

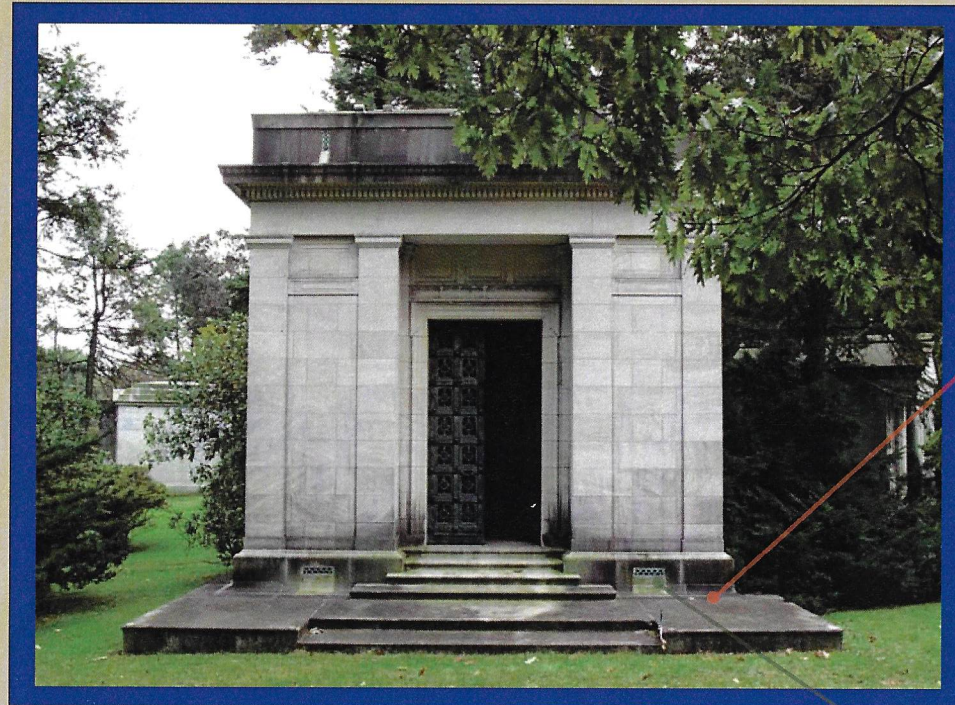
Cornelius Bliss Mausoleum (1912)

Materials/Conditions:

- Granite base - discolored to blackish-gray, probably due to biological growth.
- Remainder of building is Tennessee Pink limestone, graying at base of pilasters, on roof and around water paths. Weathered.
- Bronze vent fixtures (in roof and base) as well as bronze door. Contact with weather has caused green running/staining.

Of Note:

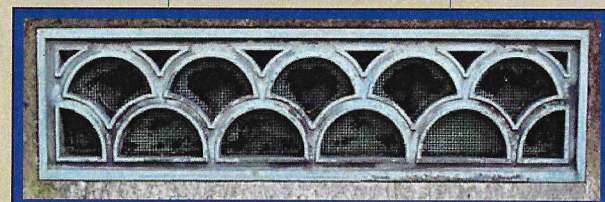
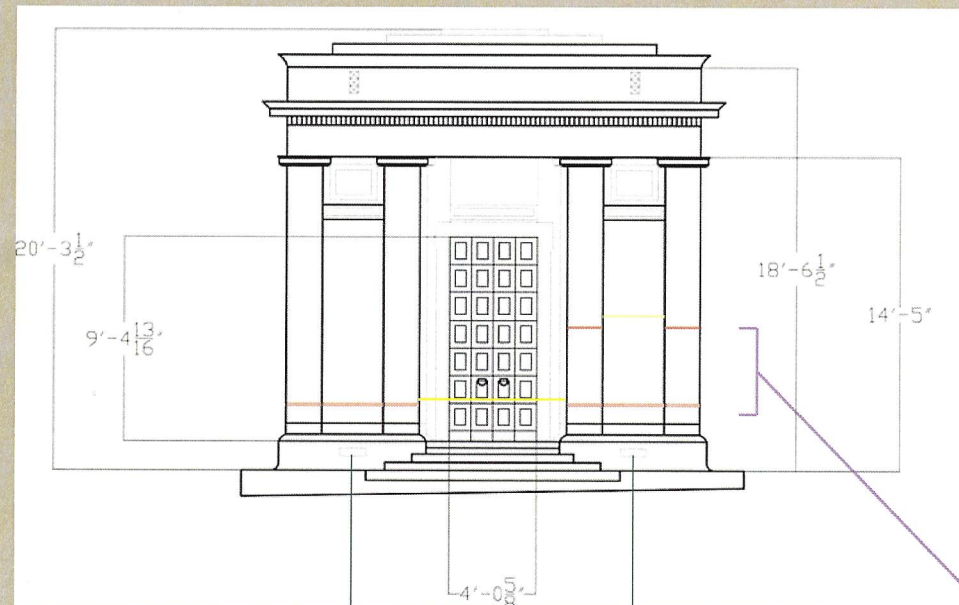
- Very angular - arcs used sparingly in mouldings, details and carving in base
- **A-B-A** proportionality expressed throughout - very pleasing to eye



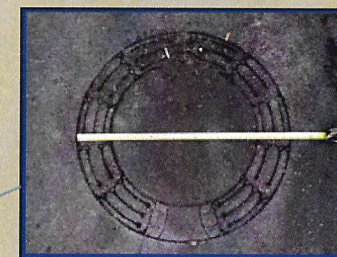
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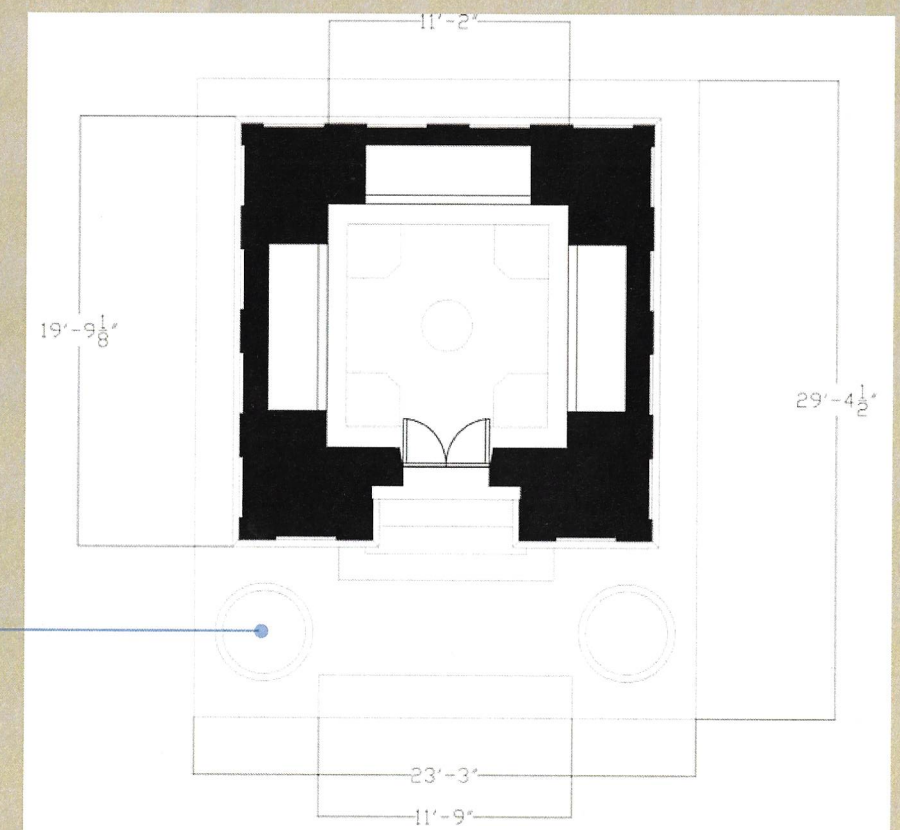
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bronze vent detail



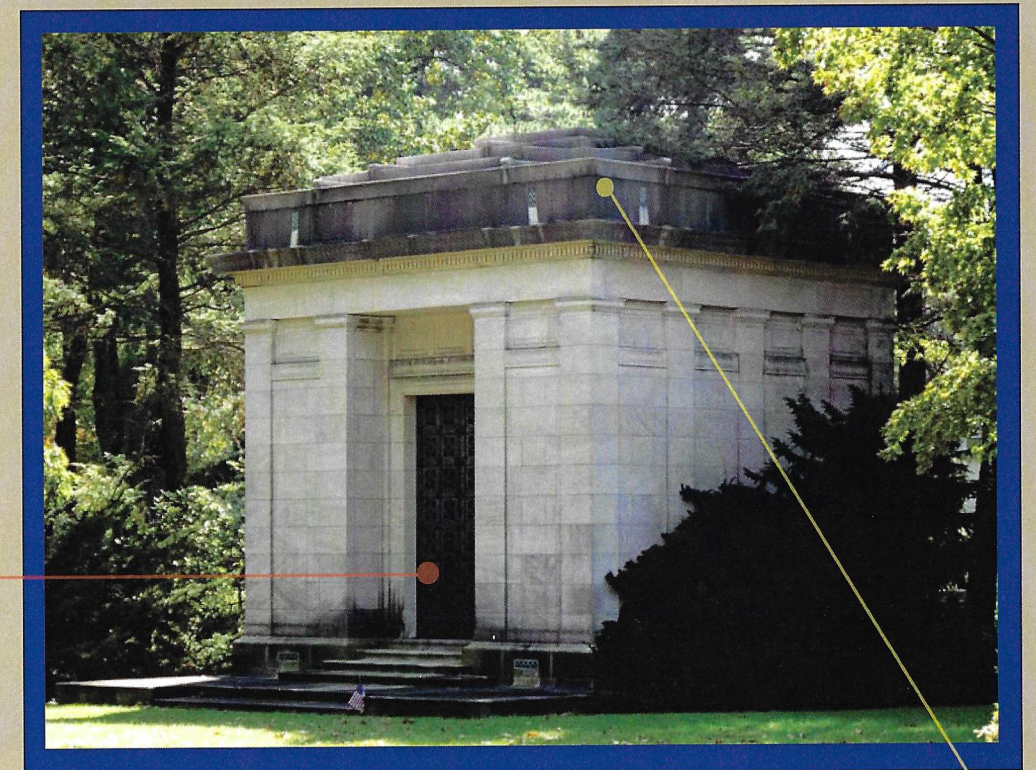
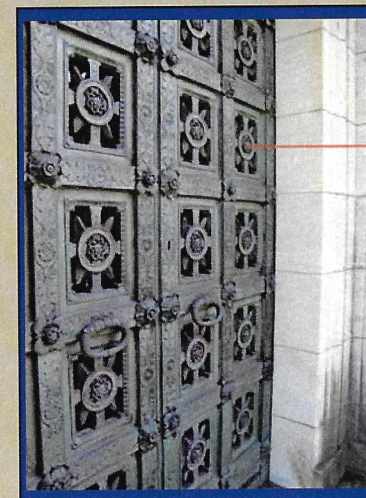
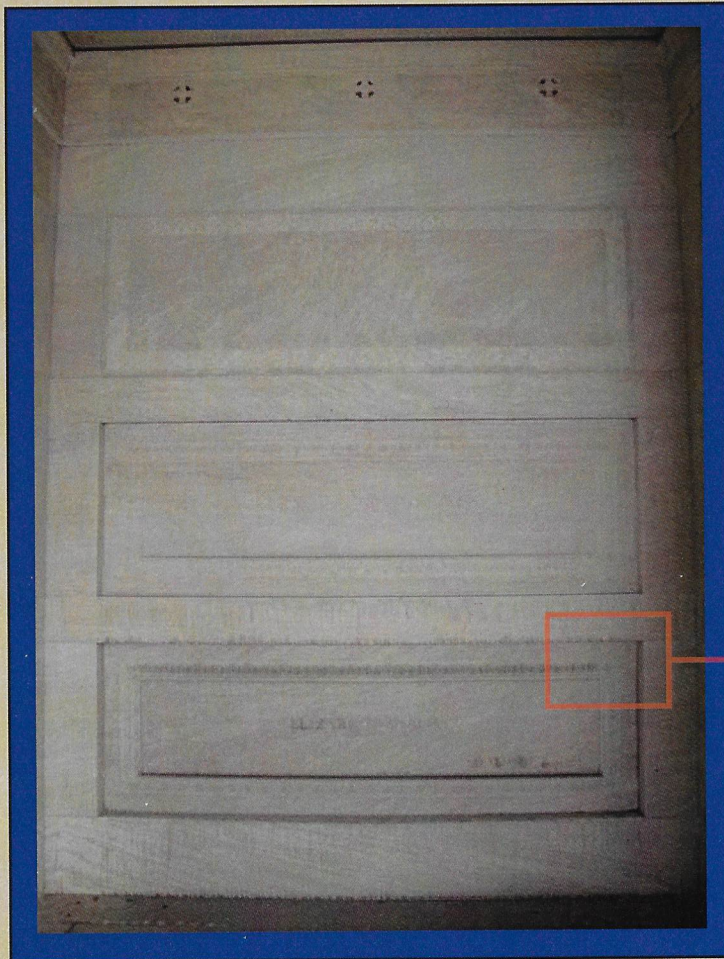
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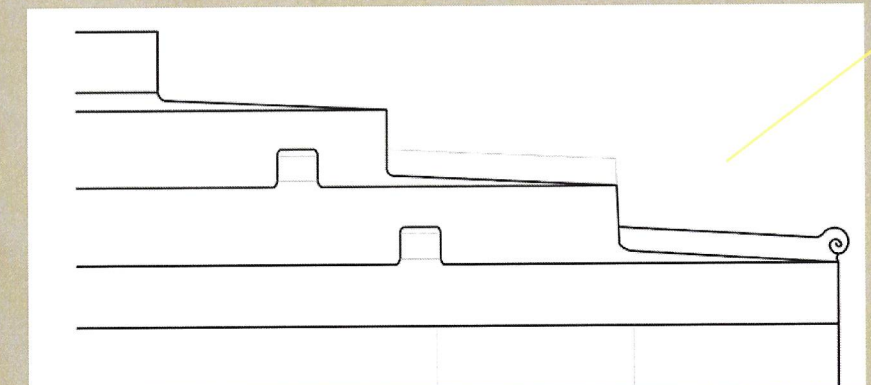
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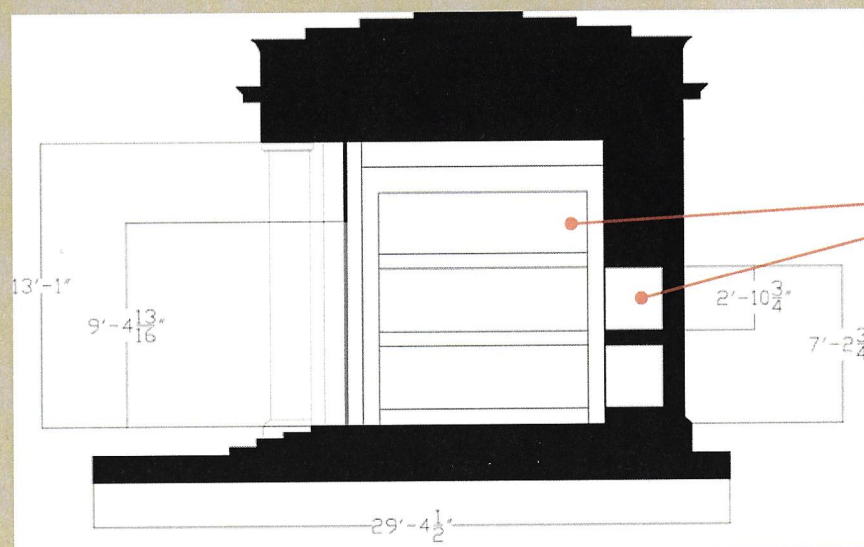
- Cornelius N. Bliss 1833 - 1911
- Elizabeth N. Bliss (wife) died at age 86 (dates unknown)
- Lizzie P. Bliss (daughter) 1864 - 1931
- Cornelius N. Bliss Jr. (son) 1875 - 1949



Detail of roof (elevation)



Section at 1/4" = 1'



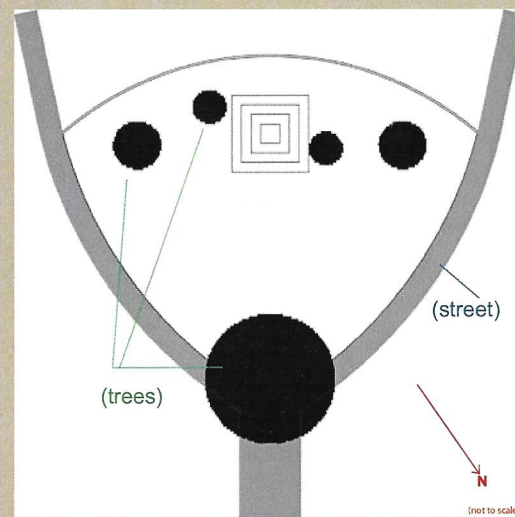
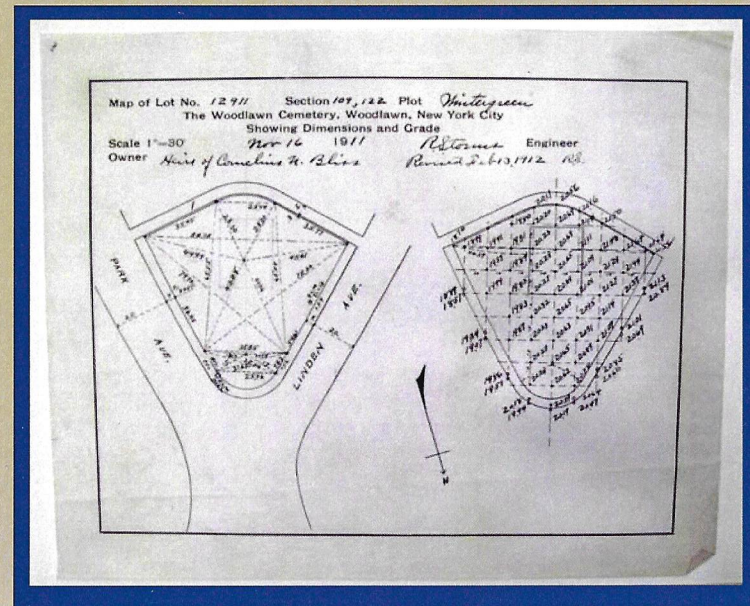
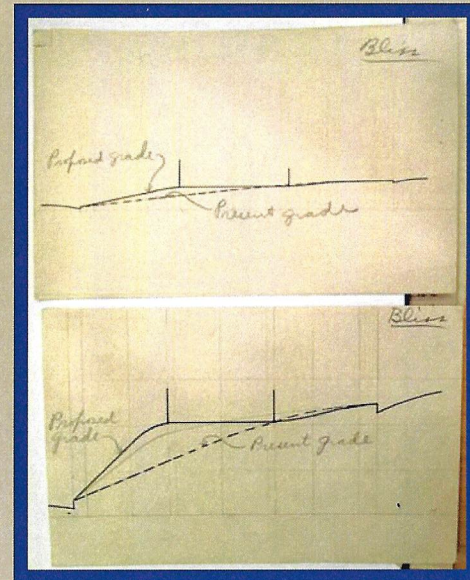
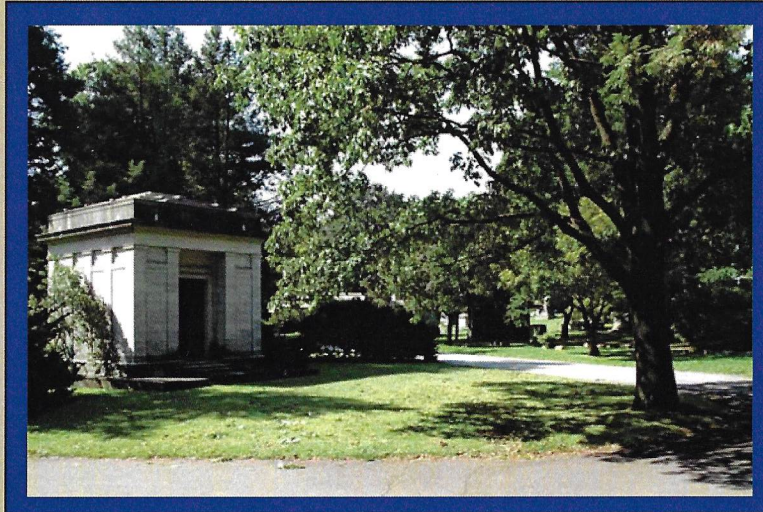
Interior:

- Same pink limestone as exterior
- 8 crypts total, 2 along back wall, 3 on each side wall
- Lead and copper sheeting in roof for weather protection. No green staining showing inside but signs of some water/moisture damage.
- Flat ceiling in spite of domed roofline

Of Note:

- Roof tiers can only be seen from afar, not when standing at ground level near structure.

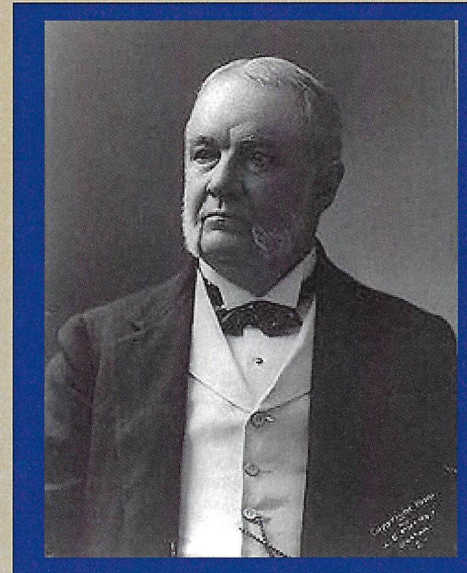
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Site Plan:

- Unique corner lot - New York Times estimated the plot cost \$12,000 (probably an over-estimate since they grossly over-estimated the mausoleum cost.)
- Large tree blocks view of structure until viewer is close to mausoleum
- Essentially symmetrical landscaping plan with gradient carefully planned by architects **Bosworth & Holden**
- Overall effect: orderly and very stately

Cornelius Bliss:



- Wealth from one of the largest wholesale dry-goods houses in the US at the time
- Chairman of the Republican National Committee (1892-1908)
- 21st US Secretary of the Interior under President McKinley (1897-99)
- Refused offer to be McKinley's Vice

President in 1900 -- the following year McKinley was assassinated and the current VP, Theodore Roosevelt, became President

- Mausoleum planned and purchased by his wife, Elizabeth, for (using other mausoleums in Greenwood for inspiration.)

Lizzie (aka Lillie) Bliss [Daughter]:

- Art and music lover
- Helped found the Juilliard Music Foundation (Now the Juilliard School)
- One of four founders of the Museum Of Modern Art in 1929 and contributor of major founding collection including Cezannes, Van Goghs, and Picassos (which she willed to the Musuem upon her death.)

