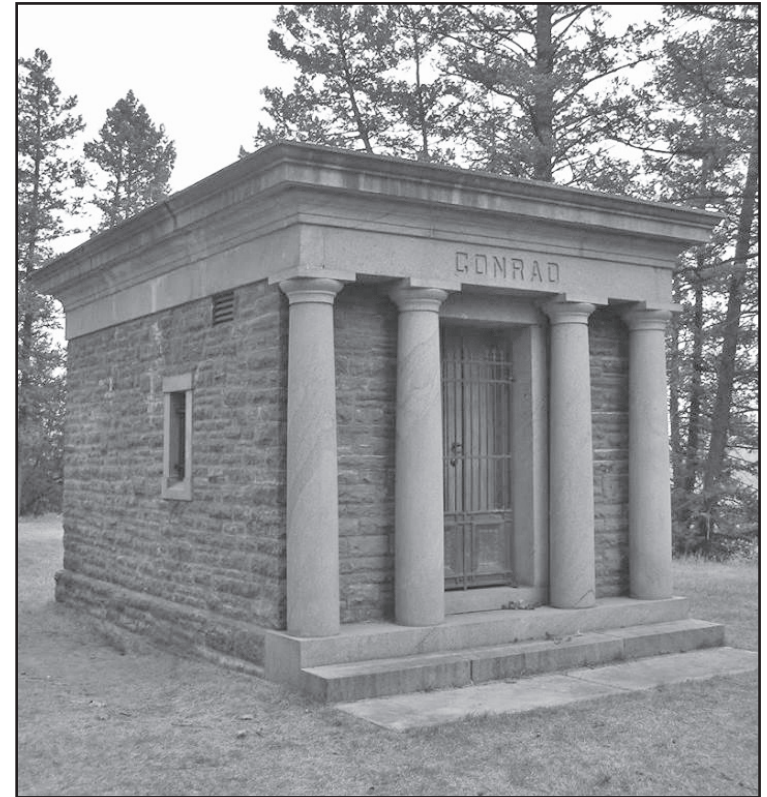


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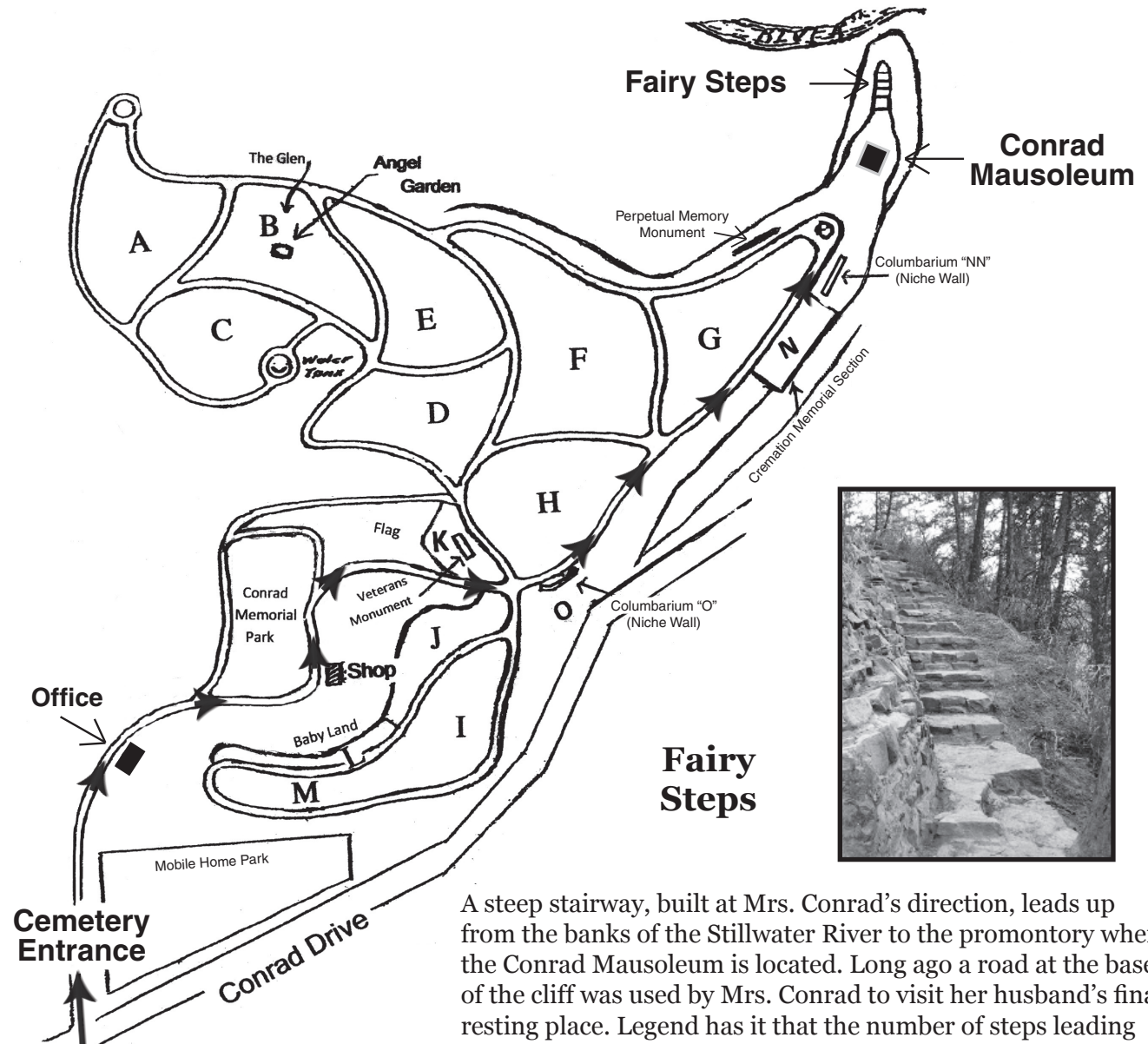
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Shortly before his death in November 1902, C.E. Conrad informed his wife that he would like to be buried on a promontory about a mile from the family home. The promontory, overlooking the Flathead Valley, is a peaceful, beautiful and natural setting. Conrad designed a mausoleum and asked that it be constructed. Mrs. Conrad embarked on carrying out her husband's wishes. She purchased the promontory and surrounding land for a community cemetery in memory of her husband.

In order to find a suitable design compatible with the existing natural setting, Mrs. Conrad and daughter Alicia Ann toured cemeteries across the country, Canada and Mexico. They chose a classic "Rural Garden" landscape, a burial ground inspired by the English garden movement that uses landscape in a park-like setting. Prior to this, urban burial grounds were generally sectarian and located on small plots within cities, often under church control.

In order to organize, carry out and build the cemetery, an *ad hoc* committee was formed. Mrs. Conrad spearheaded the "perpetual care law" in the state of Montana that sets aside a portion of every grave sale for maintenance. Eventually, the cemetery was designated a tax exempt association whose trustees devote their service to maintaining Mrs. Conrad's original intent.



A steep stairway, built at Mrs. Conrad's direction, leads up from the banks of the Stillwater River to the promontory where the Conrad Mausoleum is located. Long ago a road at the base of the cliff was used by Mrs. Conrad to visit her husband's final resting place. Legend has it that the number of steps leading down does not match the number of steps going up.