



May 2019 Welcome back to the story of Woodlands Cemetery. We are currently very busy capturing the GPS coordinates for each and every headstone in Woodlands. There are almost 400 of them. The GPS coordinates, accurate to 6 decimal places, along with the photo of the headstone should allow anyone to find any headstone. As a reminder, a list of Woodlands residents is available on line at the Library's Historic Image site. Eventually it will contain the GPS coordinates and a link to the headstone photo.

Woodlands is an active cemetery and has sites available. The cost of a site is \$600. Please contact us if you are interested.

The town has given Woodlands a \$500 contribution for the ongoing welfare and upkeep of the cemetery. We want to thank you and express our appreciation here.

In the History department.....first a little background on Giuseppe Garibaldi who has no direct connection to Granville. Giuseppe was a military leader in Europe and South America, very famous for his competence and success as a combat officer and leader. Garibaldi, in 1861, volunteered his Civil War services to President Abraham Lincoln and was offered a Major General position in the U.S. Army (Union). He didn't accept Lincoln's offer of a commission since he insisted that he be the Commander In Chief. His followers, however, who were deeply committed to the Union cause, formed a unit in his name and became a serious fighting force for the Union. The Garibaldi Guard was assembled in NY in May of 1861. Company A, within the guard, was composed mostly of newly arrived Italian immigrants many of whom had served in Europe with him.

In the year that the Garibaldi Guard was formed, Granville's Antonio Deganio, age 21, got off the boat from Italy, arriving in New York. He enlisted in the 39<sup>th</sup> New York Garibaldi Guard joining the other Italian immigrants in Company A to fight for the Union. He served until 1865. The Guard was engaged in Bull Run, Gettysburg, Bristoe Station, Wilderness, Petersburg, Harper's Ferry, and Deep Bottom. Antonio was captured during that period and served 11 months in Confederate prisons including the famous Andersonville.



**1148 Myrtle Ave**  
Brooklyn, NY 11221

Upon release, he returned to NY and, in 1867, became a naturalized citizen. In 1868 he and Maria Kempfer of NY were married. They lived in Brooklyn, at 1148 Myrtle Ave with Antonio working as a barber at 1165 Myrtle Ave. They had 8 children only 2 of whom, John and Amelia, survived to adulthood. In 1898-1900, he and Maria and his son John and John's wife Mary moved to Granville where he continued as a barber in Granville Center. He died in 1924. Although his headstone says Deganio (with an "i"), he and his family took the name Degano (without an "i"). Some early documents refer to Deganio, others to Degano. All later documents refer to Degano. Antonio's granddaughter (John's daughter) Mary became the "genial" Postmistress of Granville in the 1940's.



The inscription reads:  
*ANTONIO DEGANIO*  
*1840-1924*  
*39<sup>th</sup> N.Y. GARIBALDI GD*  
*1861-65*  
*11 MOS. ANDERSONVILLE,*  
*BELLE ISLE, FLORENCE,*  
*CHARLESTON MIL. PRISONS*  
*FOUGHT WITH GARIBALDI*  
*TO UNITE ITALY*

NOTE about Confederate Military Prisons:  
Andersonville is in Andersonville, GA  
Belle Isle is in Richmond, VA  
Florence Stockade is in Florence, SC  
Castle Pinckney Prison is in Charleston, SC

As the weather turns nice, feel free to walk through history in Woodlands Cemetery.

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