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Legend

-  Headstone Named
-  Headstone Undecipherable
-  Family Monument
-  Family Plot
-  Cemetery Sign
-  Stairs
-  Stone Marker
-  Hearse Road
-  Pathway
-  Rock Wall

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The Cemetery

Laurel Hill Cemetery, established in 1821, contains 112 monuments ranging from undressed fieldstone markers for (paupers') graves to more elaborate obelisks and engraved markers. The majority of burials occurred from 1821-1899 and some interesting examples of 19th century gravestone carvings, including 'urn and willow' patterns and 'clasped and pointed hands' designs.

Old burial practices, such as single unmarked graves and burying one coffin on top of another, have made the positive identification of all those buried in the cemetery impossible. What we do know is that Laurel Hill is the burial site for many of Milford's early residents, including several generations of prominent families such as the Pinchots, Quicks, Bowhanans and Goodings.

The names, dates and inscriptions on the headstones tell a story of what life was like in this small riverside community during the 19th century. The construction of the stones tells us the range of status of the families. Some engraved art work and designs indicate religious beliefs. We also know that many children died, perhaps from disease, and were buried here during the first half of the century.

Milford Cemetery, located just outside of the borough on Route 209 South, was dedicated in 1868. The Laurel Hill Cemetery was displaced by the newer one and it fell into disrepair. Current efforts to restore and interpret the cemetery are a collaborative project of Grey Towers Heritage Association, the US Forest Service at Grey Towers and the Lackawanna Valley Heritage Authority.

Laurel Hill Cemetery

Grey Towers National Historic Site



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