

WOODLAWN CEMETERY CHAPEL TIMELINE

(September 2016)

- **June 12, 1909:** An agreement was made between Mary Clark Thompson and the Canandaigua Cemetery Association to furnish the material and labor to construct a mortuary chapel on the lands of the Canandaigua Cemetery Association.
- **1909 - 1910:** A handsome chapel was erected after plans made by the eminent architect, Francis R. Allen, of Boston, and under the immediate supervision of engineer John Handrahan. The material used was native limestone, with trimmings of Medina sandstone. The stained glass windows for the chapel were imported from England.
- **September 16, 1910:** Mary Clark Thompson signs a release of the chapel to the Canandaigua Cemetery Association.
- **October 1, 1910:** Chapel dedication.
- **October 11, 1910:** Release is recorded in Ontario County at 3:00 p.m. in Book 249, page 542.
- Provisions in the last will of Matilda Burgher of Canandaigua, NY provided for the pipe organ.
- **August 19, 1923:** Mary Clark Thompson's last will was published stating that \$15,000.00 was left for upkeep and maintenance of the Woodlawn Cemetery chapel.
- **1953:** Modifications were done to the interior walls.
- **1958:** Last documented service held in the chapel.
- **1965 – 1968:** Several repairs were made to the slate roof and stain glass windows and protective coverings.
- **December 11, 1991:** A quote was received and accepted to replace the slate roof with asphalt shingles after a large oak tree had fallen and caused major damage.
- **February 25, 2003:** At a regular meeting of the Canandaigua Cemetery Association, a committee was appointed to evaluate the necessary steps that should be taken to preserve the chapel.
- **June 4, 2003:** The chapel committee toured the chapel and decided to move forward with obtaining repair cost, etc. for restoration.
- **June 2004:** In conjunction with the Granger Homestead, the cemetery provides horse-drawn carriage tour rides to raise awareness about the cemetery, particularly the chapel.
- **June 2, 2004:** The Board of Trustees authorizes \$2,000 to be utilized to complete a study evaluation and to develop a plan for the renovation of the chapel along with associated costs. Bero Architecture (Rochester, NY) and Kohlstaedt & Fredrickson Architects (Canandaigua, NY) were solicited for estimated costs and for developing a plan.

- **June 14, 2004:** Bero Architecture provided an estimate of \$8,700 plus additional expenses.
- **November 29, 2004:** Kohlstaedt & Fredrickson Architects provided an estimate not to exceed \$2,000.
- **November 29, 2004:** Board of Trustees accepted Kohlstaedt & Fredrickson Architects estimate.
- **February 16, 2005:** Restoration and renovation proposal was delivered to the Board of Trustees by Kohlstaedt & Fredrickson Architects. Total restoration costs were approximately \$ 768,000.
- **October 6, 2007:** A walking tour was held to highlight the chapel, as well as, the cemetery and the notables interred within. The tour ended at the chapel where attendees were allowed to enter and view the inside.
- **December 3, 2011:** The chapel was part of the annual Sonnenberg Tour of Homes. The chapel was open for visitors to tour where staff was present to provide the history of the chapel and to answer any questions.
- **October 5, 2013:** A “wine and spirits” tour event was held to highlight and promote the cemetery, particularly, the chapel. Proceeds raised were utilized to contract with a fundraising feasibility consultant and to install a new electrical service to the chapel.
- **February 28, 2014:** Submitted the application for nomination to get the cemetery, and all its attributes, listed on the NYS Registry of Historic Places and ultimately the National listing.
- **April 12, 2014:** Contracted with fundraising feasibility consultant, Karen Higman of SBS Fund Council, to canvas and perform interviews to determine the level of interest and possible funding to restore the chapel. Final report submitted in September, 2014 determined that the consensus and support was there to restore the chapel.
- **April 29, 2014:** Architect Scott Hackett (Canandaigua native) of Beardsley Architects in Auburn, NY donates his time to meet with contractors and reevaluate the estimated costs for restoring the chapel. Total restoration costs, to include overages and endowment, are estimated to be \$ 1.3 million.
- **September 9, 2014:** New electrical services to the chapel is completed.
- **September 11, 2014:** Woodlawn Cemetery is officially listed on the NYS Registry of Historic Places.
- **September 20, 2014:** The second “wine and spirits” tour event is held to promote the restoration of the chapel. The event was also the public announcement of the NYS Registry listing.
- **November 2014:** Superintendent met with several slate roofing contractors and stain glass window contractors to obtain estimates on restoration.
- **November 5, 2014:** Superintendent and consultant met with Wayne Goodman, Director of the Landmark Society of WNY, to determine their interest and level of involvement.
- **November 12, 2014:** Woodlawn Cemetery is officially listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.
- **January 2015:** Woodlawn Cemetery receives a capacity building grant from the Arts & Cultural Council of Greater Rochester Area to retain the services of a fundraising consultant to assist trustees in developing a capital campaign to restore the historic chapel.

- **February 2015:** The initial stages of establishing a capital campaign committee began.
- **May 2015:** Contracted the services of Bero Architect's to begin the process of creating new schematics, construction cost and bidding documents. Restoration costs remain at an estimated \$1.3 million.
- **June 2015:** Submitted a grant to the State of New York for approximately \$350,000.
- **June – October 2015:** Held small cultivation events for potential major donors.
- **October 23, 2015:** Held a contractor viewing and distributed a request for proposal to repair eight rotted purlins (beams) that support the roof.
- **October 31, 2015:** Held an open house for public awareness on the efforts of restoration.
- **November 2015:** Notice was given that the NYS grant was not awarded.
- **December 2015:** Contract with Frank J. Marianacci Contracting to repair purlins.
- **January – February 2016:** Eight roof support beams (purlins) are replaced. Furring and drywall were removed from the interior walls.
- **April 2016:** Signed a contract with Easton Specialties, Inc. to install a new slate roof.
- **March – April 2016:** Contracted with ECG Environmental to remove all asbestos and hazardous materials.
- **July 2016:** Submitted a grant to the State of New York for approximately \$314,000.
- **September 10, 2016:** The third “wine and spirits” tour event is held to promote the restoration of the chapel.

