

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Walking Tour # 1

Lot Number: 300 Space: G 16

Find A Grave # 11900322

Name: **Bonwill, Dr. William Gibson Arlington, D.D.S.**

Birth date: October 4, 1833 Death date: September 24, 1899 Burial Date: September 27, 1899 Age: 65
b. Camden, DE

Spouse: Abigail Elizabeth Warren Bonwill (1829-1889) m. June 13, 1861 (possible 2nd marriage to Elizabeth Clement in 1893)

Children: Lenore Bonwill Milne(1862-1937); Madeleine Bonwill Gellatly (1864-1927); Edward Warren Bonwill (1869-); Elizabeth "Bessie" Bonwill (1871-1875)

Parents: William Moore Bonwill (1796-1864) and Lousia Mason Baggs Bonwill (1797-1837)

Siblings: Mary Justina Melross Bonwill (1831-1837); Charles Edward Hall Bonwill (1835-1918)

Residence: 1719 Locust St, and 2009 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: Septicemia; see next page.

Service/occupation information: Dentist and inventor of the Dental Engine, the electromagnetic dental mallet, the mechanical mallet, the surgical engine, the artificial tooth crown, the Safety Pointed Pin and the Fountain Pen.



Officiate: Rev. George M. Bond

Lot Owner: Bonwill, Milne Fund for care \$650

Marker: W.G.A.B. and "He Put Two Minutes Into Everyone" on stone; family monument

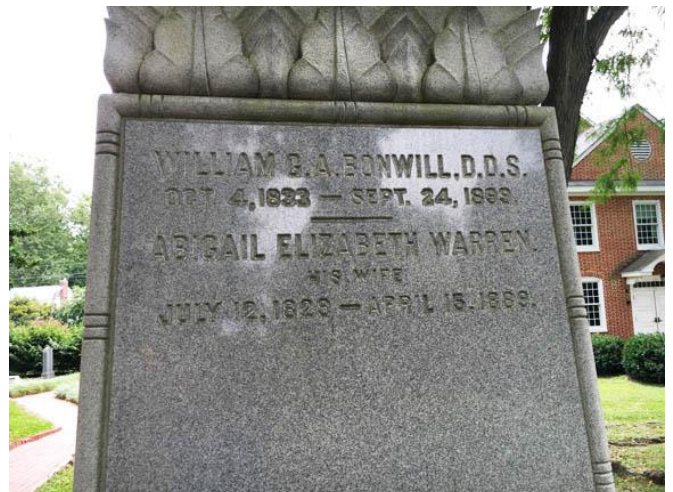
Inscription:

W.G.A.B.
He Put Two Minutes Into Everyone

DIMENSIONS: H 11" x W 16" x D 6"

STYLE: headstone and family monument

No repairs needed.



Inventory date: April 7, 2020 Recorder: Ted George

Civil War Draft record, Delaware, 1863

SCHEDULE I.—CONSOLIDATED LIST of all persons of CLASS I, subject to do military duty in the First Congressional District, consisting of the Counties of New Castle and Kent State of Delaware, enumerated during the month of June, 1863, under direction of Edwin Holmes, Provost Marshal.

RESIDENCE	NAME	AGE	WHITE OR	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION,	MARKED OR	PLACE OF BIRTH	FORMER MILITARY SERVICE	REMARKS
		(In Years)	COLORED	OR TRADE	UNMARKED	(Stating the State, Territory, or County.)		
<u>Kent County</u>	<u>Deben John</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Carpenter</u>	<u>Marked</u>	<u>Ireland</u>		1
<u>"</u>	<u>Deben George</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Painter</u>	<u>Marked</u>	<u>Delaware</u>		2
<u>"</u>	<u>Bonwill William</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Doctor</u>	<u>Marked</u>	<u>"</u>		3
<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>		4

Passport application, Pennsylvania, 1881
W.W. Bringhurst, Philadelphia, PA

Death record from funeral home, 1899

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[FORM FOR NATIVE CITIZEN.]

No. 2426 Issued July 1, 1881

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

State of Pennsylvania City of Philadelphia
County of Philadelphia

William S. A. Bonwill, do swear that I was born in the town of Georgetown, Delaware, on or about the 24th day of October, 1833; that I am a Native and Loyal Citizen of the United States, and about to travel abroad — England, France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy;

Sworn to before me this 29th day of June, 1881 by Wm. S. A. Bonwill
Robert A. Brown
Notary Public.

Wm. S. Taylor, do swear that I am acquainted with the above-named Wm. S. A. Bonwill, and with the facts stated by him, and that the same are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn to before me this 29th day of June, 1881 by Wm. S. Taylor
Robert A. Brown
Notary Public.

DESCRIPTION OF William S. A. Bonwill

Age, 48 years. Mouth, Small & compressed
Stature, 5 feet 6 3/4 inches, Eng. Chin, Shady and small
Furrow, High and somewhat Hair, Dark Brown
Eyes, Light blue Complexion, Pale
Nose, Slightly curved Face, Thin, not angular
at all

I, William S. A. Bonwill, do solemnly swear that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States against all enemies, whether domestic or foreign; and that I will bear true faith, allegiance, and loyalty to the same, any ordinance, resolution, or law of any State, Convention, or Legislature to the contrary notwithstanding; and further, that I do this with a full determination, pledge, and purpose, without any mental reservation or evasion whatsoever; and that I will well and faithfully perform all the duties which may be required of me by law: So help me God.

Sworn to before me this 29th day of June, 1881 by Wm. S. A. Bonwill
Robert A. Brown Notary Public.

Applicant desires passport sent to following address:
Wm. S. A. Bonwill,
1719 Locust St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

US passport applications 1881

2009 Chestnut St
Dr Wm. S. A. Bonwill
(1421)

Size, 5-8-16 5-9 Reg

Coffin, Black cloth casket
or mahogany & plate
Cashmere lining

Case, Chest-case

Cemetery, Dover Hill

Location, Very attend

How Dressed, own clothes

Carriages, H. Wagon

Carriers, Carriage No.

Time, Wednesday 10²⁰ A.M.
near Broad St. St.

Minister, no service

Physician, came with it

Advertising, no

Plate, Philadelphia State Bonwill
Born Oct 24, 1833
Died Sept 24, 1899

Death information from W.W. Bringhurst, Funeral Director, Philadelphia, PA

FUNERAL OF DR. BONWILL;

Remains of the Celebrated Philadelphia Dentist Interred in Dover, His Native Town.

Special to "The Morning News."

DOVER, Del., Sept. 27.—The funeral of William G. A. Bonwill, D. D. S., of Philadelphia, who became the most famous dentist and dental inventor, took place here this afternoon, and was largely attended. The venerable doctor was born near here, and for years practiced at the state capital, before removing to Philadelphia and becoming an inventor.

The services to-day were conducted by the Rev. George M. Bond of Christ Episcopal Church, where interment was made. The remains arrived here on the 12.20 (noon) train from Philadelphia, where preparatory services had been held last night at his late residence, No. 2009 Chestnut street. Among the prominent professional men present at the funera. to-day were Dr. E. W. Cooper of Camden, president of the state medical examiners; Drs. J. M. Twilley, George B. Whitten and R. H. Lewis of the Dental Board, Chancellor J. R. Nicholson, Edward Ridgely and the Hon. John A. Nicholson. The grave was beautifully trimmed with roses and violets.

Morning News, Thurs. Sept. 28, 1899

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THE GRIFFIN FAMILY.

CHILDREN.

- (694) I. Lenora Bonwill, born 23 March, 1862; married Caleb J. Milne.
- (695) II. Madeleine Bonwill, born 11 January, 1864; married Edward I. Gellatly.
- (696) III. Edward Warren Bonwill, born 9 February, 1869; married, 1897, in Rangoon, India, where he practices the profession of dentistry.

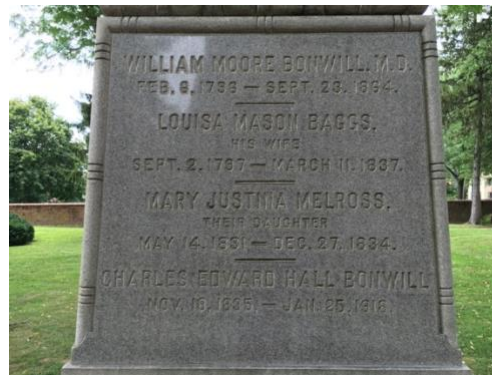
William G. A. Bonwill began the practice of dentistry in Dover in 1854. He is a man of great mechanical ingenuity. It is said that he has "been the inventor of more practical appliances in dentistry than all others." In 1871, he moved to Philadelphia to develop his inventions. Among them may be mentioned the Dental Engine, the Surgical Engine, the Electro-magnetic Mallet, the Mechanical Mallet, the Safety Pointed Pin, and the Fountain Pen.

Delaware death records, 1899; Cause of death Septicemia

Church Wages	14 20	Black	Del		Dover				Grady T. Jefferson Wages	summer wages	July - 11 - "	July - 17 - "
W. G. A. Bonwill	66	White	Del		Philadelphia Dentist				DE death records 1899	Septicemia	9-24- "	9-26- "

W. G. A. Bonwill (age) 66, (race) white, (birth) Del., (occupation) dentist, (cause of death) septicemia, (death date) 9-24-1899

BONWILL MONUMENT: This obelisk is directly in front of the church; installation date unknown. Death dates begin with Louisa Mason Baggs Bonwill, wife of Dr. William Moore Bonwill, in 1837. Three sides have inscriptions. The headstones on each side of the monument have initials.



South side
William Moore Bonwill, M.D.
Feb. 6, 1796 – Sept. 23, 1864

Louisa Mason Baggs,
his wife
Sept. 2, 1797 – March 11, 1837

Mary Justina Melross,
their daughter
May 14, 1831 – Dec. 27, 1834

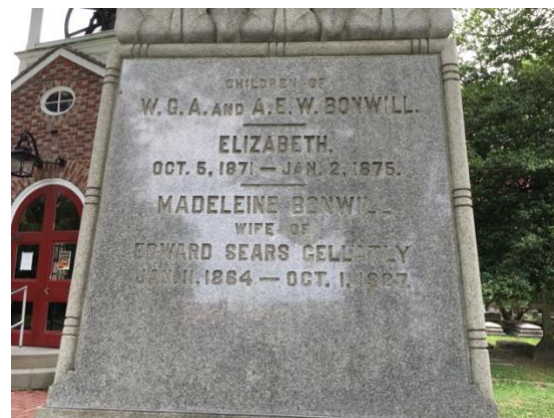
Charles Edward Hall Bonwill
Nov. 18, 1835, - Jan. 25, 1918

West side
Children of W.G.A. and A.E.W. Bonwill

Elizabeth.
Oct. 5, 1871 – Jan. 2, 1875

Madeleine Bonwill
wife of
Edwards Sears Gellatly
Jan. 11, 1864 – Oct. 1, 1927

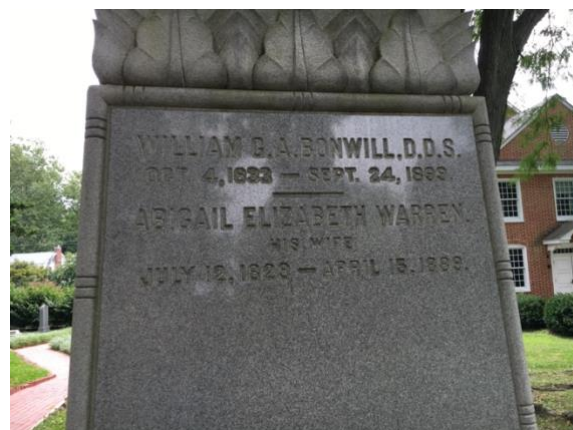
(Edward is not buried here.
He is in Wading River, NY)



North side

William G. A. Bonwill, D.D.S.
Oct. 3, 1833 – Sept. 24, 1899

Abigail Elizabeth Warren,
his wife
July 12, 1829 – April 15, 1889



The window depicting Jesus as the Risen Christ was dedicated to Dr. William Gibson Arlington Bonwill and his wife Abigail Elizabeth Warren Bonwill by their daughter Lenore Bonwill Milne. It is located in the northwest corner of Christ Episcopal Church in Dover, DE. The window was executed in the Tiffany style.

