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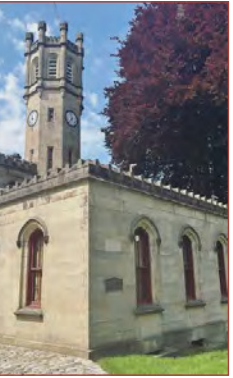
**OUR NEXT MAJOR PROJECT IS** the weatherproofing of the administration building, including replacing the large first-floor windows. These 12-foot arched windows will be exact replicas to protect the integrity of the cemetery's essential office space. The Allegheny Cemetery



Historical Association is honored and grateful to have the necessary support to fulfill our mission of protecting and preserving the historic structures, monuments and grounds for the benefit of future generations and our community.

The administration building extension was added to the Butler Street Gateway and clock tower in 1888 to help create more workspaces for the growing number of clerical employees. The expansion added space for what is now 6 cubicles and 3 private offices on the first floor. The architecture was designed to match the gothic style of the other structures and achieves the intended harmonious and cohesive look. The original admin office was added to connect to the gatehouse and gateway in 1868 and featured a 80-foot clock tower, chapel and three office spaces. In 1986, the workspaces in the extension were modernized to update the cubicle spaces for the staff.

Inside the administration building you will find the finest woods, marbles, and building materials that were available at the time, with hand-carved wooden window casements, rich wood paneling, and the grand, self-supporting spiral staircase.



The cemetery is proud to offer free literature, refreshments and assistance to respectful visitors from such a beautiful, historic building. We are blessed and grateful to our dedicated employees, founders, non-profit board and generous donors to serve our community for over 180 years. Please consider joining our great history by donating or prearranging and we will be happy to serve you and your loved ones for generations to come.

## PRIME STAGE THEATRE AT ALLEGHENY CEMETERY

**PRIME STAGE THEATRE** BROUGHT THEIR Cemetery Walk event to Allegheny Cemetery for the first time this year.

The talented actors of Prime Stage have been performing at The Homewood Cemetery for a couple of years now, but on June 21, 2025, they reenacted several notables laid to rest here within Sections 13, 16, 19 and 20. The portrayals honored Ms. Kate U. Moorhead, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, Lucy Morrison Schoyer, Thomas S. Clark, Delia Raymond Carr, Calbraith Perry Rogers and Henry Oliver with live actors in themed costumes. The event was well-received and attended with our lovely neighbors and community joining us for the special performance. We hope to continue this event annually and highly recommend that you attend, if possible!

"The key to the whole event is to actually feel like you're watching this person from the past come to life," Prime Stage board member Sueanne Zoratto told *Pittsburgh City Paper*. "Honestly, I think that is the intrigue." While cemeteries often host walking tours, "just walking around looking at tombstones is different than actually seeing that person come to life and tell their own story," she said (*Pittsburgh City Paper*, June 27, 2025, Rachel Wilkinson).

The mission of Prime Stage is to bring great literature and history to life through the transformative process of live theatre - to entertain, inform, enrich and inspire audiences with engaging programs that deliver long-lasting benefits to theatregoers, families, students and educators of our region.

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## THE SIX-TRIPLE-EIGHT

**"NO MAIL, LOW MORALE" WAS A SIMPLE** but effective motto for the 6888<sup>th</sup> Central Postal Directory Battalion, or "Six Triple Eight."

The only all-female, predominantly Black Army unit, with some women of Hispanic or Caribbean descent, was sent overseas during World War II. The unit consisted of 850 female officers and

enlisted personnel who were selected from over 6,000 women of color serving in the Army Air Corps and Service Corps. The 6888<sup>th</sup> operated as a full Army battalion - this self-contained unit managed everything internally, from mess hall to public affairs, and had a battalion newsletter, *Special Delivery*. During this era of segregation, the women faced racism and sexism from the Army that was meant to support them.

The unit arrived in England in early 1945 and found warehouses filled with undelivered mail and packages that had been collecting since the war started. The women had to organize an effective and efficient system to process the monstrous piles of mail, while also repackaging anything damaged before sending it to the next line of distribution. Besides the extraordinary amount of mail, the women also had to locate the covertly moving soldiers and distinguish them by their ID tag rather than the common names or nicknames. The damp, cold and rat-infested environment in the warehouses created terrible working conditions. The women decided to work around the clock, seven days a week, in three



8-hour shifts. Through their dedication, 17 million pieces of mail were redistributed in only 3-months after being assigned 6-months to complete the previously impossible task!

When the war in Europe ended on May 8, 1945, the Six Triple Eight were still needed. The unit transferred to Rouen, France, where they were given another 6-months to organize and distribute the mail, which these incredible women delivered again in half the time!

By November 1945, after a transfer to Paris, only 558 women from the initial 850 were still active in the battalion. The 6888<sup>th</sup> battalion was officially disbanded on March 9, 1946 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, after clearing all the backlogs of mail. The women of Six Triple Eight exceeded all expectations and eliminated any misconceptions

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Allegheny Cemetery and its buildings were given Landmark status and placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Individuals or organizations wishing information on funding or supporting specific restoration projects are invited to contact the Office of the President at Allegheny Cemetery. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania: 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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A Message From Our President, Mr. Harmar D. Denny, IV

**DEAR FRIENDS,** Allow us to pause for just a moment to reflect on all the reasons we have to be grateful and thankful for enduring another year together. Allegheny Cemetery is able to flourish through the continued generosity of our friends, neighbors, and the dedicated efforts of some aligned philanthropic organizations. Out of this generosity, we are graciously able to fulfill our mission of preserving the great heritage of Allegheny Cemetery and all those entrusted to our care. We are so deeply grateful for the support we received thus far, and hope you will continue to join us as we weatherproof the Administration Building.

In the beginning of the year, we directed donations towards the replicating of the Butler Street administration building's 12-foot arched windows. Along with this large project, our expansive grounds require dedicated attention to maintain the safety of our infrastructure, tree canopy, roadways, signage, and historic monuments. Through the charitable donations from friends such as you, the Allegheny Cemetery Historical Association has been able to raise a significant amount of the funds needed to replicate the beautiful glass windows and weatherproof the administration building while continuing the endless preservation needed for a cemetery established for perpetuity.

Allegheny Cemetery, established in 1844, is the final resting place to all ethnicities and denominations of notable figures and everyday people from Pittsburgh and our nation's history. This includes thousands of veterans, factory workers, tradespeople, farmers, teachers, and people in every profession and social class. Your contribution will honor the memory of many generations of loved ones by supporting our preservation and restoration efforts within these historic and hallowed grounds. Your tax-deductible donation to our 501(c)(3) organization is deeply appreciated and vital to our continued success.

Sincerely,

Harmar D. Denny, IV  
November 2025



### *The Six-Triple-Eight continued from page 1*

by delivering at a standard above what had been asked, regardless of their environment.

At least two of these incredible women are buried in the cemetery's veteran section 43, Ms. Mary Priscilla Monroe and Ms. Frances Vernon Crews. Their names were listed in the *New Pittsburgh Courier* on February 24, 1945, among the "first contingent of Negro Wacs arrived in England" and the "first U.S. Army Postal Unit compromised entirely of women to be sent overseas."

Ms. Mary Priscilla Monroe was born on March 10, 1899, in Pittsburgh. She enlisted on November 20, 1942, at the age of 43, after being a maid and general industrial clerk; she became an aviation cadet in the Women's Army Corps. She was selected to serve in the Six Triple Eight Battalion from August 4, 1943 – December 7, 1945. Ms. Mary



*Mary P. Monroe, Sec. 43, Lot 310*

P. Monroe served her country and came home an unrecognized American patriot. She passed on October 28, 1974, at the age of 75, and is buried in Section 43, Lot 310.



Ms. Frances Vernon Crews was born in Alabama on August 9, 1915, and enlisted March 17, 1943, in New York City at 28 years old. She had previously been a servant and maid for a private family in New York. Both she and Ms. Monroe were single without dependents and had only one year of high school education when they enlisted. Frances Crews passed in the West Penn Hospital at the age of 74 on August 23, 1989. She is buried in Section 43, Lot 232-C.



*Frances Crews, Sec. 43, Lot 232-C*

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# KIRK LEMOYNE BILLINGS, OR “LEM,” WAS BORN

in Pittsburgh on April 15, 1916. He was a descendent of Dr. Francis Julius LeMoyne, the well-known abolitionist and founder of the Children’s Hospital in Pittsburgh. Lem’s life changed when he met John F. Kennedy at Choate prep school in Wallingford, Connecticut, in 1933, while working on the school’s yearbook. They banded together, Lem growing from the scrawny kid to strong and healthy, while Jack’s health was precarious and he was commonly ill. Their two years together in boyhood helped solidify a strong bond that would last for life.



Kirk “Lem” LeMoyne Billings at the White House

The entire Kennedy family was smitten with Lem and appreciated his genuine friendship with Jack and the rest of the children. Mr. Joseph Kennedy wrote to Lem saying, “Dear Lem, this is as good a time to tell you that the Kennedy children from young Joe down should be very proud to be your friends, because year in and year out you have given them what few people really enjoy. True Friendship. I’m glad we all know you.”

The duo next adventured in Europe for two summer months before starting at Princeton University in 1937. Their schooling was interrupted by the start of World War II when their classmates began enlisting. While Lem’s poor eyesight disqualified him from service, Jack enlisted in 1941 in the Naval Reserve and was assigned to the Office of Naval Intelligence. In 1942, Lem was accepted by the American Field Service, a paramilitary ambulance corps. Pvt. LeMoyne Billings went to Cairo, Egypt and in late 1943 received minor shrapnel wounds at El Alamein and was sent home. After healing, Lem received a recommendation to join the U.S. Naval Reserve and was finally one step closer to his friend; he served on the U.S.S. Cecil, an attack transport in the South Pacific.

Lem graduated from Harvard School of Business Administration in 1948, became vice-president at Baltimore’s Emerson Drug, and then vice-president of Lennon & Newell, a New York advertising

# POWERFUL FRIENDS

THESE TWO COMMON PEOPLE WERE FRIENDS WITH POWERFUL POLITICIANS, BUT THEIR STRONG FRIENDSHIPS OUTLIVED THEIR DEATHS AND TRANSCENDED THEIR AFFLUENCE

firm. In 1958, Kennedy was re-elected to the Senate; as President, JFK would offer Lem several jobs, which Lem refused as he wanted to be friends more than anything else. He continued to work for Lennon & Newell in New York, often staying at the White House when visiting JFK in Washington. When Lem was appointed a founding trustee of the National Cultural Center (which became the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, a living memorial) by President JFK, he visited even more, gaining a Secret Service code name and use of the White House guest room. The bond they shared since childhood had grown stronger from the tests of time, war and politics, but Lem never tried to use Jack’s fame or wealth since their friendship began. Lem would confess years later “Do you think I would have had a better life having been Jack Kennedy’s best friend, having been with him during so many moments of his Presidency, having had my own room at the White House, having had the best friend anybody ever had- or having been married, settled down, and living somewhere?”

On November 22, 1963, the President of the United States, John F. Kennedy, Lem’s best friend, was shot and killed. On Monday, November 25, 1963, President JFK was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Lem settled in a townhouse adjacent to the Guggenheim Museum in New York in 1981, collecting art and memories of his youth. On May 28, 1981, Kirk LeMoyne Billings passed away in his New York townhouse at 65 years old. He was buried at Allegheny Cemetery on June 1, 1981, next to his parents in Section 12, Lot 92/93. His funeral was attended by many in the Kennedy family. The inscription on his headstone reads “Love Never Dies” and was added by his family after his passing as a fitting tribute to the man who loved those in his life so deeply. Lem bequeathed his New



Kirk LeMoyne Billings,  
Sec. 12, Lot 92/93

# ANOTHER MAN WHOSE CLOSE FRIEND WAS

famous is Howard Eaton. Howard was born on February 8, 1851, and raised in a wealthy Pittsburgh family. He started his first ranch in 1879 near Medora, North Dakota, and established a residence with squatter’s rights along with two of his brothers. He named the ranch Custer Trail after General George Custer, who had camped in the area. Howard first hosted visitors, including wealthy Pittsburghers, in 1883, offering hunting, fishing, and horseback riding in abundance for those who wanted it.

Howard was first introduced to Theodore Roosevelt on a hunting trip in 1883; they were only 7 years apart in age and both enjoyed the wild Western ways. A year later, Roosevelt established his Maltese Cross ranch next to Howard’s. They bonded over similar interests and a love for Western adventure, with Roosevelt visiting often and recounting his vacations. It was Roosevelt who helped the Custer Trail ranch grow into a well- known vacation spot for those in the East. Howard also used his talents for other profitable endeavors, including as a wild animal broker, shipping exotic animals to parks in Pittsburgh and across the country. In 1898, Eaton started giving two-week guided tours through Yellowstone Park. The Eaton’s Wyoming ranch, sold in 1904, is still in operation today and welcomes guests.



Howard Eaton, Sec. 7, Lot 54

Howard Eaton died on April 5, 1922, in Wyoming at 71 years old. He was riding, camping and guiding until his death. He is buried in Section 7, Lot 54, next to his parents. Yellowstone National Park named a trail in his honor with a dedication ceremony on July 19, 1923. While Howard Eaton started as an enthusiastic hunter of wild game, he became more of an activist for their protection as he spent his life among them.



## FROM A TIME WHEN PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

was limited to letters and stories from travelers, Pittsburgh newspapers had to stand out to get the attention of locals, commuters and business people alike. There were different papers for different religions and political beliefs, but in order to survive, the newspaper industry had to combine in a text-heavy market. In the 1840s, there were at least 6 newspapers in circulation, which included the *Daily Gazette*, *Pittsburgh Dispatch* and the *Commercial Journal*. By 1876, Pittsburgh had 33 newspapers, with 11 daily and 6 religious.

**Daniel O'Neill** was born on January 1, 1830, in Ireland and immigrated to America in 1851. He quickly secured a job as an assistant reporter for Colonel J. Herron Foster, the founder and proprietor of the *Pittsburgh Dispatch* (James Herron Foster is buried in Section 20, Lot 22). He worked with the *Dispatch* for 5 years and became the chief reporter until he left to be the editor of a rival newspaper, *The Chronicle*. When the American Civil War started in 1861, O'Neill went South to become a war correspondent and was a part of the Sanitary Committee in Pittsburgh. After the war ended in 1865, O'Neill purchased shares in *The Dispatch* and later gained ownership with his colleague Alexander W. Rook.

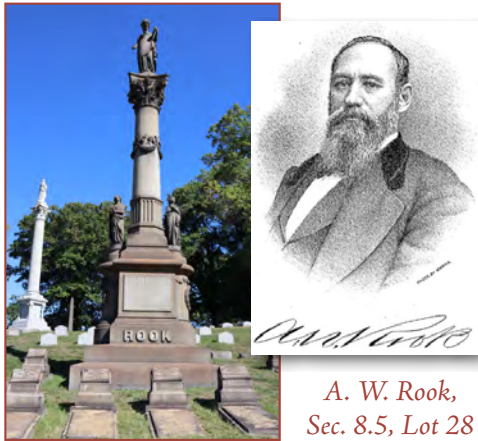


**Daniel O'Neill,**  
Sec. 8.5, Lot 27

O'Neill entered politics and was a part of the Pittsburgh City Council for several years. He passed away at his home on January 30, 1877, at the young age of 47. *The Pittsburgh Commercial* detailed the speech given at his funeral stating he "started in life a poor boy, and had, by his industry and

talents, attained wealth and distinction and took no inconsiderable part in molding the public sentiment of the community in which he lived" on February 2, 1877. Daniel O'Neill is buried in Section 8.5, Lot 27.

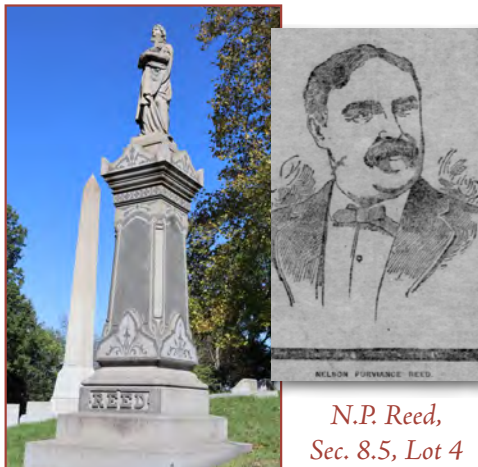
**Alexander W. Rook** was born on January 11, 1826, in Pittsburgh, after his family moved to the area in 1820 from New York. He started in the printing business at the age of 14, with his first job being a roller boy and typesetter for *Pittsburgh Mercury* while still attending school in the evenings. He



**A. W. Rook,**  
Sec. 8.5, Lot 28

apprenticed for 6 years before joining the *Pittsburgh Post*. His eye for layout and form helped him stand out amongst his peers. He worked at the *Philadelphia Ledger* and *New York Herald* before returning to Pittsburgh in 1849 to work in the composing room of *The Gazette*. He became the first local representative of the newly formed Typographical Union in 1850. In 1854, Rook became the foreman in the composing room for *The Evening Chronicle* where he remained until 1864. In 1865, Rook and O'Neill became partners in the firm of J. H. Foster & Co., publishers of the *Dispatch*. After the death of Colonel J. H. Foster (April 21, 1868) the partners became sole proprietors of the paper. Mr. Rook also served a term in the city council in 1869. Their paper was greatly successful until 1877 when they lost Mr. O'Neill. Alexander W. Rook passed on August 14, 1880. He is buried in Section 8.5, Lot 28. *The Pittsburgh Dispatch* stopped publication on February 8, 1923.

**Nelson Purviance Reed** was born on August 13, 1841, in Butler County, attended Butler Academy and was an assistant to his father, Major George W. Reed, the treasurer of Butler County. Nelson served with the Butler company of volunteers at the Battle of Antietam. In 1864, he moved to Pittsburgh and started working as the book-keeper at the *Dispatch*. In 1866, a partnership led by Mr. Reed bought the



**N.P. Reed,**  
Sec. 8.5, Lot 4

## NEWS AND BREWS AT ALLEGHENY CEMETERY

*Gazette*. He later acquired the *Commercial* (which became the *Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette* in 1877) where he was publisher and editor. Reed died on March 28, 1891, at his home on Wilkins Avenue in Pittsburgh and is buried in Section 8.5, Lot 4. The *Pittsburgh Press* featured an article on his life and death stating, "He began at the foot of the ladder and unaided he reached the top" (3/30/1891). The *Ligonier Echo* referred to Mr. Reed's passing as "One of Pittsburgh's Foremost Citizens Passes Away in the Prime of Life" (4/1/1891).

**Robert M. Riddle** was born on August 17, 1812, and graduated from Washington & Jefferson College. His first business venture was the wholesale mercantile firm Riddle & Forsyth with partner Jacob Forsyth (1796-1868, buried in Section 25, Lot 1). In 1837, Riddle was editing *The Daily Advocate & Statesman*. He served as a Pittsburgh postmaster from 1841-1845, and appointed the first letter carrier in the city. In 1845 Riddle took over the *Spirit of the Age*, renamed it the *Commercial*



**Robert Riddle,**  
Sec. 11, Lot 72

*Journal*, and edited the newspaper until 1858, when he sold it to Thomas Bigham, a man of similar beliefs (Thomas James Bigham is buried in Section 25, Lot 123. He was a charter member of Allegheny Cemetery and served as the organization's first secretary). Riddle was a founder and publisher of the *Pittsburgh Commercial* which became the *Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette* under Nelson P. Reed. Riddle helped establish the Republican Party and was present at the first Republican National Convention in downtown's Lafayette Hall on February 22, 1856. Riddle died on December 18, 1858 at the age of 46 and is buried in Section 11, Lot 72.

**Ms. Jane Grey Cannon** was born on December 6, 1815, in Pittsburgh. Her journalism career began when she started writing letters to the editor of the *Pittsburgh Commercial Journal*, Mr. Robert M. Riddle. Jane had previously written poems and stories under her pen name, Jennie Deans. She was married and moved to Kentucky, where she had a child and witnessed abhorrent treatment of humans. Unhappy in her marriage, she returned home to Pittsburgh to take care of her ill mother, staying after her eventual passing. After the only abolitionist newspaper in Pittsburgh stopped printing, Mrs. Jane Grey Swisshelm announced to Mr. Riddle that she was going to start her own

abolitionist paper and he was going to print it. She invested most of her inheritance into the newspaper, which she named the *Pittsburgh Saturday Visiter*. Its first issue was published on December 20, 1847, and 6,000 readers were subscribed by the next year's end. Being the only lady journalist caused intrigue and scandal with the public, and as publisher Mr. Riddle was therefore attached to its notoriety. The *Visiter* published weekly, containing political news, commentary, market prices and general-interest articles. Even with 6,000 subscribers the *Visiter* struggled to turn a profit, and Mrs. Swisshelm sold half of her interest in the paper to Mr. Riddle in 1849. The *Saturday Visiter* was renamed the *Family Journal and Saturday Visiter*, but the novelty of a female publisher has disappeared. Jane went on to publish another newspaper in Minneapolis and later worked as a nurse during the Civil War. In 1868, Jane sued her ex-husband and won ownership of the old Swisshelm homestead in Swissvale, where she spent the rest of her days writing



freelance articles and traveling. Ms. Jane Grey Swisshelm passed away on July 22, 1884 in her home and is buried in Section 10, Lot 485.

**Jane Swisshelm,**  
Sec. 10, Lot 485

## MUCH LIKE HOW THE PITTSBURGH NEWSPAPERS

had to merge to continue profitably, the Pittsburgh breweries had to do the same. In 1817, there were only 3 breweries listed in the Lyford's & Harris' Directory of Pittsburgh, but by 1895 there were 30. Twenty-three local breweries combined to form the Pittsburgh Brewing Company were Eberhart & Ober Brewing Company and Wainwright Brewing Company. The merger on February 9, 1899, made Pittsburgh Brewing Company the third largest brewing company in the United States.

In 1818, **Joseph W. Wainwright** started Winterton Brewery on Wainwright Island near the 40th Street Bridge in Lawrenceville. The island was washed away by floods many years ago, but is famed to be the actual spot where Washington landed on his trip in

1754 to "the Forks of the Ohio." Joseph Wainwright was born in England in 1779 and came over to America around 1803. Joseph had been a well-known and wealthy brewer in England. At least four of his sons apprenticed under him to learn the brewing trade. Samuel & Ellis Wainwright established a brewing company in St. Louis, Missouri, while Jarvis & Zachariah Wainwright took over their father's brewery in Lawrenceville. In 1852, Jarvis & Zachariah renamed their brewery to Wainwright Bros. Joseph and his wife Elizabeth Greaves Wainwright are buried in Section 7, Lot 14 with many other family members, including some of their eleven children.

**Jarvis Wainwright** was born on November 19, 1806, in Lawrenceville. In an 1850 Census, Jarvis and his wife, Eliza Cinnamond Wainwright, shared 3 kids together in a house with Mary Jane Cinnamond, Eliza's widowed mother, and two sisters. Next door to them on the same census was Zachariah Wainwright and his wife, Olivia, with 2 children. Jarvis passed on August 5, 1874, and is buried in Section 7, Lot 14 with his parents. Zachariah was born on February 4, 1818, on Wainwright Island. He passed on April 16, 1871, and was buried in Homewood Cemetery's Section 14, Lot 11.



**Jarvis Wainwright, Sec. 7, Lot 14**

Eberhart & Ober Brewing Company was named after their owners, William Eberhart and John Ober.

**William Eberhardt** was born in Alsace, France, on April 20, 1844, and immigrated to Pittsburgh in 1846. His father, Conrad, was a German brewer and established a brewery in his own name in 1848. After Conrad retired in 1870, William partnered with his brother-in-law, John P. Ober, and operated as the Eberhardt & Ober Brewing



**Wm. Eberhardt and J. P. Ober**  
Mausoleums in Sec. 14

Company. William died March 25, 1899, shortly after the big brewing company merger. He is laid to rest in Section 14, Lot 124, in his private mausoleum next to his brewing partner.



**The Eberhardt & Ober Brewing marquee still**  
graces the Penn Brewery building

**John Peter Ober** was born on August 21, 1848, in Pittsburgh's Allegheny City and worked at his father's German brewery Ober Bros. from the age of 15 until he joined Eberhardt in 1870. The beer was known as E & O or Early & Often in newspaper advertisements. After the big beer merge, John P. Ober served as treasurer for the Pittsburgh Brewing Company until his death on November 11, 1909. He was laid to rest in his private mausoleum in Section 14, Lot 125. The production of Eberhardt & Ober's Dutch & Club beer was discontinued in 1952. The Eberhardt & Ober Brewery buildings in North Side's Deutschtown are nationally recognized historic sites and have been occupied by Penn Brewery since 1986.



**Welcome sign for Deutschtown in Pittsburgh's**  
North Side