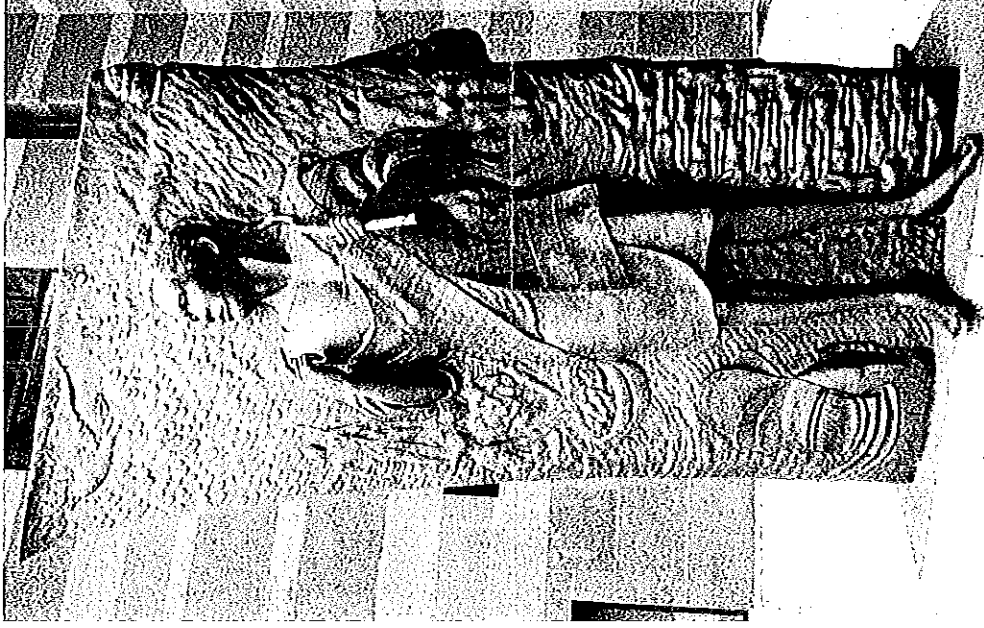


Dedication of the Memorial Stone  
for Six Amistad Captives  
September 22, 2001



We will probably never know with certainty where these six men are buried. We do know, from John Warner Barber's *History of the Amistad Captives* published in New Haven in May of 1840, the men's names and dates of death. Barber's booklet and contemporary newspaper accounts report that "a number of clergymen from the city were present" at the service for Kapeli and that a "large number of citizens . . . walked in procession to the grave." At least one source states that the men "are interred in the New Haven burying ground." In any case, it is only fitting that the memorial to these men be located in The New Haven City Burial Ground, known popularly as the Grove Street Cemetery.

The New Haven City Burial Ground  
*Grove Street Cemetery*  
New Haven, Connecticut  
Chartered 1797

### In Remembrance

Fa September 3  
Tua September 11  
Weluwa September 14  
Kapeli October 30  
Yammoni November 4  
Kaba December 31  
1839

These Amistad Captives, who survived the heroic voyage on *La Amistad* from Cuba to Connecticut, arrived gravely ill from the voyage's privations. They did not live to enjoy freedom and return with their compatriots to Freetown, Sierra Leone, in 1841.

Dedicated September 22, 2001  
The Amistad Committee, Inc.

The inscription is engraved upon an antique Italian marble gravestone kindly contributed by Peter Dobkin Hall, New Haven, Connecticut.

The cutting of the inscription was contributed by John R. Nolan and Michael F. Nolan, Hamden, Connecticut.

The Amistad Committee is grateful for the contributions of many individuals and institutions that have helped make the this long overdue memorial possible, and particularly for the support of the Board of Proprietors Standing Committee, The New Haven City Burial Ground, and Yale University.

### Welcome

Alfred L. Marder, President, Amistad Committee, Inc.

### National Anthems

Dana Fripp

### Invocation

Reverend Louise B. Higginbotham, Senior Minister, United Church on the Green, New Haven

### Libation

Mohammed Barrie, President, Sierra Leone Cultural Society, Boston

### "Make Us Free"

The Connecticut Singers, Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School  
Directed by Kathryn Morse  
Lyrics and music by Carmino Ravosa

### Program

Mayor John DeStefano, Jr., City of New Haven

Howard R. Lamar, President, Board of Proprietors Standing Committee, The New Haven City Burial Ground

Governor John G. Rowland, represented by Michael F. Doyle,  
Director of the Governor's Eastern Connecticut Office

Jorge Perez, President of the Board of Aldermen,  
City of New Haven

Representative Toni E. Walker, Connecticut General Assembly

Senator Martin M. Looney, Connecticut General Assembly

Clifton H. Johnson, Director Emeritus  
The Amistad Research Center.  
Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana

His Excellency, Alhaji Dr. Ahmad Tejan Kabbah,  
The President of the Republic of Sierra Leone

### "Anani Ubupe" (Grant Us Peace, Give Us Courage)

The Connecticut Singers  
Lyrics and music by Patsy Ford Simms

### Benediction

Reverend Dr. David Lee, Varick A M E Zion Church, New Haven