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Trenton City Museum at
Ellarslie Mansion
Cadwalader Park
Trenton, New Jersey

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**Stranger, Stop and Cast an Eye: New Jersey's historic cemeteries.
Lecture by Richard Veit and Mark Nonestied**

**Sunday, October 21, 2012
2 PM**

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park, Trenton, NJ

General Admission \$10 at the door Free for members of the Trenton Museum Society

The lecture is a presentation about the cultural history of New Jersey's historic cemeteries and burial grounds. It begins in the 17th century and concludes at the dawn of the 21st century. The presentation provides an understanding of the state's historic burial places and the gravemarkers they contain. A sampling of topics include the types of burial grounds and their designs, the sweeping changes of 19th century burial reform and its impact on the New Jersey cemetery landscape, Victorian Valhalla's and the markers and monuments they contain, cultural traditions, cremation history, the memorial park movement and modern marvels.

BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL

Richard Veit is Associate Professor in the Department of History and Anthropology at Monmouth University. A historical archaeologist, his research interests include colonial and modern gravemarkers, ceramics, and vernacular architecture. He is the author of *Digging New Jersey's Past: Historical Archaeology in the Garden State* (Rutgers 2002), and numerous articles on gravemarkers, historic ceramics, and historical archaeology. He is a member of the Association for Gravestone Studies, and was a conference co-chair for the 2012 Annual Conference in West Long Branch, NJ.

Mark Nonestied has been a staff member with the Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission since 1991. He currently serves as the Director of Exhibits and Programs for a historic site in Central New Jersey. He is also a Trustee of the Association for Gravestone Studies and was a conference co-chair for the 2012 Annual Conference in West Long Branch, NJ. He has lectured widely on New Jersey cemetery topics.

Richard Veit and Mark Nonestied are the authors of *New Jersey Cemeteries and Tombstones: History in the Landscape* published by Rutgers University Press in 2008. The book received the 2010 Authors Award from the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance. The authors will be available to sign copies of their book after the presentation.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact the Trenton Museum Society at 609-989-1191 or tms@ellarslie.org.

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