

Resources Regarding Copp's Hill Burying Ground

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www.NorthEndWaterfront.com talks about a bequest in 2011. This article also has links to Melissa Mannon's blog post about the burying ground, which generated many comments, as well as the "restoration" of the Mather tomb. <http://www.northendwaterfront.com/home/2011/3/26/copps-hill-burying-ground-receives-estate-funds.html>

Here is the link for the Ghosts and Gravestones tours, run by Old Town Trolley. The photos are clearly taken at Copp's Hill. The trolley drivers at Old Town have keys to the burying ground as well as at least to the Granary and the Central on Boston Common. Also, in the current edition of Boston Magazine, things to do locally and regionally in the summer are highlighted. A local writer went on several tourist attractions, including this haunted tour. <http://www.ghostsandgravestones.com/boston/gravestones-ghost-tour.htm>

A report done by the Historic Burying Grounds Initiative in 1986 is deposited at the Boston Public Library under this entry: "Copp's Hill Burying Ground / Rosalind Pollan, report preparation; Ellen Lipsey, project manager." Another interesting item at the library is an original map or plan for the terraces, allegedly designed by Olmsted, that extend from the burying ground down to the harbor under this entry: "Plan for public pleasure grounds between Copps Hill and the harbor. [cartographic material] Dec. 1894."

Some of the books published about the burying ground over the years are available for online reading:

[Historical sketch and matters appertaining to the Copp's Hill Burial-Ground.](#) Printed by the city in 1901

[Epitaphs from Copp's Hill burial ground, Boston.](#) By Thomas Bridgman, 1851. Republished 1852 under title "[Memorials of the dead in Boston; containing an exact transcript ... Copp's Hill burial ground](#)"

[The graveyards of Boston. First volume, Copp's Hill epitaphs.](#) Prepared for publication by William H. Whitmore, 1878 (Whitmore was a diligent man and a professional librarian. This book contains quotes from the town records regarding tombs in the burying ground. Whitmore was responsible for transcribing all of the town's records during this time period.)

[Historical sketch of Copp's Hill burying ground, with inscriptions and quaint epitaphs,](#) by John Norton, 1921

[Old Copp's hill and burial ground : with historical sketches](#) / by E. MacDonald, 1898