



Woodlands Cemetery Update and History

The Town has approved our request for a CPA grant to repair broken and hazardous stones. Throughout much of the summer, the professional company, Monument Conservation Collaborative, www.mcc-monument-conservation.com, from Norfolk, CT will be working to preserve these items.

Woodlands is an active cemetery and as such has sites available. The cost of a site is \$600.

Please contact us if you are interested.

We are continuing our project to identify

the coordinates for each gravesite.



Granville history is proud of patriot, Susan A. Phelon Barber, Army Nurse Corps WWI. Susan (July 31, 1885-1967) grew up in Granville and was the daughter of John Wells and Sarah A. Robinson Phelon who reside in Woodlands as does her sister Mary. She attended Granville Center School and Westfield High School. She taught in the Winsted/Torrington area before moving to Maine about 1910 to become a student nurse at Maine General Hospital in Augusta. She volunteered for the US Army and served in the Army Nurse Corps in Europe in WWI. On April 7th, 1919 she left France on the US Army Transport ship, Graf Waldersee, and arrived on April 20th in Hoboken, NJ. Now discharged, she moved to the Los Angeles area to work as a private nurse. At some point during the Roaring 20's she returned to Granville to live with her mother Sarah and to work as a nurse in Westfield.

On June 12, 1930, in Albany, NY, Cecil Ralph Barber and Susan were married, each for the first time, each at age 45, and both graduates of Westfield High School class of 1903. Cecil, an accountant and auditor with 4 years of college, and Susan lived in the Barber family home at 65 Pochassic St. Westfield until Susan's death in 1967. Interestingly, during the search for information on Susan, we found an item in the 50+ year old minutes of the Woodlands Association. It made note of a 1967 bequest of \$1000 from Susan A. Phelon Barber's estate to the Woodlands Cemetery Association payable upon the death of her husband, Cecil. Twelve years later, in 1979, when Cecil died, the Association received a check for \$1040.77. We thank her for that, for the service to the country, and to the care she gave to our WWI soldiers.



Susan A Phelon Barber / A.E.F.
Army Nurse Corps/1885-1967



Westfield High School Class of 1903. From left to right are: (front row) Mabel Edgely, unknown, Bess Carroll, and Charlotte Lewis; (second row) Dick Ensign, unknown, Lillian Russell, Kitty Byers, George Clark, Susan Reed, Alice Brown, Mabel ?, and Vera Simpson; (third row) Robert Klar, unknown, Cecil Barber, ? Avery, ? Thomas, Ed Cadwell, unknown, Nettie Furrows, Irene Sauter, and Mary Harr; (fourth row) F.B. Schmidt, George Keefe, William Buschman, Charles Keefe, Lucy Lockwood, Susan Phelon, Ray Sanford, Bob Pease, Anna Root, Elizabeth Bush, Bertha Camp, Jim Miller, and Val Skiff. Notice the girls holding whips.

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