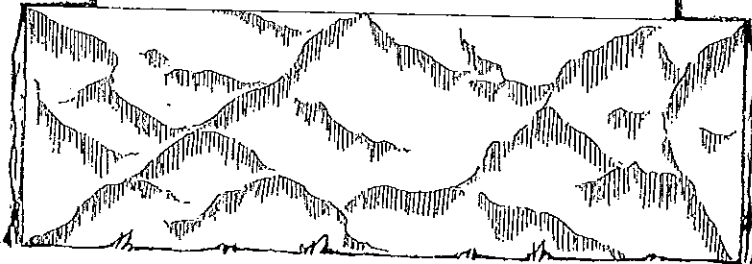




Sacred to the Memory of  
the Three Hundred or more  
AFRICAN AMERICANS  
· Free People, Slaves, and  
· five Black Governors ·  
Who rest in Unmarked  
Graves in Hartford's  
Ancient Burying Ground,  
1640-1810



**THE  
AFRICAN~AMERICAN  
MONUMENT**

**Ground Breaking Ceremony**

**The Ancient Burying Ground  
Hartford, Connecticut**

**Tuesday, July 28, 1998  
10 o'clock a.m.**

**Greetings**

**Kenneth D. Johnson**  
*President, Ancient Burying  
Ground Association, Inc.*

**Choral Opening**

**Christopher Hayes  
Monique Price**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Christopher Hayes**

**Introductions**

**Andriena Baldwin**

**Shepherd M. Holcombe**

*Chairman*

*Ancient Burying Ground Association, Inc.*

**The Honorable Michael Peters**

*Mayor*

*City of Hartford.*

**Benjamin Dixon, Ed.D.**

*Interim Superintendent*

*Hartford Public Schools*

**Monique D. Price**  
*Sophomore, Weaver High School*  
*Hartford, Connecticut*

**Senator Eric D. Coleman**  
*Assistant Majority Leader*  
*State Senate*

**Senator Kevin B. Sullivan**  
*President Pro Tempore*  
*State Senate*

**The Honorable John G. Rowland**  
*Governor*  
*State of Connecticut*

**Ground Breaking**

**Christopher Hayes**

**Parting Words**

**Andriena Baldwin**

**Choral Closing**

**Andriena Baldwin**  
**Christopher Hayes**  
**Monique Price**



*"When in silence thou doest walk,  
Nor being round with whom to talk;  
When thou art on the mighty deep,  
And do in quiet action sleep;  
If we no more on earth do meet,  
Forget me not."*

*~Ann Plato*  
*African-American Poet & Teacher, 1840*  
*Hartford, Connecticut*



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