“What spot can be more appropriate than this?” – a walking tour of Mount Auburn Cemetery

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On October 9, 2005 the Friends of Mount Auburn and the Historical Society of Watertown cosponsored a guided tour of Mount Auburn Cemetery in celebration of 375th anniversary of Watertown’s founding. During the walk members of the Historical Society Council and volunteers spoke about the lives of some of Watertown’s notable figures now buried at the Cemetery. The walk included visits to the graves of poet **Maria White Lowell**; inventor **Sterling Elliott**; Wellesley College founders **Henry** and **Pauline Fowle Durant**; Revolutionary War hero **Captain John Fowle**; Watertown doctor **Dr. Water Hunnewell**; cotton manufacturer **Seth Bemis**; library founder **Joseph Bird**; railroad manufacturer **Charles Davenport**; Walker Pratt Foundry owner **Miles Pratt**; Watertown Historian **George Frederick Robinson**; sculptor **Anne Whitney**; Star Market grocery chain founder **Stephen Mugar**; United States Supreme Court Justice **Benjamin Robbins Curtis**; physician and founder of the Historical Society of Watertown **Dr. Alfred Hosmer**; and sculptor **Harriet Hosmer**. The walk concluded at the Hosmer family lot with a special flower laying in honor Harriet Hosmer’s 175th birthday on October 9.

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In 1831 Mount Auburn created a new American landscape that defined what our nation’s cemeteries should be and inspired the creation of our public parks.

As an active burial place and a vibrant cultural institution, we continue to celebrate the lives of individuals who have shaped our world by opening our renowned landscape, art and architecture to the community.

A natural oasis for tens of thousands of visitors annually, Mount Auburn Cemetery will forever be a source of comfort and inspiration.

The Friends of Mount Auburn Cemetery is a non-profit educational trust established to promote the appreciation and preservation of Mount Auburn’s cultural, historic and natural resources.

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The mission of the Historical Society of Watertown is to explore and to excite a general interest in the study of all historical events, subjects, and questions, whether of a nature civil, military, education, ecclesiastical, or otherwise, that connect themselves with any portion of the large territory that was originally included under the municipal title of Watertown; to obtain biographical sketches of all individuals ever resident therein who have enacted a prominent part in its local affairs, or whose family names have become distinguished in state or national history; and in general not only to obtain the above historical knowledge, but to preserve and make it known; to maintain a society building at 28 Marshall Street, Watertown, MA 02472, (known as the Edmund Fowle House), with a museum, art gallery and library.

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