1. Col. T.J.Kennedy (1820-1883) Organizer of 1st Civil War Cayuga Volunteers

2. Jane Rogers (1817-1892) Director of Cayuga Asylum for Destitute Children for 32 years. Memorialized in Orphanage plot with 59 children. She is buried in an unmarked grave in Woodlawn Bower.

3. B.B. Snow (1810-1920) Author of BB Snow Journals referenced in "O'Hearns History".

4. Mary Towne Burt (1844-1898) Women Temperance Leader and Orator. President of NYS WCTU.

5. Logan Monument

Monument to Indian Orator Chief Logan (He is not buried in Fort Hill).

6. Thomas Mott Osborne (1859-1926) Warden of Auburn and Sing Sing Prisons, Prison Reformer..

David M. Osborne (1822-1886)
Founder of D. M. Osborne & Co. which was later to become part of International Harvester. Lithgow Osborne (1892-1980)
Newspaper publisher, Ambassador to Norway. Eliza Wright Osborne (1822-1911)
Philanthropist, leader in women's movement. Martha Coffin Wright (1806-1875)
Sister of Lucretia Mott. Mother of Eliza W.
Osborne. Active in women's right movement.

7. Jerome "Brud" Holland (1916-1985) Cornell Football star, US Ambassador to Sweden, first African-American director of New York Stock Exchange.

8. George R Metcalf (1914-2002) Longtime State Senator, author.

9. Herman H. Schwartz (1906-1992)
Industrialist, philanthropist.
Maurice I. Schwartz (1901-1967)
Industrialist, philanthropist, Mayor of Auburn.

10. Louis Lawton (1862-1949) Winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor during the Boxer Rebellion.



11. Home Monument

Burial Site for "The Home", Friends of the Homeless, Civil War Widows.

12. John Hardenbergh (1746-1806) Captain in Revolutionary War, founder of

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Annette Tilden (1868-1945) Main Monument Riggs (Brother-in-law). One of the founders of the Cayuga County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

13. Edwin D. Metcalf (1848-1915) Industrialist, founder of Columbian Rope Company.

14. William H. Seward (1801-1872) Secretary of State for Lincoln, Arrange purchase of Alaska

15. Myles Keogh (1848-1876) Soldier of fortune, killed at the Battle of Little Big Horn.

Andrew Alexander (1834-1887) Civil War General and friend of Miles Keogh (Read back of Monument).

Emory Upton (1839-1881) Civil War General (Read back of Monument).

16. Fred L. Emerson (1876-1948) Industrialist and philanthropist.

17. Harriet Tubman ((ca. 1820-1913) Former slave, leader of Underground Railroad, Union spy in the Civil War.

18. Auburn Seminary Burial Site for many officials of the Auburn Theological Seminary

19. Methodist Circle – For a beautiful view overlooking the cemetery.

20. Theodore W. Case (1888-1944) Scientist, inventor. Created the first commercially successful soundtrack for motion pictures. Donated the property to create the Cayuga Museum.

21. Silas L. Bradley (1817-1883) Successful merchant, wife endowed the establishment and maintenance of Bradley Chapel at Fort Hill.



THE ORIGIN OF FORT HILL

Near the center of the tract called "Fort Alleghan", was a settlement of early indigenous people, the Alleghans. The site was later occupied by the Cayugas and called Osco. The boundaries of that village were defined by a series of earthen mounds separated by entrances leading to a rounded elevation in the center. It is atop this center mound that the monument to "Tah-gah-jute" or "Logan" is situated. Legend says that Logan, a prominent leader of the Cayuga Nation, was born at this site when it was occupied by the Cayugas over 200 years ago.

The site was examined by Henry R. Schoolcraft in 1845, along with S.A. Goodwin and J.H. Bostwick, and again in 1850 by E.G. Squires. In his book, "The Antiquities of New York," Squires refers to the fortress, or Fort Hill as "One of the best preserved and most interesting works in the State is that overlooking Auburn."

It is from these early observations that the cemetery derived its name. Its' significance, elevation and natural slopes, majestic trees and central location were the deciding factors in its selection. On July 7, 1852, the cemetery grounds were formally dedicated.

Bradley Memorial Chapel

The Bradley Memorial Chapel was a gift to Fort Hill Cemetery by Jane C. Bradley as Memorial to her husband, Silas Bradley. The Chapel was designed by native Auburnian and Boston architect, Julius Schweinfurth. It was dedicated in 1892, to be used free of charge for services of those being buried in Fort Hill. The original structure consisted of the Chapel and the Entrance Tower.

In 1928 the family of Eliza Osborne donated the Cemetery Office, which was designed to be made in the same stone and design as the Chapel and Tower.

On Fitch Avenue, the Underwood Memorial Gate was added in 1929, dedicated to the memory of Jonathan Platt Underwood.

A second gate was added on Fitch Avenue in 1967 to the memory of Samuel and Bertha Schwartz.

The Bradley Memorial Chapel is available for weddings and meetings of civic organizations in consideration of a donation to cover the cost of maintaining this beautiful structure. There is seating for 100 persons.



Bradley Chapel

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Set on a hill overlooking Auburn, this site was used as a fortress by Native Americans as early as 1100 A.D. An earthwork structure with eight gateways is all that is left of the last fortifications built by early Alleghan Indians. Nineteenth-century architect, Julius A. Schweinfurth, designed the main gateway and chapel. The cemetery includes the burial sites of William Seward, Harriet Tubman, Miles Keogh, and is the site of a monument to the Indian leader and orator Logan.

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Background of the Association

On May 15, 1851, a group of civic leaders met in Attorney Thomas Y. How(e), Jr.'s office to form an association to procure land to be used exclusively for a cemetery. The group then pursued an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York (1847) entitled "An Act Authorizing the Incorporation of Rural Cemetery Associations."

North Street Cemetery had, in the preceding half century, about fulfilled its usefulness. A tract of land consisting of nearly 22 acres, owned by Sarah and Thomas How, Jr. and Mary Ann and George W. Hatch, had attracted the attention of the community as a suitable site for a cemetery. This picturesque property, one year later, was dedicated as Fort Hill Cemetery.

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