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From the AGS President

From the President,
Tom Malloy

In the past few months some concerns have been expressed about the charter of The Association for Gravestone Studies and our status as a non profit organization. We have received a communication from the Head of Chartering Program, New York State Museum, State Education Department. This communication states, "The Association for Gravestone Studies was formed as a NY education corporation by the Board of Regents under their certificate of incorporation granted on 6/23/1978. This form of incorporation does not have to be renewed, extended or made permanent." Further,

the communication states that we are up to date with our reports and that they receive copies of our Federal 990s from the IRS and these serve as a reference when donors or grantors want to check on the validity of an organization. Consequently, there is no need for any further concern or discussion about AGS's status as a chartered not for profit organization.

New Book for Sale in AGS Bookstore

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We have a new book for sale in the [AGS Bookstore](#), *Enfield, Connecticut--Stories Carved in Stone* by Bob Clark. It is the fourth book in the *Stories Carved in Stone* series, and extends the scope beyond West Springfield, Massachusetts, which was the genesis of this project. These books present a full picture of the gravestone carvers, the mourning practices, and the families who lived and died in these Western New England towns. Gravestone fans and genealogists alike will find much to explore in these old cemeteries.

Also, please take a moment to check out the [Stories Carved in Stone website](#). You will find information on the series and a photo gallery, organized by stone carver.

### **Query: Bronze Stars**

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This query comes from Lynn Radke. She writes: "When researching World War I soldiers who are buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx, NY, we came across several gravestones that included this bronze star. In one case, the soldier is buried overseas but in the other cases, the soldiers are buried at Woodlawn. There is a slight variation in the border design of the stars. Has anyone else come across these types of stars in any of the cemeteries they have explored? If you have seen these stars elsewhere or have any information about them, please contact Lynn Radke at L.Radke@worldnet.att.net."



Query: Mexican-American Cemeteries in the Southwest

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This query comes from Martina Will de Chaparro. She writes: "Are any AGS members researching historic Mexican-American cemeteries in the Southwest? Please contact me at: [mwill@mail.twu.edu](mailto:mwill@mail.twu.edu). Thank you.

Martina Will de Chaparro, Assistant Professor Department of History and Government  
Texas Woman's University Denton, TX 76204."

### Information and Photos from the Pennsylvania GenWeb Tombstone Project

Ellis Michaels, co-coordinator of the Pennsylvania GenWeb Tombstone project, sent in the following photos of a white bronze monument in Cambria County, that is quite intricate in detail. The one molded panel shows an angel. The other panel depicts a Union Cavalry Soldier on horseback.

The goal of the [GenWeb Tombstone Project](#) is to organize volunteers who will work together to transcribe tombstone inscriptions. Their work will be archived for the future and made easily accessible to all. [The Pennsylvania page](#) has photography tips, information about symbolism, a message board and mailing list.





**AGS Members in the News: Natalie Zaman and Katharine Clark**

AGS members Natalie Zaman and Katharine Clark had a recent gravestone photo exhibit in North Brunswick, New Jersey. An article about the exhibit appears in [the Courier News Online](#) and [North Brunswick Online](#).

**New Preservation Blog**

[PreservationDirectory.com](#) has launched a new blog on their website.

Topics include:

- Building Restoration: techniques & resources
- Funding, Tax Incentives and Grants for Preservation Projects
- Legislation & Public Policy Issues in Preservation
- Employment Opportunities in Preservation

There is also a section on their site devoted to [upcoming preservation events and conferences](#).

### **Online Book Review: *The Secret Cemetery***

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AGS member Kim Kenney sent in this link to [BellaOnline.com](#). There you will find her review of *The Secret Cemetery*, previously reviewed in the *AGS Quarterly*, Vol. 30:2.

Cemetery Data Form Designed by Tony Bengston

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The following comes from Tony Bengston. It was posted on [the Old Bones Cemetery Message Board](#).

"Over the course of the last year I headed a committee to develop a cemetery survey form for [SAPIC \(State Association for the Preservation of Iowa Cemeteries\)](#). I studied dozens of forms used by other groups and organizations to find out what types of information can be gathered in a cemetery. Anyone may use it freely. I have also created a sheet with different types of markers. Both are available here: <http://freepages.history.rootsweb.com/~littletonia/sapic.html>."

### **July Tours: Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts**

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Saturday, July 7, 2:00 PM

"Discover Mount Auburn" - a walking tour. Admission: \$10. Mount Auburn, designated a National Historic Landmark, is one of the country's most significant designed landscapes. Here the arts of horticulture, architecture and sculpture combine with the beauty of nature to create a place of comfort and inspiration. This 1.5-mile walking tour will focus on stories of history, monuments, and the lives of those buried here.

Tuesday, July 10, 6:00 PM and Thursday, July 26, 6:00 PM

"Summer Twilight Stroll" - an evening walk. Admission: FREE. Join us as we continue our series of leisurely evening strolls. Explore new areas of Mount Auburn's sprawling landscape as the day cools down and the Cemetery is bathed in the soft light of a summer evening. Mount Auburn staff will guide you through a different part of the Cemetery on each of these relaxing, one-hour excursions.

Monday, July 23, 5:30 PM

"Summer Blooming Trees and Shrubs" - a walking tour with David Barnett, Vice President of Operations & Horticulture, Mount Auburn. Admission: \$10. Enjoy an early evening walking tour to observe many ornamental trees and shrubs that show off their flowers in late July. Learn about the many plants that provide summer beauty and interest. The culture and use of these plants in your garden will be discussed.

Mount Auburn Cemetery, 580 Mount Auburn Street, Cambridge, MA. Call (617) 607-1981 for information.

Video: Clean-up of Miami City Cemetery

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[The news story video](#), posted on cbs4.com is about a beautification and maintenance project at Miami City Cemetery in Miami, Florida.

**Article: Cemetery Fund Raisers**

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[The article is posted on NYTimes.com](#). It is about different cemetery fund raising techniques. Laurel Hill Cemetery in Philadelphia and Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx, New York are among many cemeteries featured in the story.

Article: New Homes Confront Old Burial Grounds

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The article is posted on [NYTimes.com](#). AGS Member Mike Trinkley, of the Chicora Foundation is quoted.

**Article: Columbia, South Carolina's Randolph Cemetery**

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The article is posted on [thestate.com](#). It is about a recent tour of Randolph Cemetery, led by Robin Waites, executive director of the Historic Columbia Foundation.

Video: Preservation in Miami, Florida by AGS Member Mike Mitchell

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AGS member Mike Mitchell from Miami was interviewed about his cemetery preservation work by WTVJ TV. The video, entitled "South Florida Man Gives Miami Cemetery Much-Needed Face-Lift" aired on the "Spirit of South Florida" on WTVJ. The news story video is posted on: <http://www.nbc6.net/spiritofsouthflorida/13456444/detail.html>.

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