
RANGE 99 AT THE HISTORIC CONGRESSIONAL CEMETERY

Since 1807, the Historic Congressional Cemetery in Washington, D.C. has been a resting place for military generals, public officials, Native American leaders, and people of all professions and trades. The Cemetery serves to preserve, promote, and protect the historic and active burial ground located there. In 2011 it was registered as a national historical landmark. The section of the Cemetery, Range 99, is the first and only Chinese Memorial in D.C.

Little known, however, is that Chinese migrants were buried at the Range 99 section of the Cemetery between 1896 and 1938. Per Chinese custom, remains were later exhumed and shipped back to China for reburial in their ancestral plots. Today, no markers remain at the burial site. Members of the Historic Congressional Cemetery and 1882 Foundation have sought to preserve the history of these Chinese burial sites and recognize this piece of Chinese American history in Washington, DC. Chinese American contribution to building the American nation should not remain invisible.

In 2015, the 1882 Foundation installed two benches and a small plaque to memorialize the burial sites of these Chinese American Washingtonians. Since then, a storm took down a large tree and the cemetery's brick wall that served as the backdrop to the burial site. The benches and surrounding paving that we installed was a casualty of that damage too.



We need your help with its reconstruction and site improvements. Our plan is to rebuild this important memorial. We will install new trees to restore the site's tree canopy and provide shade for visitors to linger as they learn about those previously buried here. We will also install new benches and brick paving. The existing plaque will be reinstalled, with additional interpretive signage to commemorate those buried here. Our desire is to establish a space that connects Chinese and American history then and today, and that connects generations of Chinese Americans with their ancestors in China and in the United States.

We need to raise \$12,000 to rebuild the memorial. Would you consider making a donation of money or time, however small? For more information about this project and on how to contribute, please visit our website <https://1882foundation.org/historic-preservation-range99/> or contact Jenn Low at info@1882foundation.org.

