



MOUNT HOLLY CEMETERY





Mount Holly Cemetery is a park-like oasis owned by the City of Little Rock. It is in the heart of the city and includes flowering plants, shade trees, berry bushes and honeysuckle. The pleasant and restful atmosphere is enhanced by a Bell House built around the end of the 19th century.

The four-square block area was donated to the city to be used as a cemetery in 1843 by Roswell Beebe and Senator Chester Ashley. It has become the final resting place of such a number of notable Arkansans that it has earned the nickname, "The Westminster Abbey of Arkansas." Interred here are 11 state Governors, 13 state Supreme Court justices, four Confederate Generals, 22 Little Rock mayors, several newspaper editors, military heroes, physicians and attorneys.

The earliest birth date recorded on its stones is that of Peter LeFevre, born in Canada in 1750. The first interment was of William Cummins in April 1843.



In many instances, there are now no living direct descendants of persons buried here. Therefore, the care of a number of graves has become the responsibility of the general public. The city levies a small tax on each lot, and these funds, along with memorials and donations to the Mount Holly Cemetery Association, are used to maintain the Cemetery. The Association, a group of ladies first organized in 1915, voluntarily maintains this historic shrine and administers its finances. Interest on the Maintenance Care trusteeship is used to care for the lots of those who buy maintenance care. Columbarium spaces remain available.

Contributions and memorials are welcomed, and should be sent to the Treasurer, P. O. Box 250118, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72225. Memorial gifts and contributions are tax deductible.

Mount Holly is on the National Register of Historic Places.

NOTABLES OF ARKANSAS AND THEIR RESTING PLACES

GOVERNORS OF ARKANSAS – TERM IN OFFICE

- 22 George IZARD (Territorial), 1825-28, also Major General, War of 1812
- 24 William Savin FULTON (Territorial), 1829-36, also first U.S. Senator 1836-44
- 11 Thomas J. CHURCHILL, 1881-83, also General, CSA
- 31 Elias Nelson CONWAY, 1852-60, also Auditor of Territory
- 33 Henry M. RECTOR, 1860-62, also State Supreme Court Associate Justice
- 55 William R. MILLER, 1877-81, first native-born governor
- 60 James P. EAGLE, 1889-93, CSA
- 61 Jeff DAVIS, 1901-07, also U.S. Senator 1907-13
- 63 Simon P. HUGHES, 1885-89, also State Supreme Court Associate Justice
 - 4 Augustus H. GARLAND, 1874-77, also U.S. Senator, 1877-85, Attorney General of United States, 1884
- 91 Frank White, 1981-83

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT JUSTICES – TERM IN OFFICE

- 45 Daniel RINGO, first Chief Justice, 1836-44
- 29 Thomas JOHNSON, second Chief Justice, 1845-52
- 21 George WATKINS, third Chief Justice, 1853-54
- 62 Elbert H. ENGLISH, fourth, 1855-64, and eighth Chief Justice 1874-84
- 22 Sterling R. COCKRILL, 10th Chief Justice, 1884-93
- 83 William Wallace WILSHIRE, Chief Justice, 1868-71
- 12 Benjamin JOHNSON, Associate Justice (Territorial), 1821
- 31 William B. CONWAY, Associate Justice, 1847-48
- 41 John J. CLENDENIN, Associate Justice, 1866-88
- 73 William Wright SMITH, Associate Justice, 1882-88
- 81 Wilson E. HEMINGWAY, Chief Justice, 1889-93
- 59 B.B. BATTLE, Associate Justice, 1885-1910
- 27 George Rose SMITH, Associate Justice, 1949-87

UNITED STATES SENATORS – TERM IN OFFICE

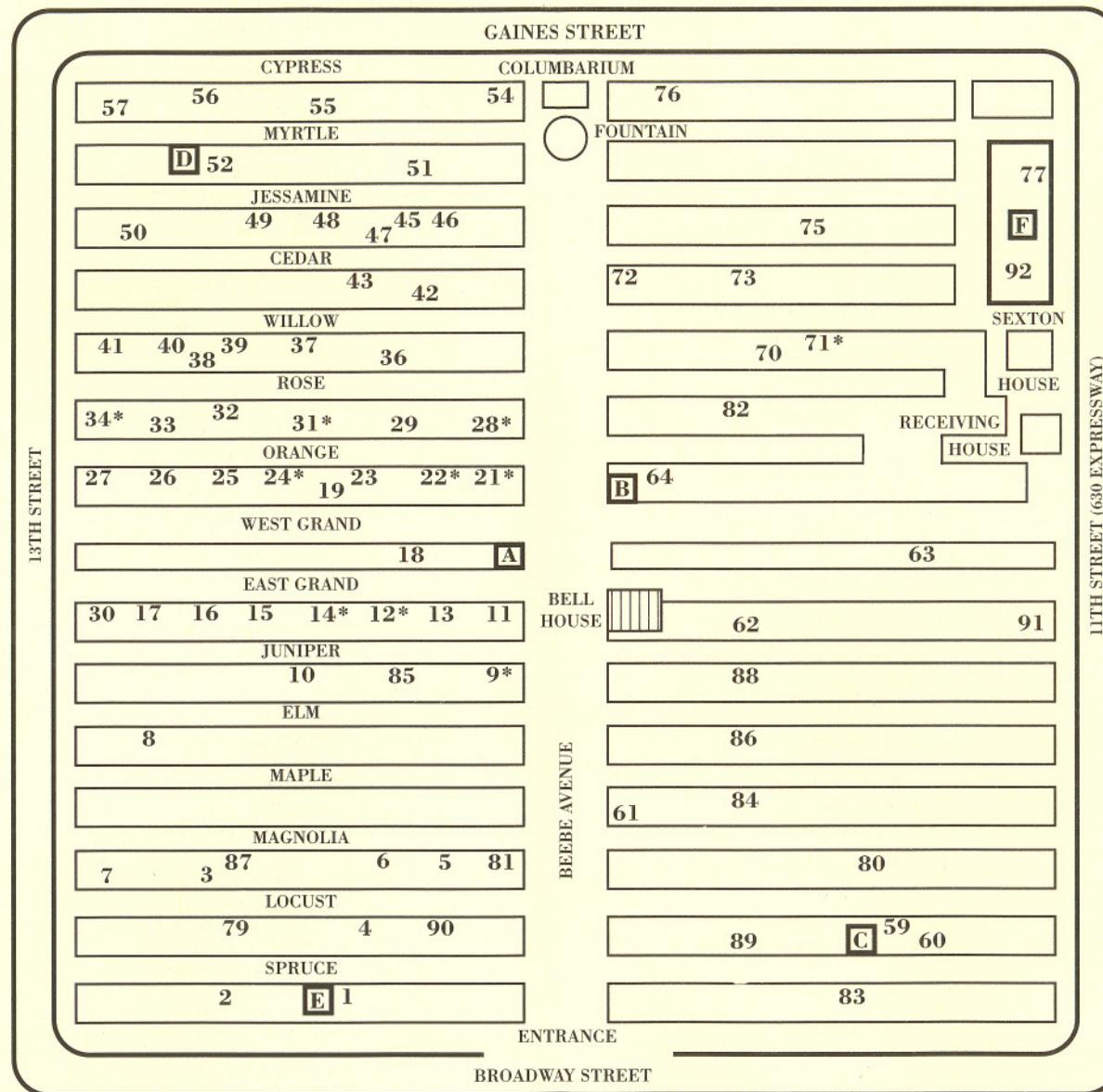
- 13 Ambrose H. SEVIER, 1836-48, also Minister to Mexico
- 12 Robert W. JOHNSON, 1853-61, also U.S. Congressman, 1847-53
- 22 Chester ASHLEY, 1844-48, one of donors of Mount Holly site to City of Little Rock
- 88 Solon BORLAND, 1848-55

CONFEDERATE GENERALS

- 11 Maj. Gen. Thomas J. CHURCHILL, also Governor, 1881-83
- 54 Maj. Gen. James Fleming FAGAN
- 84 Brig. Gen. Allison NELSON
- 21 Brig. Gen. John Edward MURRAY, killed at Battle of Atlanta the day his nomination was confirmed

MAYORS OF LITTLE ROCK – TERM IN OFFICE

- 14 Dr. Matthew CUNNINGHAM, first Mayor, 1832
- 24 David FULTON, 1835, County Judge 1836-38, father of Gov. Fulton
- 43 James PITCHER, 1835-38, also Captain, CSA
- 51 Jesse BROWN, 1838-39, also first Schoolmaster, also Postmaster
- 52 Dr. S.H. WEBB, 1840-41, and 1848-49, farmer, no marker
- Eli COLBY, 1843-44, grave not located
- 48 Lambert J. REARDON, 1845-46, Editor of *Arkansas Banner*
- 34 Dr. R.L. DODGE, 1847, established the *Temperance Journal* in 1844, medical missionary to the Indians
- 23 Roswell BEEBE, 1849-50, one of donors of Mount Holly site and President of Cairo and Fulton Railway
- 16 John E. KNIGHT, 1851, attorney
- 79 Andre J. HUTT, 1852-53
- 49 Thomas D. MERRICK, 1854, merchant
- 64 Charles BERTRAND, 1855-56
- 22 William ASHLEY, 1857-58 and 1861-63, son of Sen. Ashley
- 46 Gordon PEAY, 1859-60, Colonel, CSA
- 7 Dr. John H. McALMONT, 1866, Major, CSA
- 42 John WASSSELL, 1868, by military appointment, finishing contractor for Old Statehouse
- 82 J.G. BOTSFORD, 1870-71, also Chief of Police
- 9 John G. FLETCHER, 1875-81, Captain, CSA



MAUSOLEUM LOCATIONS: (A) Penzel (B) Lincoln (C) Thompson (D) Turner (E) Folsom (F) Public

* Denotes multiple citations

- 85 J.A. WOODSON, 1895-1900, drummer boy for Ninth Arkansas Infantry, CSA
- 77 John Herndon HOLLIS, 1908, by City Council election, mortgage banker
- 86 Donald MEHLBERGER, 1977-78, engineer

OF MASONIC INTEREST

- 40 Masonic Plot
- 38 Family lot of Albert PIKE

- 32 Fay HEMPSTEAD, Poet Laureate of Freemasonry
- 37 Samuel Calhoun ROANE, organizer of the first Masonic Lodge in Ark. Territory in 1819; also designed the Seal of the Arkansas Territory

PEOPLE FOR WHOM ARKANSAS COUNTIES WERE NAMED

- 22 Chester ASHLEY
- 31 The CONWAY Family
- 36 Sandford C. FAULKNER

- 24 William Savin FULTON
- 4 Augustus H. GARLAND
- 22 George IZARD
- 27 Thomas W. NEWTON
- 13 Ambrose H. SEVIER
- 25 William E. WOODRUFF

OF GENERAL INTEREST

- 72 W.B. WORTHEN, early banker
- 47 Frederick W. TRAPNALL, attorney and Whig leader; built Trapnall Hall
- 50 Dr. Lorenzo GIBSON, member of Legislature, 1938-44
- 87 J.N. HEISKELL, Editor of *Arkansas Gazette* from 1902 to 1972
- 25 William E. WOODRUFF, Founder of the *Arkansas Gazette*, 1819
- 76 Col. James MITCHELL, CSA, Editor of both *Arkansas Gazette* and *Arkansas Democrat*
- 56 Samuel ADAMS, President of the Senate; acting Governor
- 75 Group of five stones moved from old cemetery at 5th and Gaines
 - 1 Dr. Isaac FOLSOM, founder of first City Hospital
 - 8 David O. DODD, Boy Martyr of Confederacy, executed at age 17 as a spy
- 36 Sandford FAULKNER, popularized "The Arkansas Traveler" song and legend
- 71 Edward Payson WASHBURN, who painted "The Arkansas Traveler"
- 71 Cephus WASHBURN, Presbyterian missionary to Indians, who preached the first local sermon, 1820
- 70 Charles Fenton Mercer NOLAND, lawyer, carried statehood Constitution to Washington for ratification in 1836; highly respected author under pen name of "Pete Whetstone"
- 39 QUATIE Memorial, Indian wife of Cherokee Chief John Ross; died 1839 on "Trail of Tears"
- 80 Edward N. WIEGEL, who discovered bauxite in Arkansas, 1887
- 14 Eliza Bertrand CUNNINGHAM, first white woman resident
- 15 Chester CUNNINGHAM, first white child born in Little Rock, son of the above and Dr. Cunningham (see Mayors)
- 21 Isaac WATKINS, in whose home the first local Baptist Church was organized, 1824
- 26 John H. CREASE, founder of Christ Episcopal Church
- 57 State plot for members of Legislature who died during sessions
- 5 Maj. J.L. PALMER, founder of the first Temperance Society in Arkansas
- 9 John Gould FLETCHER, winner of Pulitzer Prize for poetry, 1939
- 18 Rev. Thomas R. WELCH, founder of the first Presbyterian Church in Arkansas
 - 2 Dr. Weldon Edwards WRIGHT, financed the Brooks Baxter War in 1874
- 6 Brig. Gen. James Ancil SHIPTON, USA, organized anti-aircraft and trench mortar schools, WWI
- 3 George R. MANN, architect, State Capitol Building
- 10 Absalom FOWLER, attorney, member First Arkansas Constitutional Convention, 1836
- 27 Thomas W. NEWTON, U.S. House of Representatives, 1847, only Whig ever elected from Arkansas
- 12 Richard Henry JOHNSON, Editor of the *Arkansas True Democrat*
- 12 Robert Ward JOHNSON, U.S. House of Representatives; CSA Senate
- 17 Rev. Joshua Fry GREEN, Presbyterian leader
- 21 Maria WATKINS, second white woman resident of Little Rock
- 28 Samuel M. WEAVER, Secretary of State of Arkansas, 1860
- 28 Lt. Omer WEAVER, first Little Rock man killed in Civil War, August 10, 1861, Battle of Wilsons Creek
- 30 Frank TIMMS, killed aboard Steamer *Hallie* on Arkansas River near Palarm, in Brooks Baxter War in 1874
- 19 David SHALL, killed in Brooks Baxter War in 1874
- 89 Pat MEHAFFY, Chief Judge, U.S. Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1963-74
- 90 Ike MURRY, Arkansas Attorney General, 1949-53.
- 9 Charlie May SIMON, Author of children's books
- 27 Peg Newton SMITH, Little Rock preservationist
- 92 John Parks ALMAND, architect, Little Rock Central High School



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