Elizabeth Pearson Day (1767 - 1867) (Eastern Cemetery, Portland)

Elizabeth was one of two women who lived through the Portland fires of 1775 and 1866. She was born in Portland when it was still called Falmouth. In 1787 she married George Day from South Carolina. He died in 1829, so she had been a widow for about 35 years in 1866.

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Spirits Alive at Eastern Cemetery is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and preservation of Portland's historic Eastern Cemetery through activities including summer guided tours, Walk Among the Shadows and their Winter Lecture Series. Proceeds earned from these events fund the stone conservation activities so important to preserving the antique stones.

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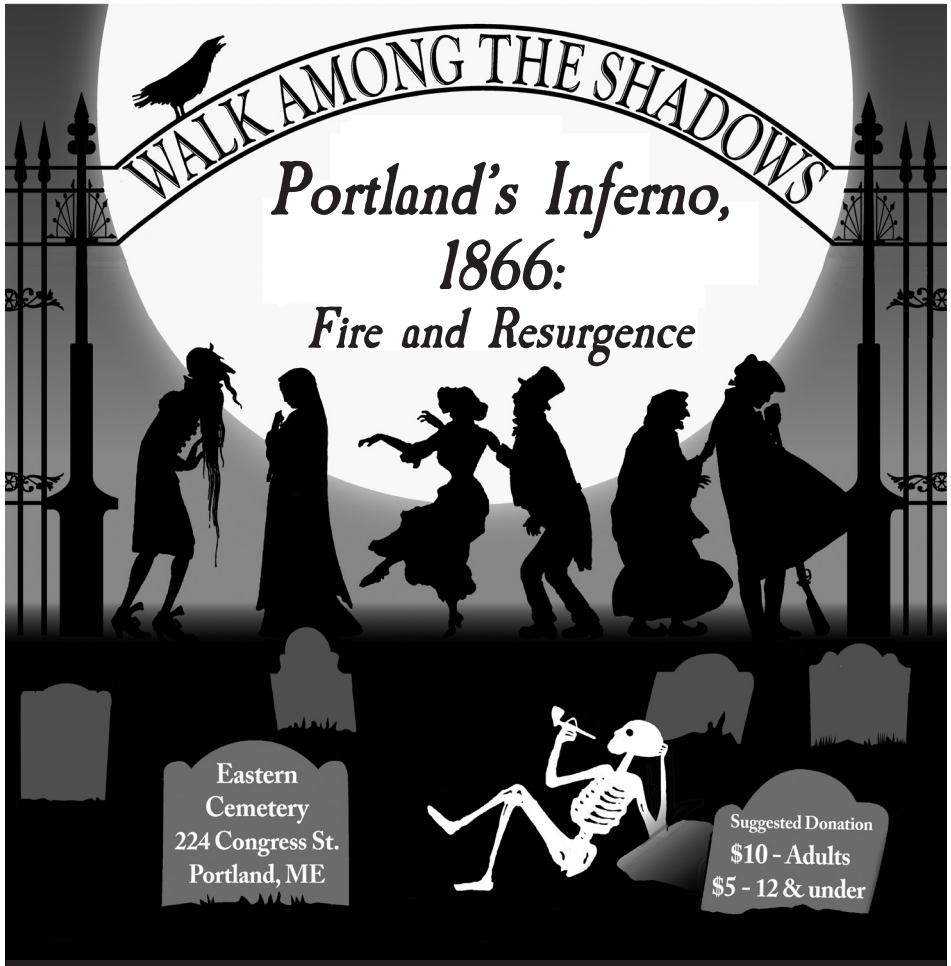
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The Facts behind the fiction . . .

John Neal (1793-1876) (Western Cemetery, Portland)

An American writer, critic, editor, lecturer, and activist, Neal delivered speeches and wrote essays, novels, poems, and short stories. He advanced American art, advocated for early feminist causes and the end of slavery, and helped establish the gymnastics movement in the US. A pioneer of natural diction, John Neal was the first author to use "son-of-a-bitch" in a work of fiction.

William Wilberforce Ruby (1834-1906) (Forest City Cemetery, So. Portland)

The son of Portland abolitionist Reuben Ruby, and nephew of Christian Manuel, an important figure in the Underground Railroad. He was Portland's first Black fireman. In 1884, William was appointed a pipeman, the person who controls the nozzle of the hose line, an important, paid position.

John Marshall Brown (1838-1907) (St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Falmouth)

John's father, John Bundy Brown, formed The Portland Sugar Company in 1855. John M. Brown served under Joshua Chamberlain in the Civil War. In 1863 he was badly injured: shot in the left arm and side. He advocated for veterans after the war. He met his future wife, Alida Carroll, in Washington D.C. They had five children.

Cyrus H. K. Curtis (1850-1933) (West Laurel Cemetery, PA)

After his family lost everything in the fire, Cyrus left school and moved to Boston. He eventually went into publishing. His wife, Louisa Knapp Curtis, was critical of his efforts on womens' articles so Cyrus turned that area over to her: the beginnings of the Ladies' Home Journal. In 1897 he bought the failing Saturday Evening Post, and built its circulation up to one million by 1908.

Florence Curtis Mayo (1855-1888) (Evergreen Cemetery, Leominster MA)

Florence married Hamilton Mayo, a lawyer, in 1878. They had a daughter in 1880, Mabel, who lived only 21 days, dying of a "cervical abscess". They had no other children. Florence died on April 7, 1888, of "spinal disease".

Anne Longfellow Pierce (1810-1901) (Pierce Cemetery, Baldwin, ME)

Anne was born and died in Longfellow House on Congress Street. She lived there all her life, except for the three years she was married to George W. Pierce, a lawyer and classmate of her famous brother Henry at Bowdoin College. She became the caretaker of the house, and bequeathed it to the Maine Historical Society after her death.

George Frederick Morse (1834-1926) (Evergreen Cemetery, Portland)

Morse was born in Hallowell, Maine. A landscape and marine painter, he was a founding member of an informal painting group called The Brushians. Their nickname for him was "The Boss at Delano Park" for a local park that he often used for subject matter. In 1917, he was President of the Portland Art Society.

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