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GUIDED TOUR OF MT. ALBION OCT. 22



Official Notice - As Orleans County Historian I will conduct a guided walking tour of Mt. Albion Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 22. The tour will commence at 2:00 P.M. from the cemetery chapel and end at 4:00 P.M. back at the chapel. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes as we will be walking two miles distance within the 100 acres of Mt. Albion. In case of severe rain the tour will be cancelled until the following Saturday at the same time.

With the splendor of the fall foliage and the approaching of all Saints Day it seems appropriate to direct our attention toward the appreciation of this wonderful landmark. Mt. Albion, when it was dedicated on September 7, 1843, consisted of 25

acres. It was designed by Marvin Porter, an Erie Canal engineer who established the plan of terraces surmounted on a series of drumlins. Throughout the years this form of landscaping was enlarged upon. Since 1970 the cemetery has been maintained by the Albion Village Department of Public Works. In 1978 it was one of the very first cemeteries to be included on the National Register of Historic Places.

Our tour will include not only the explanation of various symbols found on monuments but also folklore as related to various historical figures buried in Mt. Albion. We will see Hope of the triad Faith, Hope and Charity and will also see watchdogs, ever vigilant, guarding their master's graves. A unique monument along the way will include a visit to the beehive, an advertising gimmick. Also, we'll see the Jones Mausoleum where lies David L. Jones, one of two brothers who indeed, made the better mouse trap. Our tour will of course, include the Soldiers and Sailors monument which is pictured here from around 1900. We'll also see the graves of noted people such as Rufus Bullock, Governor of Georgia and Sanford E. Church, Lt. Gov. of N.Y.S. Along with the famous we'll see the graves of the Confederate soldier who was with Gen. Lee at Appomattox and monuments of Jewish people with inscriptions in Hebrew. We'll also visit the grave of Alice Willson, murdered by her husband who was the only man to ever be executed in Orleans County and we'll see where Albion's notorious embezzler, who wrecked a bank and ruined a family fortune, is buried. These will be just a few highlights of our walking tour and historical presentation along the way.

Finally, a \$10 prize will be given to the first person who finds and points out a certain symbol which will be designated when the tour begins. I will announce the winner here in this column on Oct. 26.