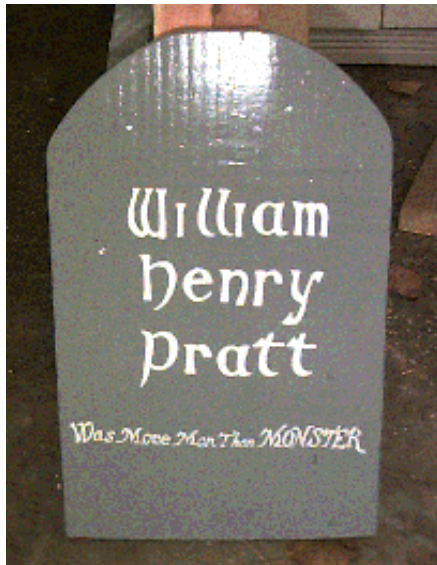




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Tombstones - A variety of tombstones used in the graveyard scene at the Liscum House of Horrors. Lettering hand painted on gray-painted 2x12's (M. Liscum).



This one will take some knowledge...W. H. Pratt is the real name of horror legend Boris Karloff. The caption says it all: "Was more man than MONSTER" (1997)



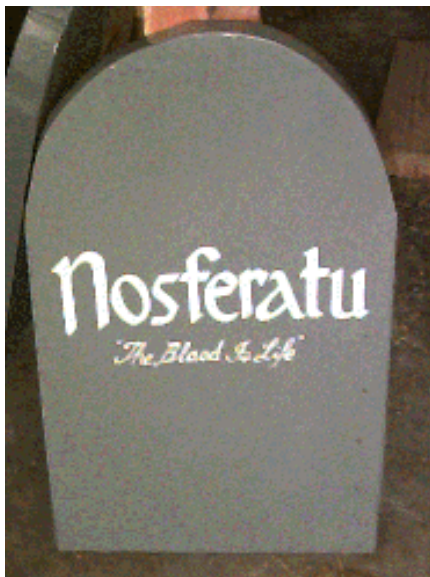
The companion to the Hjalmer Poelzig headstone...Dr. Verdegas was the character played by Bela Lugosi. The doctor gets his in the end! (1999)



An obscure classic horror movie reference that most visitors won't get. Hjalmar Poelzig was the character Karloff played in "The Black Cat" - Herr Poelzig was a WWI vet and satanist who "disposes" of his rival, played by Bela Lugosi, by skinning him alive! This was one of many great Karloff characters. (1998)

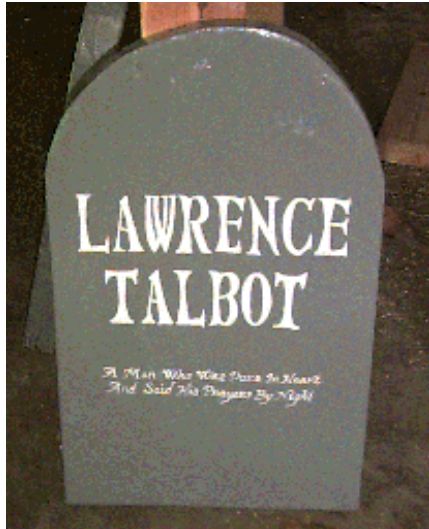


Nothing necessary here...no graveyard would be complete without a "grave-robber". (1997)



Again, nothing needs to be said here...some more undead to keep the corpses company. (1997) (the caption says, "The Blood Is Life")

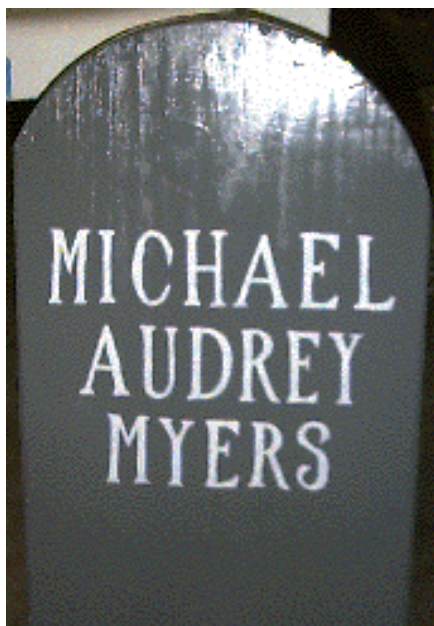
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Another not so obvious reference to a movie character...this time the character played by Lon Chaney Jr. in "The Wolf Man"...the caption provides a the clue to who this character is - "A man who was pure in heart and said his prayers by night". (1998)



Another tribute marker, this one to director George Romero (who is thankfully still with us). GR directed the granddad of all zombie movies, "Night of the Living Dead". Given the theme of the graveyard this headstone seemed quite appropriate even if Mr. Romero is still alive! (1998) (the dates refer to dates associated with GR's living dead trilogy)



This (and the following) headstone should be obvious to any fan of John Carpenter or the movie Halloween...I felt that after the latest and final (it's about time!!!) entry into the movie series (Halloween H20) I could finally add this stone, as the SHAPE is FINALLY dead! His resurrection worked beautifully for the first movie, but after that ol' Mike was fated to be like Jason and Freddy...overdone to the extreme...I'm glad they finally retired him. John made him and others ruined him. (1999)



This stone accompanies the previous stone. JMM was the first victim of the SHAPE. Let's just say she doesn't care for clowns anymore. (1999)



This one is a nod to the producer who probably did more for the monster movie genre in its talky infancy than anyone. Laemmle Jr. was producer of most of Universals giants - Dracula, The Mummy, The Wolf Man, Frankenstein, Bride, The Invisible Man, and on, and on....(2003)



Anyone at all knowledgeable about the horror movie genre should know this one. Whale was the director of Frankenstein and Bride of Frankenstein (among others). His tortured story - gay man in 1930's Hollywood - was recently romanticized in the pseudo-docu "Gods and Monsters". My graveyard didn't seem appropriate in the absence of it.