

## Burial Right Purchase



The General Laws and Regulations for the cemetery state clearly that the cemetery is not a public place of interment. The basic unit of purchase in the cemetery is the four foot by eight foot plot, although years ago sixteen by sixteen foot family plots were often purchased. When one purchases a plot in the cemetery the value that is actually transferred is a right of burial. The land itself does not convey. The purchase price also includes a one-time fee for perpetual care. The current purchase price for parishioners is \$4500, and the price for non-parishioners is \$9000. Payment in full is expected at the time of purchase and all fees must be paid before an interment may be carried out.

Deed holders may resell their burial rights only back to the vestry, and only at the original price paid (including the price of perpetual care, if such was made) or \$500, whichever is higher. Burial rights may be transferred by gift only to blood relatives, such transfers being subject to approval by the vestry. Since the composition of families changes over the course of years, it is natural that earlier intentions about the use of plots may give way to new intentions. Deed holders are encouraged to contact the Cemetery Warden and the Finance Administrator about such matters as they become known. Prior planning will smooth the path in the event that an interment is required suddenly.