PRESS RELEASE

“Born a British Subject, Died an American”

The Cypress Hill Patriot Headstone Restoration Project

A few years ago, George Clark brought to the attention of the Hendrick Hudson Chapter of the NSDAR the need for restoration work on headstones of patriots who fought in the American Revolution and who are buried in the Cypress Hill portion of the Cemetery of the Evergreens. Local historian and former historian for the Town of New Lebanon, Sharon Moon, has spent many hours working to clear debris from Cypress Hill and has marked the burial sites of the patriots and continues to search for more stones that may be buried under the soil.

With the support of the Hendrick Hudson Chapter, the Cemetery of the Evergreens Board of Trustees and the Lebanon Valley Community Corporation have joined in applying for a Historic Preservation Grant from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Should the grant be awarded, phase one of a three phased project would begin in the late spring of 2024. Phase one will restore the headstones that are in most need of restoration due to breakage, fading, moss and lichen stained, and/or toppled over. Christopher White of Albany Genealogical Services and Cemetery Conservation has been tapped to do the work on restoring the stones.

In order to secure the application, the LVCC and the Cemetery of the Evergreens needed to raise matching funds, which they did. However, the work cannot continue unless there is a funding stream.

This is where you, the members of the community, come in. The LVCC and the Cemetery Board appeal to your hearts to ensure that phases two and three come to fruition. Please consider donating to help preserve important New Lebanon history. Your donation, large or small, will go towards the restoration of the stones that mark the sites of those who served to make our country free. The LVCC is a 501c3 and the Cemetery is a 501c13 so donations to either organization are tax deductible. Please, when you send in your donation, please mark it for Cypress Hill Project.  You can also donate using a PayPal account or credit card through

<https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=CJPSK5ZDRPX4C>. Select “Friends of Cypress Hill Fund” in the “Funding Options Dropdown Box.”

Thank you for your support in this project.

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