

VISIT TO THE GRAVE AND MONUMENT TO PHILOTUS DEAN

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Dr. Philotus Dean (1822-1871) was the first director of Allegheny Observatory. He also was the dean of Avery College in Pittsburgh, and principal of the Central High School, as well as a professor of Natural Science. He was an outstanding educator. The anecdote that he chased amateur astronomers away from Allegheny Observatory with a shotgun is due to mistaken identity; the person who did that was a man named Lewis Bradley

Anna Ferguson and I visited Philotus Dean's grave in Union Dale Cemetery, Lot M, on Brighton Road and Route 19, Pittsburgh on August 28, 2016, the 145th anniversary of his death. . There is there a monument as well as his grave; the monument was erected by his grateful Central High School students. It is to be noted that Allegheny Observatory at its "new" site is visible from Union Dale Cemetery.



The monument to Philotus Dean.

There are four memorials on this monument, corresponding to phases in his varied career.



Engraving celebrating his role as Central High School Principal and Professor of Natural Science. See the retorts and bottles.



Celebrating Philotis Dean as co-founder of Central High School. The books and inkwell.



This panel honors Dean's service as Director of Allegheny Observatory. Note the telescope and celestial globe.



Front of the Monument for Philotus Dean. There is the original Central High School building. We visited his grave on the 145th anniversary of his decease.



Francis Graham at Philotus Dean Monument