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The Newsletter of the Friends of Mount Olivet Cemetery

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Here Come the Fixers!

While walking through Mount Olivet Cemetery, it is not unusual to find a broken gravestone or one lying on the ground in need of repair. To address this, the cemetery's board created the *Mount Olivet Preservation and Enhancement Fund*. The purpose of the fund is to preserve the historic records, structures, and gravestones in the cemetery. In order to fulfill the goals of the fund, volunteers were needed to assist with the work at hand. Hence, the Friends of Mount Olivet (or FOMO for short) was formed. Some volunteers work with records, others clean gravestones, and then there are those who choose to partake in monument repair. These are "*the Fixers*," a group of men and women dedicated to the resurrection of fallen or damaged gravestones. In years past, repairs were made with materials "*that did not have the scientific benefits we enjoy today*," says Ray Crough, one of the original Fixers. For that reason, the repairs did not last.

Bob Leinhauser and Ray Crough began as gravestone cleaners but felt driven to restore them as well, so they attended a Mount Olivet sponsored workshop on gravestone repair presented by Jonathan Appell of Atlas Preservation. He is one of the top restoration experts in the nation. With the encouragement of Jonathan and Chris Haugh, Bob and Ray decided to "fix" gravestones. The cemetery obtained the equipment they would need to make the repairs. They started small and had success mainly through trial and error. Jonathan Appell's training was extremely helpful, too. In a recent conversation with Chris Haugh, Jonathan said, "*I'm astonished that the repair team at Mount Olivet has made the progress they have in such a short time. There are many famous, historic cemeteries throughout the country with volunteers and funding sources that haven't gotten gravestones fixed and righted in decades.*"

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By Chris Haugh, FOMO Executive Director



Nan Markey cleaning stones in Area NN

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We had an amazing year as FOMO in 2023. Ron Pearcey, our cemetery superintendent, has been employed here since 1966, and remarked throughout the year that he has never seen the cemetery looking better! Our staff, and board, appreciates these efforts, as well as cemetery lot-holders, tourists and reverent recreationalists alike. So many triumphs and wins from cleaning hundreds of gravestones in Area H to fixing monuments of varying difficulties and sizes. Another successful series of military "decoration days," memorable social events and another nice feature article in *Frederick Magazine*. However, there was also loss, none bigger than that of our fearless "Head Stoner," Nanette Markey in late October.

How can one forget Nan's great smile, playful sarcasm, plaid red/blue flannel cleaning shirt, impeccable laugh and that "Nan can-do" attitude? Many may not know about her amazing organizational talents and leadership skills, well demonstrated in our cleanings. All the while, she displayed passion for everything she did and demonstrated boundless optimism while experiencing personal trials involving her mother, her husband and, lastly, herself and her own health.

The cemetery has been here since 1854, and will continue to be here long after all of us are gone. Relative to that, Nan Markey was only here for a very short time including four cleaning seasons. In this short time, she leaves a legacy of so much more than pearly-white gravestones of marble, thousands of before and after photos, hundreds of personal lot inspections to check record accuracy, a 99% completion rate of memorial pages on Mount Olivet's *Findagrave.com* site and a *Google Drive* filled with pertinent data spreadsheets that will continue to guide our efforts into the future.

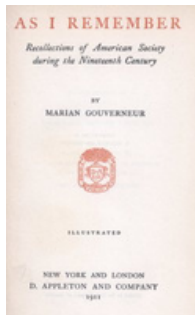
A week after Nan's death, I attended Preservation Maryland's annual *Phoenix Rising Best of Maryland Awards Gala* held in Baltimore. I had intended to be accompanied by Nan herself. She wouldn't know it, but she would be receiving the state's coveted "Volunteer of the Year" award in the field of preservation. The surprise had to be tabled, but Nan would be told of this honor the day before she passed, and I was joined by Preservation Maryland's executive director, Nicholas Redding, to present this award to Nan on the morning of her death with Rob and her two sons, Josh and Mike, looking on. The ceremony in Baltimore featured a photo montage as Nan was posthumously announced as the winner and received one of the loudest ovations of the night while I collected countless condolences on her behalf.

If Nan would've been afforded the opportunity, I'm positive that she would have given thanks and humbly shared the honor with her amazing team of fellow Stoners.

I certainly don't have to repeat the magnitude of loss to our Friends of Mount Olivet group, but we are driven to move forward knowing that she will play the role of stone-cleaning fairy Godmother, something she wrote in a farewell email to her fellow volunteers two days before her passing. That said, the Friends of Mount Olivet received nearly \$5,000 in donations in Nan's honor from friends and family, and will be used solely for gravestone/monument cleaning supplies into the future.

BOOK CORNER

FOMO Member Conor Toole shares some of his favorite books about famous historical figures with ties to Mount Olivet Cemetery



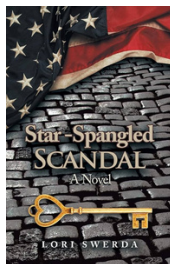
As I Remember: Recollections of American Society During the 19th Century

By Marion Gouverneur

D. Appleton & Company, 1911

Reproduced by Good Press through Kindle, 2019
\$39.00 Hardcover; \$13.00 Softcover

The author, Marian Gouverneur (1821-1914), and her husband, Samuel Lawrence Gouverneur, Jr. (1826-1880), are buried in Area G, Lot 118 of Mount Olivet Cemetery. Her book is a first-hand account of American society during the later part of the 19th Century. A portion of her book describes their residence ("Waverly") on a farm west of Frederick during the years of the Civil War where they ended up having to "entertain" both sides of the conflict. The couple was well connected to society owing to the fact that Samuel was the grandson of James Monroe, the fifth President of the United States.



Star-Spangled Scandal

By Lori Swerda

iUniverse 2019

\$19.95 Paperback

This novel is based on the true 1859 murder of Francis Scott Key's son, Phillip Barton Key II, by US Congressman Daniel Sickles. Phillip Barton Key II was having an affair with Sickles' wife, Teresa. Upon discovering the affair through an anonymous letter, Sickles shot Key in public in D.C.'s Lafayette Square. Hometown author, Lori Swerda, developed her book as an historical mystery with background describing all the characters involved and the public sentiment surrounding the event. Lori Swerda has visited Mount Olivet Cemetery on several occasions and given strong presentations in support of her work and research into the book.

WREATH WRAP

As a year-long program, *Wreaths Across America* 2024 started right after the ceremony and wreath-laying back on Saturday, December 16th, 2023. The Friends of Mount Olivet will once again be a group sponsor for Mount Olivet, and looking at current veteran totals, we will need around 4,400 wreaths this year.

We currently have 44 wreaths sponsored, including 22 from sponsoring groups and 22 others are a match from *the Wreaths Across America* organization. FOMO have already conducted our first fundraiser for 2024, and this took place on December 19, 2023 at the Derby Restaurant in New Market, MD. Due to patron's support that evening, the Derby was able to donate \$547.60 which will equate to 32 wreaths plus a like-match from *Wreaths Across America* to add 64 wreaths to the earlier 44. We are also waiting to see how many wreaths will be sponsored by the Mission BBQ "Hero Cup" sales promotion.



Thanks to our FOMO group for their amazing support with sponsoring wreaths, and for assisting on *Wreaths Across America* Day as onsite hosts and "wreath chaperones." These folks greeted visitors and handed out wreaths and provided instruction to participants while conducting audits of cemetery sections after the wreaths were placed. Our Mount Olivet maintenance crew helped with set-up and tear down, while our "Fixers" team directed traffic, shuttled wreaths around the cemetery and broke down empty wreath boxes. Ray Crough took an array of beautiful photographs of the day which appear on *FaceBook* under the special site *Wreaths Across America* Friends of Mount Olivet. This site operates in addition to our regular Mount Olivet Cemetery *FaceBook* page.

As always, it is teamwork that gets everything done.



Here Come the Fixers (cont.)



Appell continued, “These guys, through trial and error, and best of all, dedication to the cause, have fixed hundreds in just a year and a half! That is simply amazing, and exemplifies what historic preservation is all about.”

The *Preservation Fixers* are a group of people who like to troubleshoot and repair things because that was their expertise in former careers. Bob Leinhauser brings his skills as a former firefighter/paramedic to the repair job because of his ability to safely work with heavy equipment. Ray Crough builds spacecraft and incorporates the science from that into restoration, which has to be as precise as it is in building spacecraft. Ray also took a sculpting class at Frederick Community College and uses those skills (and tools) in repairing gravestones. Roy Schwarzenberg is a retired engineer and brings his construction knowledge to each job, especially the more challenging ones.

After the *Preservation Fixers* got comfortable with their techniques, they presented their own repair workshop last summer to the *Friends of Mount Olivet* volunteers as well as other interested guests. As a result of the workshop and other repair opportunities, a group of “Girls” asked if they could fix gravestones. The resounding answer was a definite “Yes.” Dottie Olson and Kathy Murtagh joined the group. Dottie tried to help with the big jobs but realized she was best suited for the smaller ones. There are others who have joined the *Fixers* – Mick O’Leary, Gary Baker, Rob Burns. They bring their own work skills to the project in a way that enhances each restoration.

The *Fixers* believe it is important to restore gravestones for various reasons. Some believe it is a necessary service because the fallen and broken gravestones distract from the historic nature of the cemetery. Others enjoy the camaraderie of the group as well as the challenges presented by each gravestone. Perhaps the most important reason for fixing them has to do with the souls buried beneath them. Roy Schwarzenberg views each gravestone as “a physical object that tells the life story of the individual.” Besides the person’s name, the gravestone might include birth and death dates, marriages, Bible verses and other values that portray the individual’s life. Gravestones often tell stories of the individual buried there that touch your heart. The stories would never be read if the gravestones were not repaired. Genealogists and others wishing to find the final resting place of their loved ones come to the cemetery for that very reason. If the gravestone is broken, they might not find the information they need. Fixing them not only honors the individual buried there, but also provides the life story to those who are searching.

Quite often a “Stoner” who begins to clean a grimy gravestone cannot read any information on it. Once it is cleaned, however, there is real joy and satisfaction because the story of the individual buried beneath is made real to them. This is true of the *Fixers*, too. Restoring gravestones, whether it be a simple job or one more challenging, brings a sense of completeness. It offers those fixing the gravestones an opportunity to admire a job well done and to bring honor to the individual buried there no matter their story. With the help of many organizations, Mount Olivet Cemetery is honored to maintain the graves of Francis Scott Key and other historic figures buried there. There are many visitors to the cemetery who come just to see their burial places. The goals of the Preservation volunteers, however, is to maintain all the gravestones with dignity. Many of the souls buried underneath them have been forgotten for various reasons. In the words of Kathryn Murtagh, by cleaning and repairing a gravestone, “for a short time someone remembers they were alive.”

Any time the weather is suitable for repairs, the team might assemble the hoist and work as a group on a challenging gravestone, or an individual *Fixer* might work on a simple repair on their own. The *Preservation Fixers* have repaired over 200 gravestones in a period of 18 months. They are always ready to talk about their completed jobs, so don’t hesitate to ask.

Ray Crough summed up his thoughts about preserving the gravestones when he said, “Stoning has been a labor of love, and Mount Olivet has provided a great opportunity for us to maintain the beauty of this great Victorian cemetery and to honor those buried here.”

If you are interested in helping with this specific volunteer work, contact Bob, Ray or Chris.



Mount Olivet Tree and History Walk “Sprouting Up”



This certainly isn't the best time of year for outdoor walks. There are blustery days, with below freezing temperatures, snow and ice-covered pathways waiting for accidents to happen, and a depleted landscape, devoid of cute woodland creatures, birds galore, flowers, and other pretty colors commonly found in other seasons. Nature doesn't inspire vitality quite the same way in winter, and these are a few of the main reasons why outdoor walks and hikes may be bypassed or postponed to other times of the year.

Be that as it may, the current season is the perfect time to tell you about a new walking tour opportunity coming this spring. Mount Olivet is on the cusp of offering an ongoing *Tree and History Walk* on its spacious grounds. This was the brainchild of the Frederick County Conservancy District Forestry Board, who have previously designed similar walks through Baker Park and the Hood College campus.

Last winter, while proactively making end-of-life planning arrangements for himself and his wife, Bruce Phillips proposed the idea for a “tree walk” to Mount Olivet staff members. After a half-century career in the tree and landscape industry, Mr. Phillips has enjoyed retirement in Frederick, moving here over eight years ago. Having lived previously in Montgomery County and in Easton (on the Eastern Shore), Mr. Phillips oversaw the maintenance and installation of tens of thousands of trees and shrubs over his career, as well as planting hundreds more on his personal properties. It's no wonder why he quickly came to admire Mount Olivet due to its tree population.

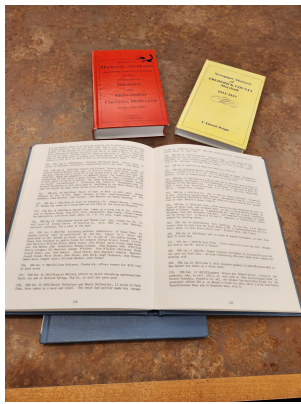
This led Bruce and a few colleagues (from the Frederick Forestry Board) to nominate four trees on our grounds for the “*Maryland Big Tree Program*” of the Maryland Forest Service. This organization has been collecting information on the largest trees of each species, growing in our state, since 1925. The Mount Olivet trees include a Littleleaf Linden, a Pin Oak, a Scarlet Oak, and a Pecan Tree. These specimens were recorded in the program's register and on the website, www.mdbigtrees.com. While none of our inhabitants are state champions, each ranks among the largest (of its species) in Frederick County and the state as a whole.

Bruce Phillips and his team eventually met with Mount Olivet's Chris Haugh early last year in an effort to make a “cemetery tree walk” a reality. A collection of 18 trees were identified along a manageable walking route of under a mile in length. Information on each tree was then collected, and Chris devised a series of “history interludes” relating Mount Olivet to trees and playing on the cemetery's early roots as a planned “Garden Cemetery.” He hopes that this will complement the tree information by further educating and entertaining tour participants between tree stops. A test run of the route was conducted by Forestry Board Members last April with participants from our Friends of Mount Olivet group.

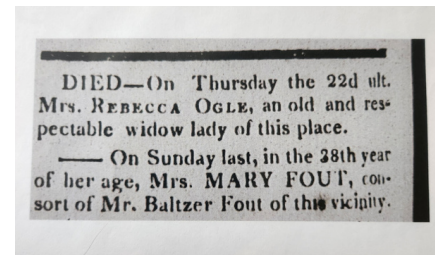


The Mount Olivet Tree & History Walk will eventually afford the opportunity for patrons to experience both guided and self-guided tours here on the cemetery's beautiful grounds. QR codes will be safely installed on participating trees, allowing smartphones to access a website version of the tour, which is currently under construction. This site will also allow the opportunity for others to experience a virtual tour from the comfort of their homes.

National Arbor Day is Friday, April 26th, and this will be the official launch of the Mount Olivet Tree & History Walk. After a short ceremony starting at 12 noon, the walking tour should run around 90 minutes and will be guided by docents from the Frederick County Conservancy District Forestry Board. A repeat performance is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th at 10am and both tours will launch from Mount Olivet's Key Memorial Chapel. The Forestry Board's website is: frederick.forestryboard.org and the Mount Olivet Tree & History Walk should be uploaded in April.



RESEARCH IN THE TRENCHES



One of the stated missions of the Friends of Mount Olivet is “*preserving our historic cemetery records.*” For many of the earliest burials in Mount Olivet Cemetery, there were few, if any, records other than the cemetery’s own burial records. FOMO’s Donna Lacagnina, a member of the History and Archival Research Committee, volunteered to search for obituaries for more than six hundred people, with death dates ranging from 1743 to 1854.

Many early newspapers were published weekly, usually each Saturday. Since the exact date of death is known for every name on the list of early burials, it was easy to search for an obituary by locating the papers dated within a week or two of each person’s date of death. When a desired article was located, it was clipped and printed for future placement in a binder to be kept at Mount Olivet. Transcriptions of the obituaries have also been entered on the *Find-a-Grave* website. A total of over two hundred twenty-five obituaries from the list have been located to date.

The search began in *the Maryland Room* at the C. Burr Artz branch of the Frederick County Public Library with early editions of the *Frederick Town Herald* available on microfiche. Mary Mannix and Derek Gee, Maryland Room librarians, provided suggestions for other resources. A search of available newspaper abstract books revealed the existence, although not the content, of many obituaries for which newspaper editions are not available to view. Mary and Derek, both of whom have years of experience assisting library patrons, are available during regular Maryland Room hours and their contact information can be found at fcpl.org. Go to fcpl.org/content/maryland-room to see the resources available there.

Several other obituaries were found through the Genealogy Department of the Washington County Free Library. Their website has an easy-to-use format for requesting copies of obituaries published in Hagerstown, Maryland newspapers. Searches on the *Genealogy Bank* website resulted in many obituaries and other articles of interest about the people buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Heritage Frederick, formerly the Historical Society of Frederick County, provided digitized copies of microfilm rolls to search through on their computer. These files cover many years’ worth of Frederick newspapers. Future plans include searching the flat files, which contain physical copies of some newspapers from the desired period, and broadsheets, which are bound copies of some of the old local newspapers.



**FOMO’s Donna Lacagnina in the
Maryland Room**

Archivist Jody Brumage at *Heritage Frederick* has been very helpful with this research. *Heritage Frederick* has a history of over one hundred years of helping people search through the past. Jody is familiar with the available resources and will locate the items needed for specific subjects. To find a list of resources available at *Heritage Frederick*, visit their website at heritagefrederick.org and choose the “research” tab at the top of the page. This will lead to the Library and Archives Catalog. An appointment is necessary for research and can be made by emailing archivist@frederickhistory.org. Email requests should include information about the subject to be researched. Appointments are available Wednesday through Friday during museum hours.

The Maryland Room and *Heritage Frederick* both have other resources available to search for death records and obituaries. These include copies of church records, a Frederick County index of wills, and Jacob Engelbrecht’s diary and death ledger among others. There are also a number of resources that specifically relate to particular local families from Frederick’s past.

Meet the Schadens



Mike and Sheila Schaden have been active members of FOMO since 2020 when Mike met Chris Haugh, Historian and Preservation Manager of Mount Olivet, while visiting some of the six generations of his family who are buried in the cemetery. As you may have read in *Stories in Stone* (February 2022), Mike's great grandfather was a Frederick monument maker who made many headstones for Mount Olivet. What began as a discussion in Area T soon blossomed into a relationship that has brought two wonderful people to our group.

Sheila was drawn in by *Stories in Stone*, which inspired her to walk around the cemetery looking for the graves mentioned in the articles. Mike enjoyed the educational tours, which are pertinent to Frederick and its history, and the many facets of the cemetery that FOMO members contribute to from research to photographing graves for *Find-a-Grave*.

Mike and Sheila began with stone cleaning, a task that Sheila especially enjoyed because it allowed her to be outside during the Covid shutdown. She discovered a previously unknown passion for cleaning stones, especially the little angels that decorate some of the headstones. When she is done with her assigned stones, she seeks out the angels, rubs off the dirt, and sprays them with D2. Later, she will check on them to see if they need a more in-depth cleaning. "By us cleaning those stones, we're bringing back the memory of those people," Mike stated.

The Schadens eventually became the overseers of the *Mount Olivet Monument Hall of Fame*, which Chris created and then later delegated to "some fool that wants to take it over." The Schadens modified the Hall of Fame with a "loose set of regulations" that allows more stones to be included in the selection process. Stones are nominated by FOMO members, and nominations are subjective. "It has nothing to do with quality, or the people underneath the stone. Sometimes, it's not the stone itself. It's the fact that it's always decorated or something simple like that that draws people's attention to it." Requests for nominations will be coming soon, so keep your favorites in mind.

They would both like to see QR (quick response) codes added to significant or historically important graves throughout the cemetery to give visitors a history of the person or a link to Chris Haugh's *Stories in Stone*. "A lot of people walk through the cemetery and they see names, but they don't know about these people. It would be so nice if we could attach [QR Codes] to the stone so that people could view it with their phones and it would refer them to a short story of who this person was." This would draw people to the cemetery to learn more without needing to join a scheduled tour.

The Schadens firmly state that there are other volunteers who do so much more for Mount Olivet, though both agree that their greatest claim to fame was getting Bob Leinhauser involved in Friends of Mount Olivet. Bob was walking his dog through the cemetery one day when the Schadens were cleaning stones. Bob stopped to ask what they were doing, and they invited him to one of our FOMO walking tours, and that was the beginning of Bob's many contributions to FOMO, which includes stone cleaning and stone repair.

While Mike and Sheila are quite humble, their contributions are certainly not. From heading up the Hall of Fame committee and cleaning headstones to hosting the FOMO Holiday Party in their beautiful home this past December, Mount Olivet are very happy to have them on our team, and look forward to finding even more activities to hand off to them.



Mike giving FOMO members Hall of Fame voting instruction

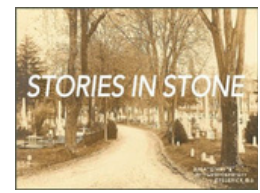
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please plan on attending one of two annual membership meetings in late February to receive the 2024 FOMO Calendar of Events and learn of other volunteer and social opportunities and projects that our *Friends of Mount Olivet* program will be offering in the new year. The meeting will feature committee updates and light refreshments. Again, we will have both a noontime and an evening session to accommodate everyone's schedule and preference. This will take place on **Tuesday, February 27th at 12 noon and 6pm in the Key Memorial Chapel.**

(Please RSVP to Katelyn so we can get a handle on refreshments and committee representation).

Stories in Stone

“Auld Lang Syne” and the Inventor's Daughter



If you were fortunate enough to join Chris Haugh on his *Unsettling Tour of Mount Olivet* in October, you might remember our stop at Area H to view the grave of McClintock Young, Jr, namesake of McClintock Distillery and world-renowned inventor. We also saw the grave of his daughter Eloise, who has her own interesting and unsettling story to tell.

Born in 1877, Eloise enjoyed a privileged childhood, learning first-hand the importance of ingenuity which would allow her to re-invent herself later in life. A guiding influence was her father, a manufacturer who garnered over 100 patents in his lifetime. He helped Eloise in many ways, but none more important than on a dark, snowy day in March of 1916.

One of the many gifts Eloise would receive from her father was a small, rustic dwelling on Catoctin Mountain. The Young family's mountain house was simple and made of stone. It was quite a departure from the fine Frederick townhouse on North Court Street that Eloise had grown up in, not to mention her posh surroundings in New York City, which she experienced after marrying attorney Arthur English and leaving Frederick around 1900. Mr. English was a native New Yorker, extremely well-educated, and a diligent worker. In 1910, the family lived in an apartment building in Brooklyn with Thomas, Arthur's son from a previous marriage.



At the time of her father's death (1913), Eloise and Arthur had four children: two boys (Hugh b. 1901) (Edgar b. 1904) and two girls (Ruth Bird b. 1905) and (Louise b. 1912). Eloise became centered on raising her children, a burden that seemed to be falling more on her shoulders as Arthur spent more time on his profession and less time at home.

By year's end 1915, Eloise and her children were residing at the farmstead on the outskirts of Frederick. The relationship between husband and wife was beyond strained; the couple spent more time living apart than together. Arthur was often in New York while Eloise found some semblance of civility by staying on Catoctin Mountain, but more so from being away from Arthur. On Saturday, March 18, 1916, Eloise watched in dismay as Arthur, on a rare visit with his family, forced sons Hugh and Edgar to chop wood during inclement weather. Hugh had been ill, and Eloise did not want him out in the frigid elements. She went outside and asked Arthur if he would give Hugh a reprieve, perhaps choosing a chore indoors instead. Arthur erupted and began berating Eloise, not happy with her intervention. Eloise returned to the house quite shaken. This had not been an isolated incident as it was later reported that she regularly endured verbal beatings from her husband.

Sensing the dire possibility that she may need protection for both herself and her children, Eloise retreated upstairs to retrieve a most practical gift given to her as a young girl by her father—a small pistol, which she hid in her dress. She returned downstairs and took to washing dishes.

Arthur came inside and resumed his diatribe, scolding Eloise for berating him and his directive for the boys. She tried to reason that Hugh had been sick and thought it better that he be assigned a less rigid task. At this, Arthur flew into a rage, grabbed a hammer and began smashing furniture, heirlooms, and china. Eloise took to her knees, begging her husband to calm down, which made him even angrier. He then smashed a glass cabinet and grabbed the revolver kept within, uttering to Eloise, “*I will finish you!*”



The English Mountain Retreat

But before he could, Eloise pulled the hidden pistol from her dress and shot first, emptying all five chambers into her husband. She then picked up his gun and did the same, allegedly. She had shot Arthur through the heart and in four other places, dropping him in the middle of the family's dining room. Not certain of the damage inflicted, Eloise quickly gathered all four children and fled, traveling a distance of a mile and a half through the snowy woods to a neighbor's house.

At the home of Charles R. Simpson, Eloise told the story of what had just transpired. She did not know Arthur's condition as she calmly telephoned for a physician to attend to her fallen husband. She next called police headquarters to report her actions in response to Arthur's threat to her life and requested a warrant for his arrest. Eloise English would be exonerated by a coroner's jury after she and three of her children testified to Arthur's brutality and frequent threats to kill her. Neighbors, friends and relatives backed the story fully. One day later, Arthur's body was laid to rest, just ten feet beyond the grave of Eloise's beloved father.

Eloise English was now free of the abuse, threats, and violence. Thomas English came to Frederick immediately to be with Eloise and the children and to attend the funeral service at Mount Olivet. He offered to take in his step-mother and step-siblings and provide for their welfare back in Brooklyn. Eloise kindly declined the offer. She chose not to go back to the dwelling in Indian Springs, staying for a time at the home of her older sister. Eventually, she returned to Frederick and operated a truck farm with help from her children and a hired hand. She successfully raised her children into adulthood, but never remarried.

Eloise died in a Baltimore nursing home on February 2, 1959. She was buried in the family plot (area H, lot 483), next to her father, not her husband. Eloise Young English had reinvented her own life, and that of her children. Her father, Frederick's remarkable inventor, would have been proud.



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Memberships valid for 12 months (Jan-Dec).
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 (Please check one below)
 New Member
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Date of this Application (initial sign-up or renewal)

Please choose your membership level from the options below.		Complimentary Admission to official "Friends" Tours
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Household/Family \$50	member(s) plus 2 guests
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<input type="checkbox"/>	1854 Society \$1000+	member(s) plus 6 guest (annual private tour/up to 20 guests)

Check #: _____

Complimentary guest admission requires that at least one named member be present.

Member admission and complimentary guest admission are NOT valid for Maryland Heritage Tours events at the cemetery.

How would you like to receive our newsletter?

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I (We) are interested in working on the following "FOMO" activities:

- History & Archival Research
- Gravestone Preservation
- Event Planning
- Fundraising
- Develop Publications
- Other _____

Please make check payable to: **Mount Olivet Preservation and Enhancement Fund**

Send completed form to the address above. Thank you for your support!

Cemetery Preservation and Enhancement

- **Join one of our many committees and share your ideas!**
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