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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Shattered Urn conveys violent death
- Dog conveys loyalty and protective vigilance
- Tree stump conveys life cut short
- Lamb conveys sacrifice of Christ for our sins

SHATTERED URN, LAUREL HILL CEMETERY, PHILADELPHIA, PA

One of my subscribers, Heather Davidson, suggested that I do a newsletter on gravestones that show violent deaths of those buried there.

So, in honor of Halloween, this issue will concentrate on gravestones that somehow convey violent deaths either the epitaph includes the violent story or research has been done about the violence.

The urn is a symbol of anointing one's soul because the Greeks were one of the first civilizations who believed in cremation. After the body was burned, the ashes were put in an urn and an expensive ointment such as a very fine olive oil was poured down into the urn and the pourer was anointing the soul of the person who had been cremated. You will also

notice that the urn is shattered at the base and it is on rocks which is a symbol of the person's life who was buried here was built on a firm foundation.

The reason the urn is shattered is because it marks the grave of Robert Ralston Stewart (1791-1858), who was murdered by his manservant. Because Mr. Stewart died such a violent death, the shattered urn symbolizes a violent death.

Thanks to Wynn Montgomery who provided this photo.



DOG FUNERARY MONUMENT, MAPLE HILL CEMETERY, HELENA, AR

The dog is a symbol of loyalty and protective vigilance. What is fascinating about this monument for Dr. Emile Overton Moore, Born October 2, 1854 and murdered February 16, 1893 is the epitaphs on the monument:

(First side) His errors were the errors of a man and they stood out in bold contrast with the time - serving two-faced hypo-

crites who conspired to have him murdered. (Second side) He is now beyond the reach of blame or praise. And love will hope and faith will trust that he has felt the joy that is felt where there are no tears and no graves. Underneath the dog on top is the word WAITING.

Thanks to Kimberly Williams for sending in this marker.



ANNIE AND PERCY CORKUM, HANTESPORT, NOVIA SCOTIA

Heather Davidson, who suggested the theme of this newsletter sent me this stone to the right. The stone reads "Annie E., wife of George Corkum, d. Dec. 18, 1897 ae. 35 yr.; also their son, Percy, who was shot on the street at Hantsport, Oct. 31, 1903 ae. 15 yr. Erected by his sympathisers. "

Heather explains that in the late 1800s and early 1900s, they did not celebrate Hallow-

een on October 31. They celebrated Cabbage Night the night before. There were similar festivities in New England.

The young men picked up rotten fruit and vegetables and threw them at peoples' houses.

In 1902, Truman Trefry, one of their targets, was not amused. The next day he told the town cop that if the cop didn't take action the next

year he would take action himself. Nothing was done.

On October 31, 1903, the boys again gathered rotten fruit and vegetables and again threw them at peoples' houses. And again they threw them at Truman's house. But this time Truman was waiting behind a fence with a shotgun. He fired and shot Percy in the back.



EVA MCDANIEL GRAVESTONE, HILLCREST CEMETERY, TAYLOR COUNTY, GA

Stephanie Lincecum has a great blog called Southern Graves (<http://southern-graves.blogspot.com/>).

She has shared several grave-stones that mark violent deaths and I am sharing two with you.

Eva McDaniel died in a car accident on August 15, 1915 and she was only 18. According to the obituary that can be at GenaeologyBank, the car was being driven Eugene Sanders and they were travel-

ing at a very high speed when Mr. Saunders struck a sand bed and flipped before crossing a bridge. Ms. McDaniel was thrown out of the car before it flipped. She recovered briefly after the accident and stood up but quickly died. Her epitaph reads:

through all her pain she smiled

A smile of Heavenly birth,
And when the Angels called her home,

She smiled farewell to earth



FRED MCDANIEL GRAVESTONE, HILLCREST CEMETERY, TAYLOR COUNTY, GA

The Woodmen of the World marker to the right is for Fred McDaniel who was born April 9, 1883 and died February 23, 1919.

A devastating family tragedy befell Mr. McDaniel at the early age of 35.

According to the obituary, Mr. McDaniel has just returned

from the fields after shooting birds when his wife with their 3 year old son drove up in the car.

While Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel talked, Mr. McDaniel leaned the loaded shotgun against his leg. The 3 year old played around them and somehow, pulled the trigger of the gun hitting Mr. McDaniel just

under the front right shoulder penetrating a lung. Mr. McDaniel died shortly thereafter.

Mr. McDaniel is the half-sister of Eva McDaniel mentioned above.

The tree stump conveys life cut short and this particular one is for the Woodmen of the World, a Fraternal Order, that is still in existence today.



NL BABY MARKER, OAKLAND CEMETERY, ATLANTA, GA

Betty Sherwood told a wonderful story about the NL Baby Marker to the right that is now being shared by Eleanor Baughman during her Civil War Stories being offered this Sunday at Oakland's Sunday in the Park. The tours will be at 12:30 and 1:00 PM.

The body of a baby was found in the streets of Atlanta after the Battle of Atlanta during the Civil War on July 20, 1864.

The Braumuller family found the baby and had him buried

on their plot. The only identification on the body was a handkerchief that had N. L. on it.

Rosalind Hillhouse placed the lamb on the grave a couple years ago in memory of the baby.

Lambs, one of the earliest Christian symbols, are often seen on children's graves. A Lamb lying down, as he is next to the gravestone, conveys the suffering of Christ

Lambs are the symbol of the sacrifice of Christ for our sins. In the New Testament, Jesus Christ is referred to as the Lamb of God – "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).



NORRIS BROYLES CHILD MARKER, OAKLAND CEMETERY

This marker was suggested to me by Cathy Vogel who includes it on her wonderful epitaph tour. As I do more and more research in gravestone iconology, I realize how important the epitaph is to the gravestone.

This is the grave marker for Norris Broyles who was born May 4, 1862 and died March 20, 1972. He was killed when his arm was crushed at the rail yards very close to his final resting place. The Broyles lot is also the final resting place for Betty Sher-

wood who I mentioned above.

The epitaph on this marker is:

Norris was a noble boy bright
And happy in disposition with
A strong and noble mind and a
Sweet and warming Heart

Blessed are the pure in heart
For they shall see God



RECOGNIZE THESE 3 SYMBOLS?

At my series of lectures in Spartanburg, SC last weekend, Brent Holcomb came up to me and asked me if I recognized the symbols in any of these markers. They are not familiar to me. Anyone out there recognize them?

If so, please email me at rwaterhouse@comcast.net.



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S Y M B O L I S M : A U N I V E R S A L L A N G U A G E

AND THE WINNER IS....

Thanks to all who entered last month's contest of animal monuments. Thanks to Rosalind Hillhouse, Linda Lewis, Wynn Montgomery, Diane Nesmeyer, and Gale Wall for their entries. If you want to see all the wonderful entries, please go to my blog.

And the winner is Linda Lewis who sent in the photos of the Woolford Horse Farm Cemetery in Woolford, Kansas.

Herbert M. Woolf was born 11 Oct 1880 in Kansas City, MO. Herbert's father and uncle founded the prosperous Woolf Brothers Men's Stores in Kansas city, and Herbert followed in the family business. Herbert had a great love of horses, and established Woolford Farms where

he raised and stabled thoroughbred horses. Woolford Farm was located in what is now Prairie Village, Kansas, close to the Missouri state line. The stables were located at 80th Street and Mission Road.

In 1932, Woolf hired Ben Allyn Jones as trainer for Woolford Farm. In 1933, Woolf bought 5-year old Insko for \$500 and bred him to Margaret Lawrence to produce Lawrin in 1935. Trained by Ben Jones, Lawrin went on to win the Flaming, Kentucky Derby, and American Invitational 3-year old Champion Stakes, and is the only Kansas-bred Kentucky Derby winner. Lawrin was a big cooper-brown three year old.

He was trained by Ben Jones and ridden by 23 year-old Eddie Arcaro, when they won the 64th running of the Kentucky Derby, finishing in 2 minutes and 4 4/5 seconds. Lawrin lived to be 20 and when he died, he his sire Insko, and his son Historian were buried beneath the Lawrin monument at Woolford Farm.

In 1939, trainer Ben Jones went on to work for Warren Wright Sr, Calumet, and trained 5 more Kentucky Derby winners. Woolford Farm sold in 1955 and is now a gated housing community. Herbert Woolf died 22 Sep 1964.



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Fall is upon us. Finally, the temperatures are starting to cool down and pumpkins are starting to appear on front porches.

The next newsletter contest is grave monuments that mark violent deaths. Please forward your entries to me.

Thanks to Mike Becknell for asking me to do a series of Symbolism lectures for the Pinckney County Genealogy Society last weekend. If you are interested in me doing any or all of those lectures for your group, let me know.

I hope you will support a couple fundraisers for Historic Oakland Foundation this month: Sunday in the Park (Oct. 4) and Halloween Tours (Oct. 23-25.)

Take care,
Richard Waterhouse