In Section 11, Lot 32 rests Irish immigrant George R. White (1802-1877) and family, with the central monument bearing the family surname in granite as well as those of the related McCallough and Darlington families. White did well for his day, partnering with the Orr family in the retail business. He was on the founding vestry of Calvary Church in Shadyside and personally bought the lot it occupies for $100 as a donation so the church could be built. In his retirement, he gave liberally to the needy and was a founder of the Pittsburgh Institution of the Improvement of the Poor. It is only then fitting that a benevolent donor, 140 years after White’s death, took it upon himself to financially “adopt” the White lot and see to its restoration and special care.

The cross on White’s monument, which had been toppled by the 2002 Macroburst, was reset and the entire monument carefully cleaned by our expert staff. In Section 25, the headstone of White’s brother, James, was edged so as to be seen for the first time in nearly 100 years. The result? A monumental difference in appearance. This is your financial support at work!

The Allegheny Cemetery Historical Association welcomes the public to adopt a monument or lot of their own, be it for family, friends or strangers. Join us in our mission to honor the memory of our departed at rest– so that our heritage is preserved!
DEAR FRIENDS, I am pleased to announce that the Allegheny Cemetery Historical Association initiated a Capital Campaign in 2017, with the goal of raising two million dollars in funding toward conservation and restoration of this treasured landmark. Our Building and Grounds Committee has compiled a five-year plan which identifies maintenance and restoration projects, and can be summarized by its three main areas of focus:

Structures: Examples include the 1848 and 1870 Butler Street Complex, 1889 Penn Avenue Complex and belfry, 1895 Maintenance Complex, 1937 Soldiers Memorial, 1873 Victorian Fountain, 1895 Gardener’s Cottage and the mid-century Greenhouse.

Monuments and Public Art: Allegheny’s countless examples of memorial statuary, architecturally significant mausoleums and custom works in stained glass require painting, taking cleaning, delicate structural repairs, resealing, seaming measures and reconstituting when tampered due to age or the elements. The Temple of Memories Mausoleum (c. 1961) is in need of a new heating/cooling system for both the comfort of guests, as well as preservation of the many works of fine art displayed in its galleries.

Grounds & Infrastructure: The A.C.H.A. also provides for care of Allegheny’s historic landscape as Pittsburgh’s oldest park, which encompasses 300 acres and features over 3,000 trees. Aside from the obvious aesthetic appeal as an urban green-space, is the added air quality/stored CO2 and water retention benefits it offers. There are fifteen miles of roadways in Allegheny to be repaired and maintained, however, the integrity of these roads relies in proper groundwater retention and storm drainage systems, which are in need of maintenance and updating as well.

We hope you will agree that every effort toward the fruition of these goals is well worth our time and financial support, and we look forward to reporting on our progress in the New Year. If you are able to give financially to the A.C.H.A., there has never been a more opportune moment. It is with these large-scale projects in mind that we ask you to remember us in your charitable giving, and for your support and friendship, we offer our heartfelt thanks!

Sincerely,

Harmar D. Denry, IV
September 2017

It is impossible to tell the full story of Benjamin and Consuelo Morgan Thaw within the boundaries of this page and the few shared words left lingering between them on their understated headstones make no mention of the fullness of their lives or the events they set in motion nearly 100 years ago.

In the late 1920s, Benjamin Thaw was the First Secretary of the American Embassy in London. Along with his wife, Consuelo, they danced and dined among the finest circles, being warmly received by the elite of international society. Both were of prominent families. Benjamin, of the Pittsburgh Thaw’s, counted industrialists, early aviators, war heroes, and tycoons in his bloodline. Consuelo Morgan, thirteen years younger than Thaw, was the daughter of American diplomat, Harry Hays Morgan, and a former Countess. Her twin sisters shared equal fame. Thelma Morgan was Lady Furness (married to the Viscount) and Gloria Morgan was perhaps better known by her married name- Vanderbilt. Consuelo Morgan Thaw was both the Aunt of fashion mogul, Gloria Vanderbilt, and the Great-Aunt of journalist Anderson Cooper.

As Europe in the late twenties was bustling with the thrill of the upper echelon, Mr. & Mrs. Thaw often fraternized with a Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Simpson. The Simpsons had been newly married in 1918 with Mr. Simpson in international shipping and Mrs. Simpson a recently divorced American who knew “Benny” Thaw when he was in the Navy with her first husband. Unlike the Thaws, the Simpsons orbited the outer edge of high society and Mrs. Simpson desperately wished to be accepted into its inner circle.

With that in mind, Consuelo Thaw asked a favor of her friend, Wallis Simpson, which would become a significant moment in history. The New York Times (25 Apr 1936) notes that: “One day in November 1930 Mrs. Thaw asked Mrs. Simpson if she and her husband would go to Burrough Court, a country house at Melton Mowbray, and substitute for her as chaperons at a weekend house party that was to include the Prince.”

Benjamin Thaw death announcement, 1937

Consuelo remained married to Benjamin until his death in 1937. She would marry again and live the rest of her life in France, though a cenotaph honoring her memory was placed alongside Benjamin where it lies today.

David and Wallis, Duke and Duchess

The events to follow would be a scandal that would rock the monarchy of England to its very core and alter the course of British history. The Prince of Wales and future King of England fell deeply in love with the American girl he danced with that evening. At his Coronation in 1936, Edward, VIII scandalously chose to stand next to the still-married Wallis, and their forbidden romance would lead to Edward’s abdication of the throne later that year in order to be with her. The crown would pass to his brother George VI, and later his daughter, Elizabeth II, the reigning Monarch, Wallis and “David,” as he was known to friends, would settle in America as the estranged Duke and Duchess of Windsor.

Consuelo Morgan Thaw
These industrious pioneers would go on to establish Pittsburgh as the “Paris of Appalachia” and a “mecca of vast fortunes.” One such concern is the Shoenberger Iron Firm, which at the turn of the century became a subsidiary of Andrew Carnegie’s United States Steel. John H. Shoenberger was a founder of Allegheny Cemetery and well known for his philanthropy. He rests in Section 4, Lot 1, alongside his wife, Margaret, who John memorialized by establishing St. Margaret Hospital after her death.

It was at Shoenberger’s that William Crawford Jr. (1818-1890) became the first of four generations to contribute to the massive success of this iconic Pittsburgh industry. William served as Harbormaster for the City and did well enough as a Manager at Shoenberger’s that he was able to provide for his wife, Jane Dickey, and her entire immediate family as well as four children of their own. In honor of their benevolent employer, they named their youngest son John Shoenberger Crawford.

In 1861, after completion of his education at Central High (now Central Catholic) William Neely Crawford, Sr. was born in 1866 between his father David’s enlistments. He began his career with Shoenberger’s and eventually became a Superintendent at the Homestead Carnegie Steel Works. His son, W.N. Crawford, Jr. (1881-1972) also worked in Homestead from an early age and was credited with over fifty years of service with Carnegie Illinois/U.S. Steel Corporation.

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W.N. “Bill” Crawford, III would have been the fifth generation in Iron and Steel and had his parents not insisted on a formal education. Bill was commissioned and Lieutenant as a Bombardier/Navigator at the end of WWII and, thanks to the G.I. Bill, graduated from Pitt with a degree in Petroleum Engineering in 1948. He married his sweetheart, Jeannette Sutterfield, and they lived for a time on all six continents pursuing drilling operations and raising a family of five.

### A Legacy of Iron and Steel

by William N. Crawford, III & Nancy Foley

IN SECTION 22, Lot 28 of Allegheny Cemetery, lies the Crawford family lot. With 25 burials, representing six generations of family members, it is a prime example of the Victorian Age tradition of securing large family estates scarcely replicated today. Though there is no grand mausoleum or towering central monument to relay the family history, it is truly one of iron and steel, of a pioneer spirit and service to country: in short, a monument to relay the family history, it is a prime example of the Victorian Age tradition of securing large family estates scarcely replicated today. Though there is no grand mausoleum or towering central monument to relay the family history, it is a monument to relay the family story of Pittsburgh through the ages.

The earliest settlers in this region were of that hardy breed that sailed to the new world, and out of this area grew a city that notes the only description we have of her - she was 5’7”, with blue eyes and brown hair. The trip was long, but uneventful, and as they drew within an hour of landing, the crew lauded a journey well-traveled. Just as those congratulations were taking place, tragedy reached her hand from the cold dark sea to indiscriminately pluck the lives of those on board. Out of the 105 passengers and 75 crew, only one man survived to tell the tale.

John McGartland’s testimony notes that the ship was nearing port when it struck a large rock called Inistrahull. With barely any time to launch lifeboats, he was soon adrift and knocked unconscious as his boat overturned. Upon waking, he found himself clinging to the righted vessel, and pulled himself aboard. However, McGartland soon realized he was not alone. Historical accounts note that resting against the floorboards, tucked beneath the seats, lay the body of a young woman dressed in a black silk gown. McGartland was rescued by the Steamer Enterprise the following morning, shaken but alive, though what became of the girl remains lost to history.

The ship’s manifest tells us less than half of those on-board were women and even fewer of those women were young, traveling alone, or in mourning. Perhaps the most significant historical clue to the identity of the girl in the boat is the most striking in accounts of the ship’s foundering: “The Woman in Black.”

As they had done only months before, the Pusey family once again gathered at Allegheny Cemetery, this time to place a cenotaph in remembrance of Ella. Without a male heir, the once-familiar family name has since been lost to Pittsburgh history. In the margins of Allegheny Cemetery’s records, Ella Holmes Pusey is simply noted as “lost at sea,” though in reading this, she is no longer lost, but found by those of us whose honor it is to remember.

**Ella’s passport application, Oct. 4, 1870**

**Handbill advertising the steamer service between New York and Glasgow**

**Ella Pusey’s cenotaph, Section 23, Lot 38**

Ella Holmes Pusey was one of several children born to parents of prominent families, and in July 1870, tragedy befell them when Ella’s brother William died of “brain fever” at age 27. On a hot July day, he was the first to be buried in the Pusey family plot.

Three months later, while Ella was still in mourning, per the Victorian tradition of a six month period after the loss of a sibling, she made plans to accompany the Bingham family (friends, as they journeyed across the sea to Ireland, most likely to visit Holmes family relations. In early October 1870, Ella obtained a passport that notes the only description we have of her - she was 5’7”, with blue eyes and brown hair.
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