Facts for the Jay Cemetery Open House

First Burial: Goldsborough Banyer [b1804 – d1805] John Jay's Infant Grandson

Second Burial: Goldsborough Banyer [b1775 - d1806] The father/JJ's son-in-law

Jay Family Vaults moved to the Cemetery; 1807

From the Bowery (John Jay's wife)

From Fishkill (John Jay's parents)

No list of names available/remains

Deed Poll issued for the Cemetery Trust 1815 (Initial plot just under 1 acre)

First Trustees were JJ's son (who was running the Jay estate) and nephew Specifically stated that no fences were allowed.

Jay Cemetery Corporation was formed in 1906

Jay Cemetery expanded to just under 3 acres 1946

Sold to a Committee by the Deverauxs (owned the Jay estate)

Corporation Rules allow for funds to be spent only for Maintenance/Repairs

Committee gifted the land to the Cemetery

Legal Limit for family cemetery in NY was less than 3 acres

Took legislation at the NY State Senate for approval (Suzanne's grandfather)

A fence was put up to prevent further vandalism, against Deed Poll rules

Cemetery Lane to the Post Road

Former Jay Estate broken into 3 blocks 1967

13 Acres (Barlow Road) for development

23 Acres (now the Jay Heritage Center) given to the Methodist Church

120 Acres to the County for Marshland Conservancy

Long battle to make sure it was used for that

Nature Center lane established next to the Cemetery Lane

Nature Center established 1972

Easement for using first part of the Cemetery Lane for the Nature Center 1974

Marshland Conservancy expanded 1976

27 acre gift from the Parson's family (Lounsberry estate)

Cemetery surrounded by Marshland Conservancy land