

A GRAVE THE CEMETERY CAN NO LONGER SELL

Granted in Perpetuity, 1913. Never Used.

An unused full-size burial plot on the front row of Kensal Green - one of London's Magnificent Seven. Granted in perpetuity in 1913 and held by one family ever since. The cemetery no longer sells graves in advance. This one can be bought today.

9 ft x 4 ft

FULL-SIZE PLOT

Front Row

SECTION 174

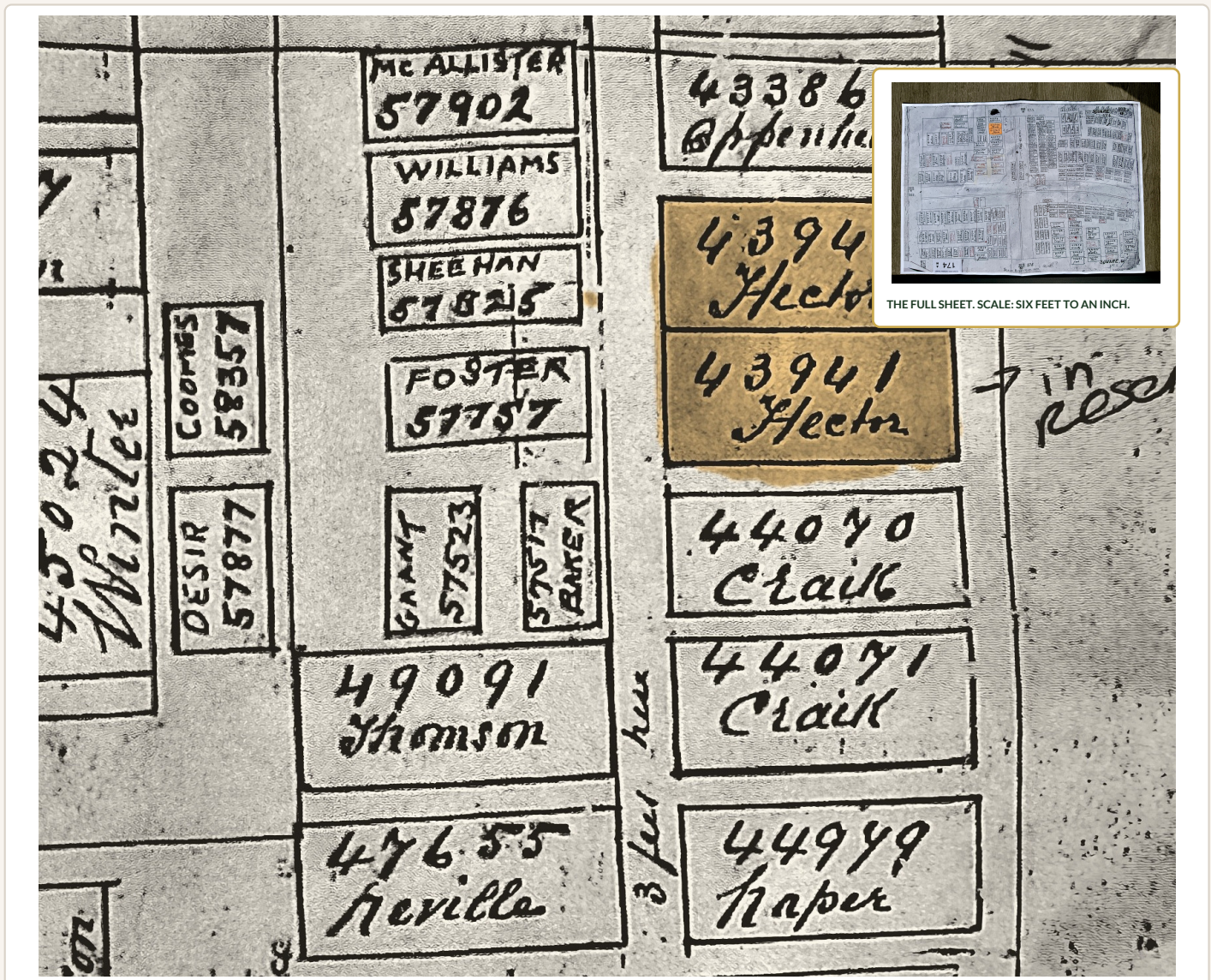
13 Sept 1913

GRANTED IN PERPETUITY

Offers invited

AROUND £42,500

Marked "in reserve" - and left that way.



Kensal Green Cemetery plan, Square 174. Graves 43940 and 43941 highlighted, annotated "in reserve" and bracketed 9' x 4' in the cemetery's own hand.

In 1913 William Cunningham Hector bought two graves together on the front row of Section 174 - one for his father, and one held back. The cemetery's plan records the second as "in reserve", brackets both at nine feet by four, and there the matter rested.

The father was buried that September. The reserve grave was never used. It has passed down four generations of one family and is offered privately for the first time.

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A PLACE IN THE ROW

Nine feet by four on the front row, beside a principal path.

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AVAILABLE NOW

Comparable cemeteries sell only at need. This can be secured in advance.

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GRANTED IN PERPETUITY

A perpetual grant of 13 September 1913 - of a kind no longer issued.

A grave the cemetery cannot sell you.

Kensal Green has very limited space remaining. Evidence given to Parliament by the General Cemetery Company in October 2025 stated that only about 1% of the cemetery remained available for burials, that around 15 new graves were sold each year, and that the cemetery expected to be full within 10 years.

In response the Board resolved that plots would no longer be sold in advance or held in reserve: a new grave cannot be bought without a funeral being arranged at the same time.

Nor is there an easy alternative. Brompton sells only for immediate interment. West Norwood, Nunhead, Abney Park and Tower Hamlets are closed or restricted. Highgate permits advance purchase only to those over eighty or terminally ill.

Plot 43941 sits outside all of it - transferable privately to a new owner today, without a death and without urgency.

50 years

TODAY'S NEW GRANT

Extendable in 5-year blocks from £580

In perpetuity

THIS 1913 GRANT

No renewal required | Available now

1%

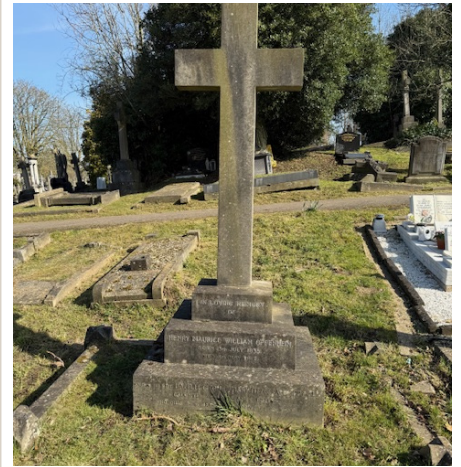
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– of the cemetery remaining available
for burial.

The plot, and the row it stands in.



Plot 43941, Section 174 - front row, beside a principal path.



Henry Maurice William Oppenheim (1835-1912), two plots up the same row.

Plot 43941 stands on the front row of Section 174, beside a principal path, among granite Latin crosses raised on stepped plinths from 1913 onward. It is nine feet by four - roughly twice the footprint of a grave sold today - and has never been used.

A memorial may be raised subject to the Company's approval and to design guidance appropriate to the Grade I registered landscape.

WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM HECTOR (1875-1929)

The exclusive right of burial in 43941 was granted on 13 September 1913 to William Cunningham Hector - a Glasgow painter and antiques collector, born in Rio de Janeiro and trained at the Glasgow School of Art. He exhibited at the Royal Scottish Academy and later owned Ethie Castle in Angus, where he is buried.

WILLIAM HECTOR (D. 1913)

His father was a director of Fábrica de Tecidos Aliança in Rio de Janeiro, one of Brazil's largest textile mills of the late nineteenth century. He was buried in the adjoining grave 43940 in September 1913. **That grave remains in family ownership and is not part of this sale.**

THE GRANT

13 September 1913 | perpetual | never used

Title evidenced by the cemetery register and written confirmation from the General Cemetery Company. The original 1913 deed is not held.

What is offered now – and what this is.

TODAY'S NEW GRAVE		PLOT 43941
Available in advance	No - only when burial is due	Yes - private assignment
Tenure	50-year grant	Perpetual, 13 Sept 1913
Plot size	6'6" x 2'6" 16.25 sq ft	9' x 4' 36 sq ft
Position	Front row from £27,000	Front row, Section 174
Capacity	Depth subject to ground	Two coffins; third subject to ground; ashes permitted
Casket	Not permitted	Permitted (no metal fittings)
Price	From £27,000, grave only	Offers invited around £42,500

Source: General Cemetery Company fees list, effective 1 April 2026. Prices exclude interment fees. Depth and capacity subject to ground conditions in both cases.

1833	72 acres	First of the	Grade I
OPENED	HISTORIC LANDSCAPE	MAGNIFICENT SEVEN	REGISTERED

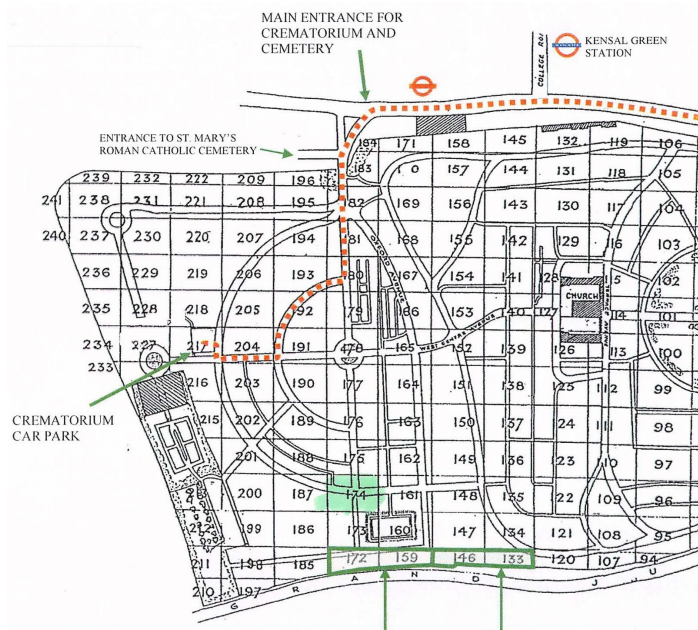


THE SETTING

London's first garden cemetery.

Opened in 1833 and inspired by Père Lachaise, Kensal Green is a Grade I registered landscape of avenues, monuments, chapels and mature trees.

See the place in the row.



West Gate: Harrow Road, opposite Hazel Road. Section 174 is marked.

OFFERS INVITED AROUND

£42,500

Plot 43941 | Section 174

Kensal Green Cemetery, W10



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PRIVATE VIEWING

Plot 43941 was registered to Stefan Romocki on 6 March 2025. Full title documentation is available to interested parties. The adjoining grave 43940 remains in family ownership and is not part of the sale.

WEST GATE OPENING HOURS

British Summer Time: Mon-Sat 9am-6pm; Sun 10am-6pm.
Greenwich Mean Time: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm; Sun 10am-5pm.
Bank holidays: 10am-1.30pm.

TITLE AND STATUTORY POSITION

The exclusive right of burial in 43941 was granted in perpetuity on 13 September 1913 and is confirmed on the General Cemetery Company's register. Transfer is completed by assignment by deed and recorded by the Company. Under the General Cemetery Act 2025 the Company may give not less than six months' notice proposing to extinguish rights in graves unused for 75 years or more; a timely objection by the registered owner prevents extinguishment, and the first interment restarts the period. No notice has been issued for this grave.

Memorials are subject to the Company's approval and to design guidance appropriate to the Grade I registered landscape.