

The Cemetery History and the Chapel

The Cemetery Chapel was designed by Glens Falls Architect, Milton Lee Crandell, in 1946 and built by the Kingsbury Construction Company for about \$23,000. It is a gothic style structure built with locally mined stone with oak doors and a slate roof and opaque amber colored glass windows. There are maple benches on the interior that were purchase from the Hancock House in Ticonderoga, the home of the NYS Historical Association. The building holds about thirty mourners. The basement of the building was designed with 26 slate crypts which are too small for the modern style caskets; however several caskets can still be stored in the basement when needed. They are lowered and raised with a hydraulic lift elevator which is actually part of the chapel floor. Most of the stone used in the buildings construction came from a vault that was built in 1891 by a M. F. Nason.

The earliest Cemetery in Glens Falls was the West St site. This Cemetery was owned by the Presbyterian Church. By 1882 the church decided to close the cemetery and have all bodies moved to Bay Street. Many families purchased lots and had their loved ones moved to the Cemetery. There are about eighty bodies which the Village had moved to the back of the new cemetery. They are next to the free ground portion of the property, which was set up for burials where the person had no family or money to pay for burial.

Don't forget to follow the City's web site to see the new historical material on the City, cemetery and the residents may become available. The site address is cityofglensfalls.com. Prepared by Wayne Wright, City Historian. Questions and comments should be directed to the Glens Falls City Historian at: City Hall 42 Ridge St. Glens Falls, NY historian@cityofglensfalls.com 518-761-3871.

