the Vestry and served as the Registrar for many years. The corner



stone for the new church, sitting on land donated by William Prout, was laid with Masonic ceremonies in August 1806. A year later, Henry Ingle, in his role as Registrar, advertised an auction of pews in Christ Church. Ingle's involvement with the Church led to his active participation in the acquisition of the land for the new cemetery to serve the population in the Navy Yard and Capitol Hill areas of Southeast Washington.

Along with Henry Ingle, George Blagden, Griffith Coombe, S. N. Smallwood, Dr. Frederick May, Peter Miller, John T. Frost and Commodore Thomas Tingey were founders of the cemetery. All the founders of the cemetery, with the exception of Peter Miller, were buried in the cemetery they started.

~ contributed by Alice Norris

## **HCC Conservation Task Force**

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The Conservation Task Force (CTF) chose to focus on the conservation of monuments, leaving issues such as administration, archives, buildings, and landscape to others.

The CTF set the following goals:

- Plan and institute a format and procedures for a stone by stone conservation condition survey of the cemetery
- Use the initial survey data to: identify monuments in need of conservation treatments performed by the CTF (defined roughly as issues of cleaning, re-setting, and repair); and identify, document, and assess previous conservation treatments
- Submit a summary conservation report to the APHCC to incorporate the survey data, conservation documentation, work completed in 2005 and recommendations for future conservation actions

The members of the CTF planned, oversaw, and executed at least one volunteer day per month from April through October 2005. The volunteers who provided the labor for these efforts were drawn from the three "adopting" organization and the Cemetery's own volunteer corps.

Other groups, including the US military, performed other volunteer labors, and CTF members provided oversight for these activities also. The CTF volunteer days consisted of surveying stones to record basic information



about location and condition, and treatments including re-setting (straightening, rebuilding foundations, re-mortaring joints), cleaning (removing biological and chemical staining), and repairs (joining broken stones, replacing corroded pins).

Since 2005, approximately 1,200 stones have been surveyed, and 45 stones have been reset, cleaned and/or repaired. The cost of the conservation work done by the CTF, if performed by paid professionals, would be approximately \$30,000. If you are interested in joining the CTF on a volunteer day, please contact Catherine Dewey at [catherine.dewey@nps.gov](mailto:catherine.dewey@nps.gov) or 202-257-0482 for additional information.

Treatments made on each stone are carefully recorded. Here is a recent example of work done to repair a headstone:

Range: 56, Site No.: 149  
Name: John Slidell Rodgers  
Date: No date recorded

Month(s) treated:  
July, September 2005

Base leaning and unstable. Soiled, with old mortar. Cross loose in socketed base.

Excavated the base and reset level on fill of bricks and gravel. Cleaned base socket and cross bottom mechanically to remove old mortar/epoxy. Reset cross into socket with Jahn M110. Cleaned with D/2. Materials used: D/2 Architectural cleaner, Jahn M110 pointing mortar.

Performed by: Catherine Dewey, Tom Hefflefinger, Howard Wellman, Erik Anderson

## Arborist Leads Workshop on Pruning

As grand and beautiful as they are, trees have a limited ability to care for themselves. So if we want strong healthy trees, we need to step in at the first sign of the Three Ds: Dead, Damaged, or Diseased branches. This was the basic thrust of arborist Jim Adams at a tree pruning workshop at Congressional Cemetery hosted by the Capitol Hill Garden Club. Adams, a certified arborist with the National Arboretum, led an enthusiastic band of 15 budding citizen foresters through the paces of proper tree care on a somewhat drizzly February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Out in Nature's free for all, any edge is a good edge for bacteria, fungi, insects, and burrowing animals. A wounded tree offers an excellent vector for making the tree both a home and entrée for these creatures. Limbs damaged by maintenance equipment, storm winds, other rubbing branches or simply the weight of the tree need to be pruned to limit the potential for further damage or the growth of pathogens. If the pathogen has gained a foothold, the diseased or dead limb must be removed.

Careless pruning, however, can

cause more damage, cautioned Adams. The first concern is our own safety, so proper tools and clothing are a must. A tree can heal itself much more quickly if the pruning is done correctly. With that in mind, Adams demonstrated how to identify the right point of the tree crotch to begin pruning. With a few saw strokes beyond the cut to relieve some direct weight and another underneath to guard against bark being stripped away as the limb falls, the limb can be safely removed. And don't forget to cut on the "pull" rather than the "push" of each saw stroke. Adams also cautioned against getting carried away and trimming too much in any one year. No more than a third of the tree should be pruned in any one year.

Shape and structure are also taken into consideration. Before pruning, you should know what kind of tree you're working with and what its natural shape is. Don't trim a wide tree to look like a cone or try to shape a tall tree into a broad form; fighting Mother Nature leads to weakened trees. Look to the basic structure of the tree and find the "leader," the main branch

that should guide the tree's future growth. Competing branches should be removed to focus the tree's energy toward its strongest form. Branches that rub against each other should be corrected as well. Worn bark becomes an open wound in no time. Again, find the leader of the two branches and trim the competing branch.

The Association's master landscape plan calls for the planting of several hundred trees to restore the historic canopy that prevailed in the 1800s. With the help of foundations like Casey Trees, the TKF Foundation, the US Forest Service, the French Lodge, Green Spaces for DC, and the generosity of many individual donors, Congressional Cemetery is well along on that plan with over 250 trees planted in the last two years. Where just a few years ago our only tree care concern was removing fallen limbs after every storm that came through town, we now have the pleasure of tending to healthy growing trees and keeping up with watering and pruning; now that's a great sign of progress.Ω

## Spring Volunteer Day a Big Success

### *New Trees and Clean Yard at the End of the Day*

A chilly April 1<sup>st</sup> saw over 60 volunteers turn out to work on the cemetery's Landscape Master Plan and generally help with a cemetery "spring cleaning." The Landscape Plan provides overall guidance on what to do over the next 10-15 years to restore a mature tree canopy, repair roads and drainage, finish other plantings, and generally meet the Plan's goals. The Plan aims to "reconstitute the beauty and functionality of Congressional Cemetery in an approach sensitive to its natural and cultural system." "The Plan encompasses all the plantings, roads, and infrastructures in the cemetery," says Lisa Eppley, EDAW, who worked on the Plan. At the turn of the century, cemeteries were widely used as neighborhood parks, and today they are still unique places, providing open green space within densely populated cities." Lisa and her husband both helped with the day's tree planting activities.

The day's eleven trees were planted across from what will be the memorial wall in the lowland area along Ingle Street, east of the

chapel, and included crepe myrtle, sweet gum, sugar maple, red oak, and willow oak. Over 225 trees have been planted in the past two years towards the goal of restoring the tree canopy of the cemetery, which has been devastated by storms, years of neglect, and natural attrition. Shade trees are planted along the road, and flowering crepe myrtles along the middle paths, to enhance the long view from the hill.

The volunteers were a diverse group, including K-9 Corps and members of Christ Church. In addition to planting trees (with the help of Citizen Foresters from Casey Trees), volunteers went on "poop patrol" clean up, and Bob Dalton, a local resident and dog-walker, took charge of the "Ditch Witch" to try and dig up an old stump along the main road. Other volunteers included a page from the Capitol and some walk-ins who happened to be visiting the cemetery.

Thanks to everyone who donated their time and effort to help the cemetery. Ω



*Volunteers set one of 11 trees donated by the Casey Tree Foundation April 1st.*

## Congressional Quiz

### George's Friend Henry

Henry Ingle is buried in the northwest corner of Congressional Cemetery amidst a prestigious group of this city's Founding Fathers. What did Mr. Ingle do to "reserve his place in history"?

- His occupation: a) Naval Chaplain, b) highly skilled carpenter, or c) stone mason at Mount Vernon.
- Contribution to Congressional Cemetery: a) first sexton, b) donated land, c) built Public Vault.
- Highlight of public activities: a) arrived late for Hamilton and Burr duel, b) split his britches at Geo. Washington funeral, or c) snored at Madison Inaugural.
- Public office: a) Mayor, b) City Councilman, or c) Commissioner of Public Waste.

Answer in Essay on Page 4.

## Countdown to our 200th Anniversary

*I want to help preserve Historic Congressional Cemetery.*

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

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## Around the Yard

### New Gatehouse Windows

#### Historic Replacements

All 30 windows in the historic arts & crafts era gatehouse were replaced this April after a car bomb outside the grounds blew out most of them late last year. The replacement windows mimic the original historic sashes but are thermally insulated, which should help our fuel bill quite a bit. Later in the year we hope to replace the doors in a similar fashion to make the building less drafty. Ω

### Engineering Studies

#### Prepping For Roadwork

Don't be surprised if you start seeing surveyors and engineers poking and prodding around the grounds this summer. In preparation for the repaving of the roadways within the cemetery, engineering studies will commence shortly to examine the storm water drainage problems and road subsurface conditions. We hope to have the engineering component of the work done this summer. Ω

### July at Congressional

#### Revolutionary War Heroes

Congressional Cemetery is the final resting place for 39 Revolutionary War veterans, many of whom also served in Congress and were feted with cenotaphs upon their deaths. This July, look for the multi-colored streamers alongside the gravemarkers of these heroes. The streamers will include laminated cards describing their lives and contributions to our Nation's freedom. Ω

### Web Site Visits Growing

#### Record Hits in March

Congressional Cemetery's newly revamped web site continues to grow in terms of content and visitation. March saw a record 14,000 hits, which are visits by internet searchers. Within the sites' many pages is an interpretive gravestone tour guide, which proves to be popular. The interpretive tour received over 540 hits in March. Ω

### Stonework Repairs

#### Corinthian Stone Contract

The Association's Building & Grounds Committee contracted with Corinthian Stone of Glen Dale, MD, to repair some gravestones this summer. One of the repairs will be the black granite cube along the main entrance to the Chapel. The cube is supposed to sit balanced on its corner. The original pin was not strong enough to hold the several hundred pound stone. Ω

### Commemorative Book

#### Call for Photos & Stories

Work has begun on a commemorative book, to be published in 2007. To record as much cemetery's history in the book and our website, we are actively looking for photos from families buried at Congressional. If you have digital photos, please send them to us at [staff@congressional-cemetery.org](mailto:staff@congressional-cemetery.org). If they are not digital, please drop us an email and we'll arrange for them to be scanned. Ω

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*Volunteers plant several trees donated by the Casey Tree Foundation April 1st.*

### **Cemetery Bicentennial Plans Underway**

2007 marks the 200<sup>th</sup> year of the founding of the cemetery we now know as Congressional, and plans are being made for a year-long celebration of the cemetery's history and the importance of its residents to the development of Washington. Festivities will include lectures, seminars, tours, living history and conservation demonstrations, music and dance. Many will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month throughout the year. Stay tuned to the newsletter and website for more information about the exciting 2007 plans as they unfold!