



Founded in 1851 Evergreen Cemetery, the municipal cemetery of the Village of Owego, was an early and archetypal example of the “Rural Cemetery” movement. Set on a towering hillside, with monuments reaching to the sky, Evergreen was designed as a park-like setting away from what, at the time, was becoming an increasingly crowded Village. Later additions were designed in the Lawn Cemetery style. It is the final resting place for over 9,200 residents, important not only to the history of Tioga County, but to the state, the nation, and even some whose lives had impacts world-wide.

Of special interest is the Sa-Sa-Na Loft monument, a 17-foot white marble obelisk, at the highest point in the original cemetery. This monument is believed to be the oldest monument in the United States dedicated to a Native woman, and the second oldest monument to a Native person. The monument, high above the Village of Owego on East Beecher Hill, offers panoramic views of Owego Village, the Susquehanna River Valley at a place the Onondaga called Ahwaga “where the valley widens,” a view the Erie Railroad used in its advertising for its “Ramble Through the Southern Tier,” a view facetiously suggested as from Binghamton to Elmira. Visit Helen Dean King’s grave and learn about the most important American woman scientist of the early 20th Century. Learn about Oscar Barton, who at the time of his death was the oldest Federal Civil War veteran in the Eastern US. Spencer Pumpelly, who pitched in one game for the old Washington Senators came home to Owego. Eudora Burgess donated hundreds of Mathew Brady’s original Civil War photographs to the Tioga County Museum. You can explore Evergreen Cemetery on foot or on your phone by taking the EVERGREEN CEMETERY VIRTUAL TOUR.

# EVERGREEN CEMETERY



## OWEGO, NEW YORK

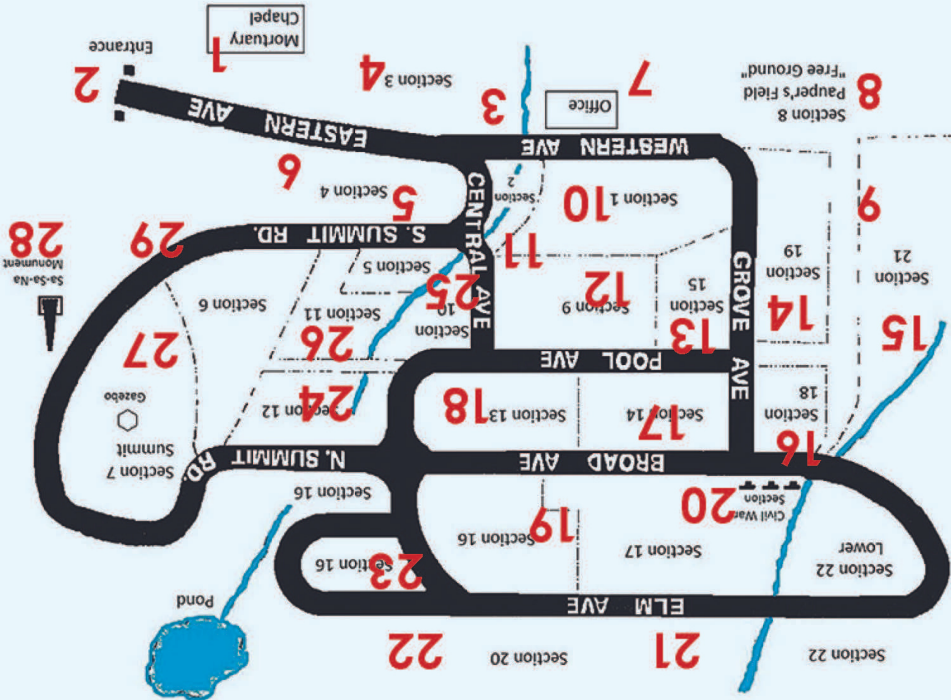


# Welcome to Evergreen Cemetery, Owego

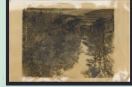
Evergreen Cemetery was created after the Great Owego Fire of 1849 which burned the village central business district. William S. Truman, writing in Owego Sketches says "The great fire marks the transition from the old to the new; the primitive to the modern." Evergreen is part of the Phoenix that rose from those ashes.

Map of Owego Evergreen Cemetery  
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Established  
1851



1. Owego Mortuary  
Local contractors, the Randall Brothers, built in 1920 by



2. Original Entry The original arch gate (1892) "a piece of architecture that adds beauty."



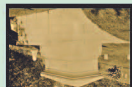
3. Millstone Steps  
Nested in Section 3 steps are made from millstones.



4. Second Longest Epitaph A headstone with a clever epitaph, is flanked by two benches.



5. Lt. Benjamin W. Loring Loring helped carry President Lincoln on the night he was assassinated.



6. Senator Thomas C. Platt "Boss Platt" ruled the National Republican Party during the Gilded Age.



7. Caretaker's Cottage/Office the original caretaker's cottage was burned by vandals in 1980.



8. "Free Ground" AKA "Pauper's Field" for those who could not afford a grave.



9. The Lawn Cemetery New, more democratic burial style, became known as the "lawn cemetery movement."



10. Suffrigist Elizabeth Chaffield Private Secretary (1869 - 1870) to suffragist, Susan B. Anthony.



11. Longest Epitaph in Evergreen Largest late 20th Century monument with the longest epitaph—73 words.



12. Officer Forrest A. Hall Hall was murdered two years from the day he started with the O.P.D.



A Rural Cemetery: Evergreen in the "Rural" style reflecting romantic conceptions of nature.



National Register of Historic Places: Listed 2002.



Virtual Tour of Evergreen Enhance your visit with blog and histories. Access through tourism website: <http://experienceowego.com>



18. E. Jennie Steele Awarded the Medal of Honor for extraordinary service in battle during Civil War.



17. Helen Dean King Women's Nobel Prize (aka Ellen Richards Prize) awarded the biologist, professor, and author—awarded the certificate at 16.



16. Richard Stout Awarded the Medal of Honor for extraordinary service in battle during Civil War.



15. Oscar Barton Barton was the last survivor of Company B, 26th NY Colored Infantry Regiment.



14. Otto Carlson Spore, of tone and resonance, were renowned for depth Carlson and Berry, pianos



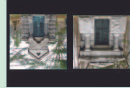
13. Amos and Eunice Mead: Amos and brother Israel, fought in the Revolutionary War.



19. Pumpelly/Farker/Thompson Lovejoy Crypt Extended family of Pumpelly women and men are famous in science, law, charity, and industry.



20. Civil War Section Also called the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) section.



21. The Cheney and Curtis Mausoleums Remarkable monuments overlooking the cemetery and Owego.



22. Harold Packer Gotham monument Unique Celtic Cross marks the Gotham family plot.



23. Philip Paul Bliss, Jr. Composed OPA, Alma Mater, son of gospel singer, composer Philip P. Bliss, Sr.



24. Constable Isaac Willis shot and killed on July 17, 1869, while confronting burglars.



25. Haywood Bronze Monument White-bronze Creation figure is one of only two bronze monuments in Evergreen.



26. "Owego's Millionaire Banker" Lyman Park Truman successful banker, turned businessman and mercantile



27. "Houston We Have a Problem" Lawrence Fosshee was involved in bringing the Apollo 13 astronauts home safely.



28. The Sa-Sa-Na Loth Monument Dedicated to Sa-Sa-Na Loth, is the earliest monument with Native woman.



29. The William Pumpelly Crypt On the descent from the summit it is one of two Pumpelly family crypts.



30. The "Cleared Area for New Burials" Area cleared for new burials.