



## Ewart Mausoleum

### History

The Ewart family made its fortune and gained its fame in the linen manufacturing industry in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The Ewart Baronetcy was created in 1887 for Sir William Ewart (1817-1889), who was not only the head of the Belfast-based linen manufacturing company, William Ewart & Son, but also a Member of Parliament.

Talbot Ewart, buried here, is the son of Richard Ewart who came to New York City from Belfast to start an American branch of the company. Richard met and married Fanny M. Talbot, the daughter of Charles P. Talbot and Harriet E. Rogers. Charles Talbot owned the Talbot Mills in North Billerica along with his brother, Thomas (who also was Governor of Massachusetts). After Charles died, his widow financed the design and construction of the Lowell Cemetery's Talbot Memorial Chapel in his honor. Talbot Ewart married Sydney Henop of Ossining, New York, in 1913. He became the Fifth Baronet Ewart upon the death of his cousin who held the title died.

Sir Talbot Ewart died on Oct 23, 1959 at age 80. Lady Sydney Ewart died on Apr 11, 1958 at age 76.

### Art and Architecture

The Ewart mausoleum was constructed in 1959 by the Presley-Leland Company of New York City. It is in the Greek Revival style with graceful Ionic columns. The Ionic column is typically identified by its capital, the top section, depicted as large paired spiral scrolls, or volutes. Visitors can compare this style to the plainer Doric columns used for the Lawton mausoleum. The entablature, the band above the columns, has decorative wreaths on either side of the Ewart name. These are symbols of victory over death. Wreaths are seen frequently in the Cemetery as decorations for mausoleums and graves.

Acroteria (ornamental projections) mark the three corners of the triangular pediment. A fleur de lis pattern decorates the beautiful bronze doors.

A May 4, 1959 letter from Presley-Leland of 160 East 56th St, New York City, NY, to Cemetery Superintendent Harry Mulno, indicates: "we have been commissioned to erect in your cemetery for Sir Talbot Ewart of this city a mausoleum. . . . The exterior is to be of selected Barre granite. The interior will be of Alabama Cream marble. There will be no corrosive materials used in the construction. Doors, window frame, hangers, dowels, clamps, etc., will be of bronze."

Family obituary

*The New York Times*, Oct 24, 1959, p.21:

SIR TALBOT EWART. Sir Talbot Ewart, a retired lawyer in this city, died yesterday in his home at 1 West Seventy-Second Street. He would have been 81 years old on Nov. 2. He was the Fifth Baronet Ewart of Glenmachan, County Down, Northern Ireland. A graduate of Harvard University with the Class of '01 and of the New York Law School, Sir Talbot belonged to the Pilgrims and the Union Club.