

# Groveland Cemetery Gazette

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## Civil War Veteran Capt. Dudley Chase to be re- membered

May 4, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

Plan to join us for this interesting look back in time.

It has been 150 years since the Civil War, and many articles have recently been written about it. Groveland Cemetery is honored to have the first Civil War burial in Hennepin County. Captain Dudley P. Chase will be remembered in a special program scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

The Governor's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War Task Force will recognize Captain Chase, who died May 9, 1863 at age 45. He was a Union Sharpshooter injured during the Battle of Chancellorsville. His left arm was amputated, but he died a few days later in a Washington hospital. He was originally buried in the

Soldiers and Pioneers Cemetery in Minneapolis, then moved to Groveland in 1923 when that cemetery was preparing to close.



Captain Dudley P. Chase

Chase was one of only 18 soldiers out of nearly 800 Minnesota civil war soldiers killed who were hauled home to be buried in Minnesota. A new granite headstone will be unveiled next to the existing leaning and weathered marker. His grave is in Section 1 near the arched sign in the south-east corner of the cemetery, along with his wife and two sons. Minneapolis

Star Tribune reporter Curt Brown wrote an article about this last fall titled "Chasing Dudley", which can be found on our website. More information about the Task Force and future events can be found at [www.MNCivilWar150.com](http://www.MNCivilWar150.com).

An exhibit about the War will be on display at the Minnesota History Center until Sept. 8. Groveland has another 11 Civil War veterans on record who returned home from the war and died later in Minnesota.

## Annual Meeting May 18<sup>th</sup>

The Groveland Cemetery Association annual meeting will be held Saturday, May 18, 2013 in The Minnetonka Mills Craft Room at the Minnetonka Community Center starting at 10:00 AM.

Owners of gravesites, survivors and next of kin who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to attend and vote on business that may come before the meeting. The Com-

munity Center is located just north of Minnetonka Blvd. at Williston Road.

There is plenty of parking. Come in the entrance by the fountain. The Minnetonka Mills Room is located on the first floor, just to the right as you come in.

## Memorial Day is May 27<sup>th</sup> This Year

Once again, our Memorial Day service will be observed beginning with the American Legion Post 259 at 9:00 A.M. (sharp) followed by a short talk by our guest speaker. We are inviting you, your family, friends and neighbors to come early to enjoy the fellowship, conversations and refreshments with everyone, as well as after the service. Park in the Groveland School lot and enter the Cemetery through the gate near our utility building. Don't forget those beautiful flowers for the grave(s) and a gentle reminder that only living flowers are allowed (no artificial/plastic flowers), please. We are all looking forward to seeing you on this very special day. Thank you.

*Art Johnsen, Trustee*

## Presidents Report

This year has been a successful one for your Association. Among some of the more important events is the addition of a new Board member, Liz Blaufuss. As you will note from her biography elsewhere in this newsletter she brings to us a wealth of experience and will be a great addition to the Board.



*Bob Nash, President*

There will be a ceremony on May 4, 2013 regarding the burial of Captain Dudley Chase. More details on this event are again elsewhere in this letter.

Last year was a difficult one in our effort to improve cemetery conditions. Without rain, it is an uphill effort in spite of the weed killing and fertilizing programs.

Our financial condition is sound as we finished our recent year in good shape. Shel-

ley has done a good job working with prospective buyers. As you know roughly 50 % of burials are now cremations. We have many plots which are for cremations although regular lots can be used for this purpose, also. Joe's financial report gives you more information in this regard.

There are developments regarding the property across Minnetonka Boulevard. The property would have to be rezoned from office to high density. More information is available at [eMINNETONKA.com](http://eMINNETONKA.com) under Council Agenda item #12 of 1/28/2013.

Many cemeteries have annual maintenance fees to help with the upkeep of the grounds. Please find a form included for you to complete if you wish and return to us with a contribution to this effort. We would appreciate any amount you are comfortable in sending. All contributions received would be maintained in a separate account to be used for upkeep.

If any of you are interested in more information regarding serving on the Board, please contact me at 952-476-0434.

Thanks for your support of the Association. We do our best to provide you with a cemetery to be proud of.

*Bob Nash, President*

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## Administrator...

Groveland Cemetery continues to be a beautiful jewel hidden amongst the Minnetonka community. At only 4 acres and most of that hidden from Minnetonka Blvd, many people I have talked to are not even aware of its existence. Most of these folks have lived in the vicinity for years! If people are aware of the cemetery, they know it is very old and assume that it is full. I was one of those people, and I lived blocks away for 27 years and walked through the cemetery weekly with my dog! It wasn't until I accepted this position did I understand the importance of this little cemetery in our community. My goal is to increase awareness of the cemetery as an active working cemetery with room to grow with more burials lots available.

In the past year we have had 32 burials (13 regular/19 cremation), 24 lot sales (16 regular/8 cremation) and 25 new headstones installed. Regular burial lots are popular for cremation burials as they can accommodate up to 4 cremains (or 1 regular burial and 3 cremains) and two markers, a headstone and a footstone. Please review the current Rules and Regulations on our website.

The lawn care program will be continued again this summer with 4 applications scheduled. The fall drought has been hard on the property and hopefully spring rains will help our grass and trees.

I attended the MN Association of Cemeteries convention held in Brooklyn Park in September. It was very informative and I was reassured that Groveland is on the right path to future sustainability. We had a field trip to Lakewood Cemetery to view the new mausoleum and to Glen Haven Memorial Gardens in Crystal to see the new niches that had just been installed.

Please introduce yourself when you see me on the grounds, and feel free to call me at 952-847-0011 or email: [info@grovelandcemetery.org](mailto:info@grovelandcemetery.org)  
Sincerely,

*Shelley Duoos, Administrator*

## Introducing Elizabeth Blaufuss, our new Trustee

I joined the Board in October, 2012, and am glad to be a member of such an interesting organization. My father, Dallas DeGrote, was buried in Groveland Cemetery in December, 2009, and I am participating in his honor. I con-

tribute to the group with my experience in managing budgets, long-term financial planning, and people management.



*Liz Blaufuss, Trustee*

I currently work as a Technical Writer for a software company and in the past I've acted as Treasurer for two other Boards. I attended the University of Minnesota and the University of Stirling in Scotland, and have two Master's degrees. My family and I live in Wayzata, which is conveniently close to the Cemetery!

I am looking forward to being an active member of the Board!

*Liz Blaufuss, Trustee*

**On the grave of Ezekial Aikle in East Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia:  
*Here lies Ezekial Aikle, Age 102.***

*Only the good die young*

**Plants and Wreaths**

Groveland is the only cemetery in Minnesota I am aware of that allows flowers in pots or in the ground.



Please take note of these few reminders:

- Make sure your pot fits the plant stand. If the pot is too small, it blows over in the wind. If you put a pot out in the spring, make an effort to stop by once a week to water it, or remove it.
- Plants in the ground may need less watering, but they do require care; trimming down in the fall or cutting off in the spring to allow for new growth, and weeding. All edging must be flat with the ground.
- Wreath stands need to be firmly pushed into the ground before it freezes and wreaths need to be tied on the

stand in 3 places to withstand the strong west winds.

- Be a friend of the cemetery and water other plants near your site if possible.

Remember that artificial flowers are not allowed at any time. Decorations other than flowers are discouraged. Families are also responsible for caring for headstones; overgrown grass and leveling.

*Shelley Duoos, Administrator*

## New Owners

New owners this year include the following: **Kay Engle, Donald and JoAnne Deakyne, Harlan and Margaret Swanson, Roger and Kathleen Jacobs, David and Barbara Waddell, Steven and Marlene Hylbak, Naideen Engle, Jack H. Adams, Scott Hutton, Maxine Fenton, Suzanne Lund, Ann E. Lund, Debbie Detchons, John Oien, Stan Siu, Richard D. Patnode.**



### In a cemetery in England:

*Remember man, as you walk by,  
As you are now, so once was I.*

*As I am now, so shall you be,  
Remember this and follow me.*

*To which someone replied  
by writing on the tombstone:*

*To follow you I'll not consent,  
Until I know which way you went.*

**Anna Hopewell's grave in Enosburg Falls, Vermont**

*Here lies the body of our Anna*

*Done to death by a banana  
It wasn't the fruit that laid her low*

*But the skin of the thing that made her go.*

## Treasurer's Report



The Groveland Cemetery fiscal year began May 1, 2012 and ended April 30, 2013. We had a great year and ended the year with a net operating income of \$11,724.12.

When we purchased the 7/8 acre on the north side of the old cemetery, we added about 600 gravesites, but took out a loan to pay for the property. Over the last fiscal year, the loan balance decreased from \$78,581.73 to \$63,521.30. We make our regular monthly payment but paid an additional \$5,000 on the principle in this last fiscal year. Our goal is to pay the loan off as soon as funds permit.

Our investments have increased in value over the last year from \$51,074.90 to \$54,373.72. We retain these funds as a reserve in the event of shortfalls in operating funds.

We have begun to use a budget to estimate our annual income and expenses to aid the Board in financial man-

agement. In the past year, we exceeded the income and were below budgeted expenses.

Detailed financial reports (Profit and Loss and Balance sheet) will be handed out at the annual meeting in May and are available upon request. We operate on a cash basis accounting option.

*Joe Dzurik, Treasurer*

## Cemetery Facts and Figures

-- There are 2213 people buried in Groveland Cemetery

-- 427 of the burials are cremation burials.

--We have 615 graves available for sale in the cemetery.

--In the past year we buried 32 people: 19 of these were cremation burials.

--This last year we sold 24 new graves; 16 were regular graves and 8 were cremation graves.

--We have 821 current owners in our cemetery address list.

--Of those who receive a copy of the Gazette, we sent out 522 Gazettes by US Mail and another 37 by Email.

## By-Laws Changes are proposed at the Annual Meeting

The Board has revised the By-Laws and the proposed changes need to be approved at the annual meeting on May 18, 2013. The major changes include reducing the number of Directors, reducing the number of Directors needed for a quorum at Board meetings, and clarifying eligibility requirements for Board members. The proposed changes will be handed out at the Annual Meeting.

## Elections

Three trustees' two year terms will expire with the annual meeting. They are Bob Nash, Art Johnsen, and Joe Dzurik. All will stand for re-election. We currently have seven members on the board, and our revised by-laws state that the board can consist of five to eight members. See Bob Nash's column above if you have an interest in serving on the board.

## Groveland Gazette by Email

This is the first Gazette that is being emailed to Cemetery members who have requested this service. If you would like to receive your Groveland Gazette via email rather than by postal mail, we would be happy to accommodate you, and you would save the cemetery the cost of postage and handling. Please email us at [info@grovelandcemetery.org](mailto:info@grovelandcemetery.org) with the message "Please send my Gazette by email". We'll respond with a test copy of this Gazette, and then send future issues only by e-mail until you request us to stop or you close your email account. Receiving your Gazette by email will not remove your name from the mailing list or from our database.

## Board of Directors

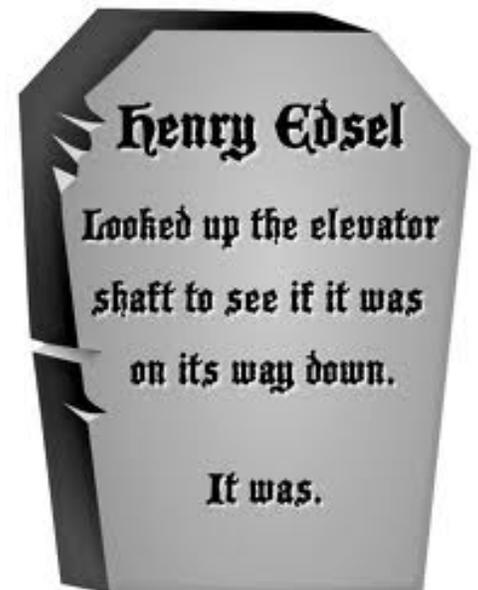
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## Staff

Administrator: Shelley Duoos  
952-847-0011  
Caretaker: Tim Perkins 612-791-3901

On a grave from the 1880s  
in Natucket, Massachusetts:

*Under the sod and under the trees,  
Lies the body of Jonathan Pease.  
He is not here, there's only the pod,  
Pease shelled out and went to God.*



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## CONTRIBUTION FORM

**YOUR NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS (optional)** \_\_\_\_\_

**In order to help with the maintenance of the Cemetery grounds, we would like to make the following voluntary contribution to be used to improve the conditions in the cemetery:**

**AMOUNT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this form and your check payable to the Groveland Cemetery Association to:**

**3300 Woodlawn Avenue**

**Wayzata, MN 55391**

**Attn: Joe Dzurik, Treasurer**

**Any amount will be greatly appreciated.**

**Your Cemetery Board**

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