

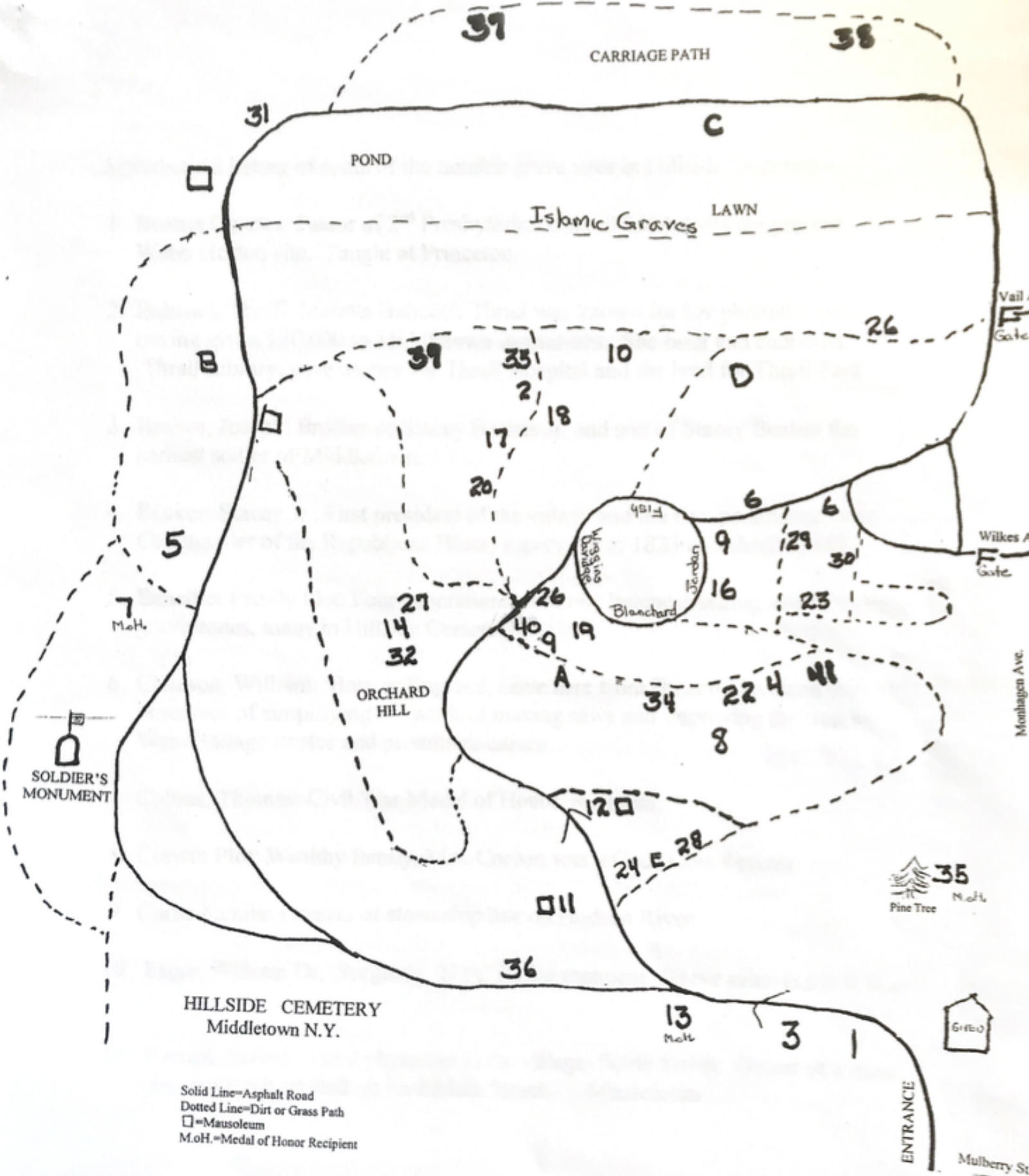
Mulberry Street

Hillside Cemetery

The Hillside Cemetery was constructed in 1861 as designed by Calvert Vaux, the famed architect of the mid nineteenth century. Vaux was often associated with architects Andrew Jackson Downing and Frederic Law Olmstead, famous for Hudson River Valley projects and the design of Central Park in New York City. Calvert Vaux also designed the Academy Avenue Park across from the former Academy Avenue School in Middletown.

The Cemetery was constructed as a family cemetery and later incorporated in 1898. The design espoused the naturalist movement with retention of curvilinear site topography with water features including ponds and waterways. Many monuments, statuary, mausoleums and over 50 obelisks illustrate the interest in Greek, Roman as well as Egyptian design revival popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The cemetery was considered to be a park, often visited by city residents for relaxation and reflection. In fact, the Grace Episcopal Church continues to sponsor regular visits to the cemetery to celebrate past members and to reflect. The Hillside Cemetery is a non-denominational cemetery. Graves were relocated to the cemetery from early graves behind the First Congregational Church of Middletown, Academy Park and other Middletown locations.

During the 1980's the Hillside Cemetery Corporation undertook restoration and landscape master-planning with Louis V. Mills, Jr. as the landscape architect. Roads and drainage were improved although all original features such as ponds could not be restored. The original construction included specimen plants and trees, some of which still stand. The original path and trails are mostly still in existence and were named for plant and tree species including Chestnut, Elm, Hyacinth, Mulberry and others.



HILLSIDE CEMETERY
Middletown N.Y.

Solid Line=Asphalt Road
 Dotted Line=Dirt or Grass Path
 □=Mausoleum
 M.O.H.=Medal of Honor Recipient

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Monihagen Ave.

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Wilkes A Gate

ENTRANCE

35 M.O.H.
Pine Tree

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ORCHARD HILL

SOLDIER'S MONUMENT

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Mulberry St

Alphabetical listing of some of the notable grave sites in Hillside Cemetery--

1. Beattie Charles: Pastor of 2nd Presbyterian Church 1864-1904 the present Webb Horton site. Taught at Princeton.
2. Babcock/Thrall: Maretta Babcock Thrall was known for her philanthropies, having given \$80,000 to Middletown institutions. She built and endowed Thrall Library, gave money for Thrall Hospital and the land for Thrall Park.
3. Beakes, Joseph: Brother of Stacey Beakes Jr. and son of Stacey Beakes the earliest settler of Middletown.
4. Beakes, Stacey Jr.: First president of the village and the first postmaster, was Commander of the Republican Blues, supervisor in 1823 and sheriff I 1825.
5. Benedict Family Plot: Four generations of family business selling and engraving gravestones, many in Hillside Cemetery.
6. Clemson, William: Born in England, came here from Boston. Invented the processes of simplifying the work of making saws and improving the quality. Was a village trustee and prominent citizen.
7. Collins, Thomas: Civil War Medal of Honor recipient.
8. Corwin Plot: Wealthy family, Mrs. Corwin was a Coca Cola director.
9. Curtis Family: Owners of steamship line on Hudson River.
10. Eager, William Dr. Surgeon, NYC Police regiment. Three years in Civil War.
11. Everett, Harvey: Third physician in the village--South Street. Owner of a drug-store with Albert Bull on East Main Street. Mausoleum

12. Faigle, Eric: Worked on O&W Railroad. Dean of Liberal Arts at Syracuse University, was married to Lucy Pelton (Pelton's Hardware Store).
Mausoleum
13. Hallock, Nate: Civil War Congressional Medal of Honor recipient.
14. Hanford, David, MD: First physician-Orchard Hill. Was a Yale graduate.
15. Hartford, John: A&P founder.
16. Webb Horton Family Plot: Webb Horton was an industrialist (oil in Pennsylvania. Wife Elizabeth, children Eugene, Carrie and Junis. Financed construction of their home which is now Morrison Mansion (Suny Orange), Webb Horton Presbyterian Church (East Main Street), Italian Mission Chapel (Cottage Street) and Elizabeth Horton Memorial Hospital (Prospect Avenue).
17. Houston, Robert: A tanner in partnership with Charles Dill on West Main Street. They bought farmland in 1831 in the eastern part of the city. He later sold lots which included the Houston Heights from East Avenue out.
18. Iseman, John: Was a German immigrant, baker and Middletown's first Mayor.
19. Low, Henry: Lawyer, State Senator 1861-1866. At the time of his death he was President Pro Tem of the NYS Senate.
20. Madden, Edward Millspaugh: Apprenticed as a tinsmith at age 15, bought a tin shop on West Main Street in 1839. He was connected with Orange Co. Furnace. Was a State Senator and a staunch temperance worker.
21. Matthews, James: First postmaster. Owned a carpet bag factory-- present site of Ayres and Galloway.
22. McQuoid, William: Founder of McQuoid Fire Co., was not a member of the company.

23. Mills Family Plot: Louis V. Mills, Mayor of Middletown and first Orange County Executive. Authored revision of A History of Hillside Cemetery and the Community it Serves in 2003.
24. Morrison Family Plot: John and Christine, children—Ray, Roseamond, John, Eugene and Prudence. Mrs. Morrison gave their home to the county to establish Orange County Community College.
25. Munshull, John E.: Master mechanic at O&W and Oswego Midland. Died at age 30 in a rail accident in upstate N.Y.
26. Pierson Family Plot: Six generations farming at Mt. Hope Farm.
27. Pronk, James: Lawyer, involved in many enterprises. Always interested in public improvements, was active in establishing Hillside Cemetery.
28. Shorter Family Plot: Parents, grandparents of Frank Shorter 1972 and 1976 Olympic medal winner. Grandfather Dr. Sam Shorter. Optometrist—motto “See longer see Shorter”.
29. Stivers, Moses: Was a Congressman and actively engaged in newspaper work most of the time until his retirement in 1890. Was connected with the State Hospital, Hillside Cemetery and was president of Orange County Trust at the time of his death.
30. Taylor Family Plot: Prominent Middletown family.
31. Talcott, Sheldon Dr.: Became superintendent of Middletown State Hospital in 1877 and began improving the treatment of the mentally ill. Was the author of many books and articles and was very prominent in civic life.
32. Vail, Theophilous: First burial in cemetery—1861.
33. Wallace, John: Was village president and Orange Co. Sheriff.

34. Wheeler, Elisha: Organizer of Orange Co. Furnace. He was connected with all the local railroads and plank roads. Built both transepts of Grace Church at his own expense and was engaged in many enterprises.
35. Wisner, Lewis: Civil War Medal of Honor recipient.
36. Wood, Daniel Thompson: Minister of First Presbyterian Church 1830-1859. Did some diplomatic service for the U.S. government. Village businesses closed for his funeral.

**Hasbrouck, Lydia Sayer: Feminist and pioneer business woman, wore bloomer costumes and was a journalist of ability, editing The Sybil. She, rather than her husband, was the driving force in the Hasbrouck activities.

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Unique stone sculptures--

- A. Dill, Charles: Lawyer's desk
- B. Ogden: Solitary large rock
- C. West, G.: Full scale angel
- D. Slawson: Archangel St. Michael
- E. Van Orden: Carved granite bench

The granite for the stones came from Vermont and the marble from Italy.

The cemetery features over a dozen mausoleums and fifty obelisks.

Addendum—October 2013

37. DeWitt, David P.: West Point graduate, Civil War Brig. Gen.
38. Grey, Alice Zane: Mother of the author Zane Grey who lived in Middletown for two years.
39. Negro Civil War Veterans
40. Graham, M. Wm.: New York Senator who was active in numerous organizations. He was a village trustee and treasurer and introduced legislation to incorporate Middletown Homeopathic Hospital in 1870.
41. Bull, Albert: Built the Bull Opera House at 27 West Main St. in 1870. Edwin Booth played Hamlet at the Opera House which ran for two decades. It was the largest brick building in the village at that time.

Misc.: Hillside Cemetery is the resting place of three Medal of HONOR winners, 192 Civil War Veterans (accounted graves 156, lost graves 36) and 124th N.Y. Regiment "Orange Blossoms" 40.