GREYSTONE PATIENTS FINAL RESTING SPOT: EVERGREEN CEMETERY

The Evergreen Cemetery was incorporated May 16, 1855 (filed in county courthouse May 17, 1855, Book of Incorporations, pages 148, 149) . George Cobb was the individual landowner at the time that donated the property for use as a cemetery for the local population. Evergreen Cemetery's current address is 65 Martin Luther King Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960.

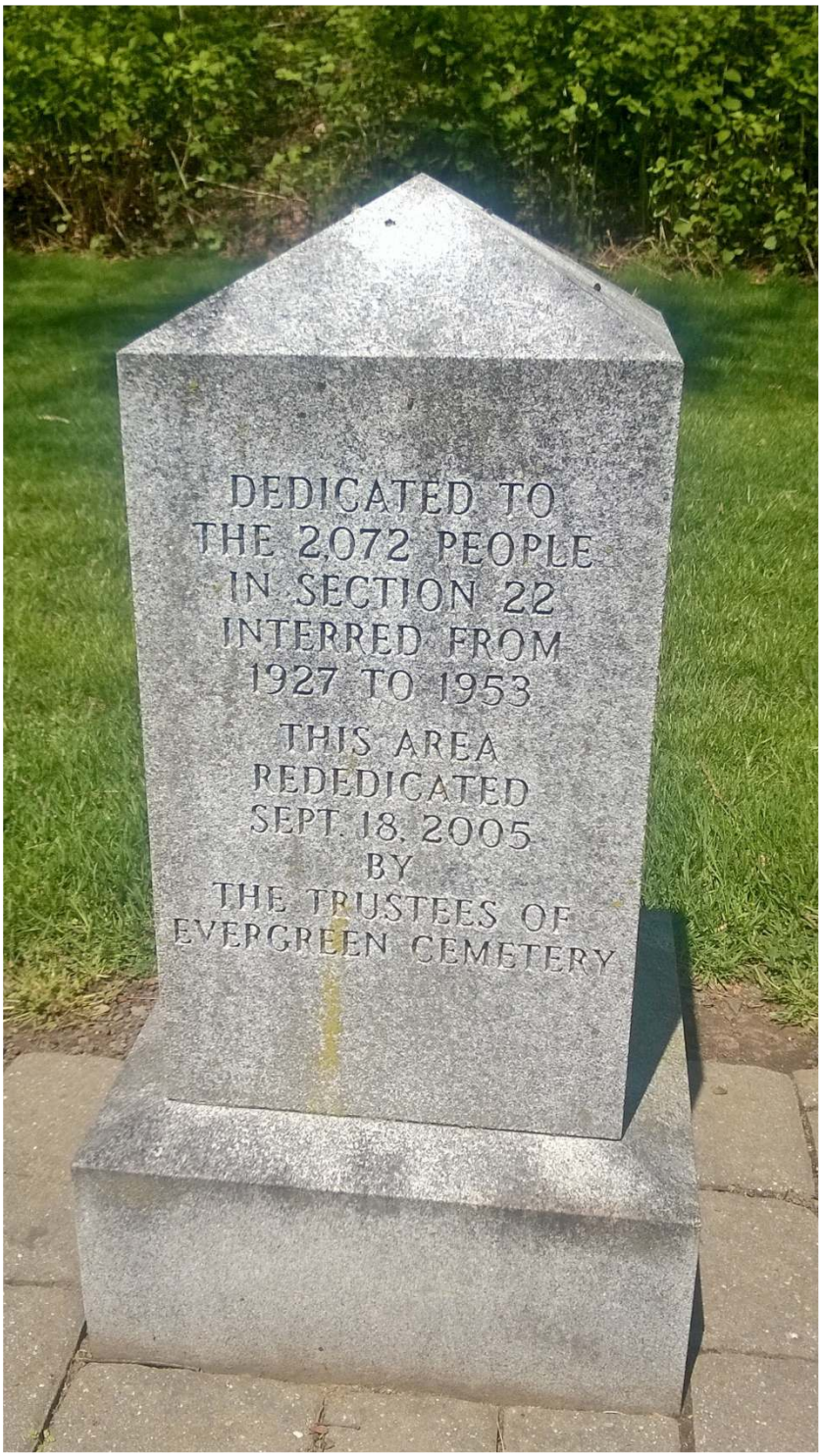
There are three sections where Greystone patients and other Morris County residents were buried: Section 16, 10-1-1877 through March 14, 1927 with 1118 burials. Section 22, 4-21-1927 thru 4-10-1953 with 2072 burials. Section 43C, 4-26-1953 through 6-10-1966 with 466 burials. Of the total burials (3656) in these three sections the Evergreen Cemetery Board of Trustees estimates that approximately 30% (1097) are Greystone patients. Burial of Greystone and other Morris County indigent individuals was shared with other cemeteries so one cemetery was not solely responsible for the financial burden. (Handwritten Book of Internments 1977 through 1966). The Evergreen Cemetery, Asylum Sections Records (1877-1953) (archived in the NJ History and Genealogy Center) indicate that 77 Greystone patients' remains were relocated from Evergreen Cemetery to other towns, after their identification by family members. Information about individual Greystone patient burials prior to 1966 can also be obtained from the administrative office of Evergreen Cemetery.

Markers of the day were concrete cylinders, approximately 16" long, 6" diameter with a number carved in the top while the cement was still wet (see picture) To honor and identify these individuals, the Evergreen Cemetery Board of Trustees installed in each of the above sections a granite monument to keep the memories alive (see picture). The most recent commemorative observance was the 150th Anniversary Celebration when the Evergreen Cemetery Board of Trustees honored those in Section 22.

According to the 1890 Veterans Special Schedule of the Federal Census and records gathered by the late Kemper Chambers (Evergreen Cemetery Historian), 7 of the 21 Civil War veterans who were treated at Greystone Hospital were buried at Evergreen Cemetery. Background on those veterans can be found on this website's "Additional Information" section in the "Civil War Veterans" subsection.

Greystone Patient Burial Site Marker

Evergreen Cemetery Memorializing Monument



Fall At Evergreen Cemetery