On August 20, 1841, the remains of the soldiers killed in the ambush of the Boyd-Parker scouting party near Groveland during Sullivan's campaign against the Indians were removed to Mt. Hope Cemetery and interred with ceremony on Patriot Hill. The cemetery commissioners had designated the spot for the burial of any Revolutionary War soldiers who died in the Genesee Valley, and others were eventually buried there. Patriot Hill was a mound on what is now the William A. Reynolds family plot on Rochester Hill.

According to Jane Marsh Parker in Rochester: A Story Historical, the hill became a prime cemetery location years later when additional burial lots were needed. No one had been buried on Patriot Hill for a long time, so the remains were removed and reinterred in the Public Ground, forgotten, and the hill leveled. Some time in the late 1890s, the Irondequoit Chapter of the DAR started a search for those graves, which were scattered over a large area. It took five years to locate all of them. When they were found and opened, brass buttons, pieces of uniform, and "other relics" confirmed their identity.

On November 1, 1903, the remains were interred again with honors on land given by the cemetery for that purpose. The south part of Lot 248BB was deeded to the National Society of the D.A.R. and the Rochester Chapter of the S.A.R. These organizations then purchased all of Lot 123BB on October 13, 1906. On February 11, 1935, the National Society transferred its interest in those lots to the Irondequoit Chapter of the D.A.R.

At the time of the last interment, the Rochester Union and Advertiser described in detail the monument, a boulder, intended for the site, but there were delays in finding a suitable one. In
MARGARET AND HENRY
by Shirley R. Stephens

Found in the Perkins Scrapbook, p. 61, is a newspaper article published on August 12, 1918, on the 80th anniversary of the first burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery. It tells the story of Margaret Augusta Peterson and Henry Polley Foote. They are buried side-by-side in Section E, military tombstones at each grave.

There is another grave near the old entrance to the cemetery above which the G.A.R. has placed a marker. It is that of Margaret A. Peterson, the young Rochester nurse who died in 1864 at the age of 23 years. Miss Peterson’s story is well known. She gave her services in nursing the soldiers of the Civil War, and at the time when small-pox (sic) was prevalent, was vaccinated as a preventive measure. Some infection in the vaccine caused gangrene to set in and death resulted.

The vaccination was performed by a young physician to whom Miss Peterson became engaged, and although no blame was attached to him, the shock and grief caused by her death so affected his health that he soon died and was also buried in Mt. Hope.

Margaret lived at 24 Caledonia Avenue, near Spring Street, in the One Hundred Acre Tract. The avenue ran from Buffalo Street (West Main Street) to Plymouth Avenue South.

Margaret was twenty-three years old when she met Henry (Harvey) Polley Foote, also age twenty-three. They were both dark haired, dark complexioned, and had dark eyes. They were both above average height for the time.

Margaret wrote letters, read to, and changed dressings for many of the over 3,000 soldiers who were hospitalized in Rochester during the years 1863-1865. St. Mary’s Hospital signed a contract with the federal government on March 10, 1863. The hospital would receive $5.50 per week for each patient. St. Mary’s Hospital was a military base with a captain as a commandant, and all military staff would be under military jurisdiction.
St. Mary's was founded in 1857 by the Daughters of Charity (Sisters of Charity), an order based in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This is the order that arrived in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, three days after the battle to bring order to the chaos and carnage left by the battle. Sister Hieronymo O'Brien was the first Sister Superior and remained so for the Civil War period.

Robert T. McNamara states in his *St. Mary's and the Civil War*:

Laywomen often helped the sisters to care for the needs and revive the spirits of the soldier patients. One to whom Sister Hieronymo remained particularly grateful was a Miss Peters (Peterson). She devoted her whole time to the sick soldiers.

Henry P. Foote was an acting hospital steward with Co. L, 4th NY Heavy Artillery. He was mustered out of the service on December 2, 1863. The *Rochester Directory* of 1863-1864 lists him as a medical student boarding at 11 Gibbs Street.

Margaret's obituary in the *Rochester Union and Advertiser*, September 1, 1864, reads:

Passed within the Veil relying with unshaken faith on the merits of her Great Redeemer, Sept. 1, Margaret Augusta Peterson, youngest daughter of Jesse Peterson.

Henry died of typhoid fever at St. Mary's Hospital on October 8, 1864.

Phoebe Yates Pember, nee Phoebe Levey, was matron of Chimborazo Hospital in Richmond, Virginia. It had 150 wards and 76,000 patients. She states in her diary, *A Southern Women's Story*, that improperly vaccinated patients suffered severely and that both Confederate and Federal soldiers were vaccinated with the same contaminated serum. This was still the dark ages of medicine. It wasn't until 1865, at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, that a surgeon, Joseph Lister, treated a wound with carbolic acid. The subsequent use of antiseptics in surgery and environmental sanitation turned hospitals from "houses of torture and death" to "places of healing and cure."


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**WILLIAM B. STUBER MEMORIAL WINDOW**

The Friends received a unique donation of a beautiful stained-glass window that was part of the William B. Stuber mausoleum. It had been damaged and was offered to our organization by Mr. and Mrs. Merritt A. Cleveland, relatives of Mr. Stuber. William B. Stuber was Chairman of the Board of Eastman Kodak Company and George Eastman's master emulsion maker. The cost of repairing and placing the window in a lighted viewing box was donated by the Cleveland family. The Friends want to thank the Cleveland family for this magnificent gift and also Dick Reisem for coordinating the project. The window is now on display in the Old North Gate House at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

**MONUMENT (From Page 1)**

1906, Dr. Dwight R. Burrell of Canandaigua offered a 5-ton boulder found near Canandaigua Lake. It had been carried by the glacier from the far north and deposited there about 10,000 years ago. The Irondequoit Chapter accepted it, and on May 31, 1907, the boulder was dedicated. During the dedication, one of the speakers said, "Its ruggedness typifies the character of those Continental soldiers ...." A bronze tablet inscribed with the names of those killed at Groveland was fastened to the boulder, and a smaller tablet in the back stated that the Irondequoit Chapter had placed it there. There are several small, individual
MONUMENT (From Page 3)

bronze markers placed in the ground, and the original gravestone of Rev. Ebenezer Vining.

After three or four removals for many of the soldiers, a permanent burial spot was finally found. — Elizabeth Schmidt

THE ASSOCIATION FOR GRAVESTONE STUDIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Association for Gravestone Studies Annual Conference will be held June 24-27, 1993, at New London, Connecticut. The program includes lectures, guided cemetery tours, workshops, and exhibits.

For more information, please contact Miranda Levin, Executive Director, Association for Gravestone Studies, 30 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 or phone (508) 831-7753. Preregistration is required.

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