

Mary Bayley-Pratt, for whom Chapel Hill's first public library was named, and Joseph Hyde Pratt, UNC geology professor.

### **SECTION III**

- A08 Albert Coates, 1896-1989. Founder, UNC Institute of Government.
- **A12** Francis LeClair, 1884-1973. Botanist, landscape architect; designed Old Well and Planetarium rose garden.
- **B03 Sidney Long**, 1861-1928. Chief of Police and dairy farmer.
- **B12 Ralph Trimble**, 1899-1975. Prof. of Engineering; surveyed much of Chapel Hill.
- **B15 James Street**, 1903-1954. Novelist: 'The Biscuit Eater', 'Goodbye, My Lady.'
- **B21** Hiram Stone, 1856-1901. Blacksmith.
- C08 James Gooch, 1871-1940. Longtime owner of Gooch's Café, Franklin St.
- **C09** Oscar 'Skipper' Coffin, 1887-1956. Professor of journalism; author.
- D14 Robert House, 1892-1987, UNC Chancellor; author.
- **E04 James Hutchins, Jr.**, 1917-2002. Major benefactor to University (Hutchins Forum).
- E08 Edwin Greenlaw, 1874-1931. Professor of English.
- E11 Frederick (1893-1973) and Adeline (1900-1989) McCall. Two of the founders of the North Carolina Symphony; he was UNC Prof. of Law; she composed score for 'The Lost Colony.'
- **E12** Frederick 'Prof' Koch, 1877-1944. Founder, Playmakers Theatre.
- **E20** William C. 'Bill' Friday, 1920-2012. UNC President 1956-1986; hosted public television show 'North Carolina People'.
- **J06 Maurice VanHecke**, 1892-1963. Prof. of Law for whom VanHecke-Wettach Hall is named.
- J15 Isaac Hall Manning, 1866-1946. Dean of Medical School, Kenan Prof. of Physiology. Founded Hospital Savings of N.C., providing first medical care in North Carolina for all its citizens, which became Blue Cross/Blue Shield.
- **J16 John Taylor Manning**, 1913-1982. Son of Isaac, attorney and judge.
- **J21** Henry Brandis, 1909-1989. Dean of Law School.
- K11 James Tatum, 1913-1959. UNC football coach.
- **K13** Walter Davis, 1920-2008. Major benefactor to University for whom Davis Library is named.
- **K14 Edward Danziger**, 1893-1972. Restaurateur (Viennese Candy Kitchen, Papa D's); son started the Rathskeller.
- M02 Charles Edward Eaton, 1916-2006. Noted poet.
- **M04 James L. Sutton**, 1891-1950. Founded Sutton's Drugstore on Franklin Street in 1923. Unique 'signature' inscription on stone.
- N02 Kay Kyser, 1905-1985. Famous bandleader.
- **N02** Georgia Carroll Kyser, 1919-2011. Actress, singer, and model.
- N14 John Nesbitt, 1860-1946. Engineer for 24 years on UNC railroad, the 'Whooper'.
- N18 Braxton Lloyd, 1886-1947. County physician, mayor of Carrboro.
- O08 Carl Boettcher, 1886-1950. Woodcarver.
- **O08 Mable Hill**, 1893-1983. Silent movie pianist for many years at Pickwick Theater on Franklin Street.

- O11 E. Carrington Smith, 1905-1977. Operated Carolina Movie Theatre.
- O12 Robert Connor, 1878-1950. Kenan Prof. of History; first United

### **SECTION IV**

- **F01** Fred Smith Sr., 1858-1939. Conductor for 48 years on UNC railroad, the 'Whooper.'
- **F10** Samuel Cornwell, 1925-1979. Prof. of Physical Education.
- **F10 Paul Green**, 1894-1981. Author and playwright: 'In Abraham's Bosom', and first outdoor drama, 'The Lost Colony'.
- F12 English Bagby, 1891-1955. Prof. of Psychology.
- F13 Frank Porter Graham, 1886-1972. UNC President 1930-49, U.S. senator.
- **G02** Rachel Crook, 1879-1951 (murdered). Ran Chapel Hill's first launderette; also ran fish/produce market which later became Crook's Corner Restaurant.
- **G15 Robert Coker**, 1876-1967. Prof. of Biology and author.
- **G17 Wesley Critz George**, 1888-1982. Prof. of Anatomy; world-famous expert on study of blood and embryos.
- **H05 Robert Wettach**, 1891-1964. Prof. of Law for whom VanHecke-Wettach Hall is named.
- H13 John Umstead, Jr., 1889-1968. State Representative.
- Q10 Edwin Lanier, 1901-1983. Mayor.
- **Q17 Roy Armstrong**, 1904-1984. UNC Dir. of Admissions; Dir. of Morehead Foundation; Brigadier General, US Army Reserves.
- Q18 Howard Odum, 1884-1954. Prof. of Sociology, founder of Institute for Research in Social Science, pioneer in the study of black culture.
- **R15 Robert Fowler**, 1905-1961. Grocer; founded Model Market (later Fowler's).
- **R20** John Couch, 1896-1986. Prof. of Botany.
- S09 Dudley Carroll, 1885-1971. Dean, School of Business.
- **S11** Charles Shaffer, Sr., 1913-2004. First Director of Development for University.
- **S19** Walter Reece Berryhill, 1900-1979. Dean, School of Medicine.
- **T06** Noel Houston, 1909-1958. Novelist and playwright.
- **T11 Jeff Thomas**, 1898-1957. Owner, Jeff's Confectionery on Franklin Street.
- **T14 Myrtle Etheridge**, 1904-1990. Long-time telephone operator.
- T16 Henry Totten, 1892-1974. Professor of Botany. He and wife Addie (1889-1974) were well known horticulturalists for whom the Totten Center at the NC Botanical Garden is named.



Martha Decker DeBerry served as the assistant Dean of Women,
Acting Dean of Women, Director of Student Activities.

## THE OLD CHAPEL HILL CEMETERY

### HISTORY OF THE CEMETERY

The Old Chapel Hill Cemetery lies in the heart of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The site was part of a land grant given by the State of North Carolina in 1796 to develop the University of North Carolina, and the cemetery originally served as a final resting place for University faculty and students.

The University's Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies were the first to establish burial plots. The earliest recorded burial, in 1798, was that of 19 year old George Clarke, although the stone marking his grave dates from the mid-19th century. Several monuments in the Di and Phi enclosures are the work of noted 19th century stonecarver George Lauder of Fayetteville. Other monuments were carved by British stonemasons originally hired to construct Raleigh's state capitol in 1840. The Cemetery was enclosed in 1835 by a rock wall, constructed at a cost of \$64.41.

Dr. Joseph Caldwell, the first person officially titled President of the University of North Carolina, was interred here in 1835, but in 1846 was removed to a monument erected on McCorkle Place on the main campus. At the time, University trustees proposed creating a new cemetery on McCorkle Place, but this did not come to fruition. Instead, the trustees officially changed the name of the old cemetery to the 'College Graveyard', but it continued to be called the 'Village Cemetery' by most residents.



Most graves in the African American sections have no markers, but some have field stones, plants, or uncarved markers.



The Philanthropic Society's plot is home to the oldest known burial in the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery, George Clark.

There were no black church cemeteries in Chapel Hill in the 18th and early 19th centuries; consequently, the slaves of the village were buried in a segregated section of the Cemetery (Sections A and B), separated from the other sections (I, II, III and IV) by a low rock wall which still stands. The large sandstone obelisk in Section B, dedicated to the black servants of the University, is the original Joseph Caldwell monument from McCorkle Place, which was replaced in the late 19th century by a granite obelisk. Many of the fieldstones in Sections A and B mark the graves of unknown blacks.

The Cemetery was used for the interment of many administrators, professors, and teachers of the University, as well as public officials, prominent businesspeople, and local authors, artists and entertainers. During the Civil War, many Confederate soldiers, their graves marked by 'C.S.A' stones, were buried here. Veterans of later wars also are at rest here.

The Cemetery was expanded to its present boundaries in 1928. Although it is now nearly full, burials still occur in all six sections. In 1922, the University and the Town of Chapel Hill entered into an agreement for the Town to maintain the Cemetery and administer the sale of lots, but it was not until 1988 that the University officially deeded the Cemetery to the Town.

The Old Chapel Hill Cemetery represents the broad spectrum of people who helped found Chapel Hill and its University, and who gave it a unique place in North Carolina history.

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### Can we help you?

Are you interested in research or genealogy? Is one of your descendeants buried here? If we can help you in your research, please contact us.

### Will you help us?

Do you have information about anyone buried in the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery that you can share with us? We want to compile a history of the families into a permanent record.

Please contact the Town of Chapel Hill

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ESTABLISHED 1798
CHAPEL HILL,
NORTH CAROLINA



The Guthrie plot has an ornate 1892 cast-iron gate that features the weeping willow, two reclining lambs, and roses — mourning symbols representing mortality, purity and innocence, and grief and love.

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The Carmichael Family, prominent businesspeople and longtime supporters of the University.

### SECTION A

- **E04** Charlotte Hargrave, 1847-1924. A nurse for 50 years.
- **F02 Fannie McDade**, 1861-1964. Laundress for students; died at age 103.
- **G17** Annie Harton, 1843-? Example of 'home-made' concrete stone.
- **G25** Nellie Strowd Strayhorn, 1850-1950. Died at age of 100.
- **H37** Thomas Booth, Sr., 1887-1955. Stone and brick mason; with brother Lewis, built some stone walls on campus and some houses on Gimghoul Road.
- **I04 George Kirkland**, 1899-1948. First black dentist in Chapel Hill.
- **I05 Dovard O'Kelly**, 1888-1945. Ran dry cleaning plant for UNC and the town in the 1920's-30's.
- **I33 Rev. Lewis H. Hackney**, 1854-1937. Pastor, Rock Hill Baptist Church (now First Baptist) for 60 years.
- J19 Jesse Jones, 1858-1912. Well-known chef at Pickard Hotel.

  Later ran The Coop, a popular student eatery located behind

  Ackland Art Museum
- **K05 Henry Merrett (Merritt)**, 1871-1943. Long-time employee of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

### **SECTION B**

- **M02** George Trice, 1838-1915. Ran oyster restaurant and shoe repair shop on Franklin Street.
- M34 Nannie Weaver, 1871-1971. Died at the age of 100.
- N33 Dr. Edwin Caldwell, 1867-1932. Son of Wilson Caldwell (S26). Received medical degree at Shaw U. in Raleigh; practiced many years in Chapel Hill. Developed cure for pellagra.
- **R19** George Barbee, mid-19th century. One of the oldest stones in this section.
- **R24** Elington Burnett, 1831-1853. Another very early stone.
- **S26** Wilson Swain Caldwell, 1841-1898. Monument originally located on campus for Dr. Joseph Caldwell. Ex-slave; established first school for blacks in Chapel Hill; Town Commissioner in 1880's. Others honored at this monument are father November Caldwell, David Barham and Henry Smith.
- **Y09 Dilsey Craig**, 1802-1894. A slave for over 60 years in the home of the prominent Phillips family (see Section I).

### **SECTION I**

- **BB01 Jane Tenney Gilbert**, 1896-1980. Epitaph reads: "I was a Tar Heel born/and a Tar Heel bred/and here I lie a Tar Heel dead./ Born Jan. 1986 AND STILL HERE 1980."
- EE21-22 Confederate soldiers' markers.
- **GG16 Col. Hugh Blair Guthrie**, 1814-1881. Mayor, sheriff, postmaster, member of NC General Assembly. Unique chest tomb and inscription.
- GG20 John Huskey, 1840-1920. Blacksmith.
- **HH-II16 Tenney (Tenny) Family.** Owners of Tenney Plantation off Franklin Street in 19th century.
- **II25 Foster Utley**, 1820-1894. University carpenter during Reconstruction.
- **JJ16 Thomas West Harris**, 1839-1888. First Dean of Medical School; also ran drugstore.
- JJ18 Algernon Barbee, 1840-1918. Mayor.
- **MM05** Louis Graves, 1883-1915. Founder, publisher and editor of Chapel Hill Weekly.
- MM08-RR19. Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies enclosures.

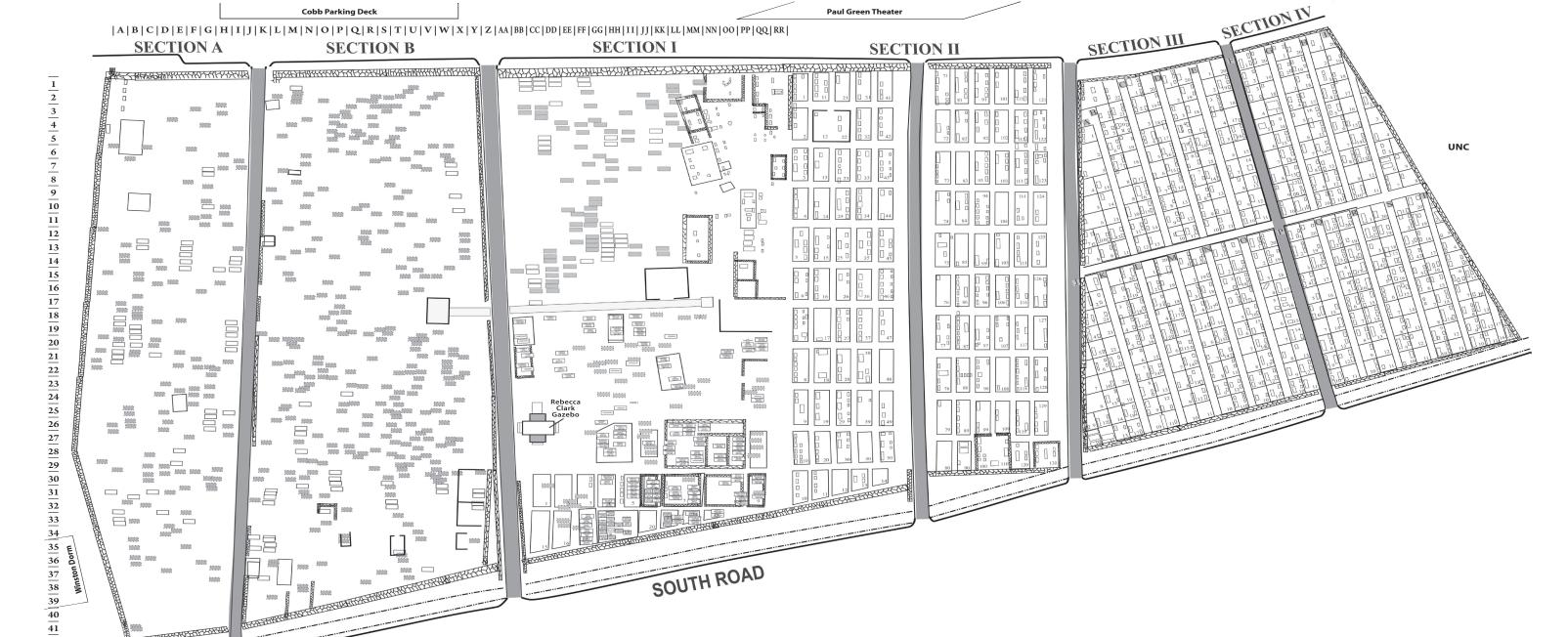
  During UNC's early years, all students were required to join one of these societies. Interesting epitaphs; stones and fences are fine examples from the Victorian era.
- OO01 Ralph Henry Graves, 1878-1939. Reporter and editor for NY Post and NY Times; biographer of Henry Ford. Brother of Louis Graves.
- **OO01 Mary Graves Rees**, 1886-1950. Portrait painter and sketcher of Chapel Hill scenes. Sister of Louis and Ralph.
- OO08 Nancy Hilliard, 1798-1873. Proprietor of Eagle Hotel, on present site of Graham Memorial Building, which President Polk once visited. She later built a home called the Crystal Palace, on present site of Planetarium Rose Garden, where she took in student boarders. Her parents are buried in two unmarked graves just to the north of hers.
- OO26 Dean Edwards Smith, 1931-2015. Men's basketball coach at UNC-CH 1961-1997.
- **PP18 Graham Morrow**, ?-1863. Killed at Gettysburg. A brother was killed at Fredericksburg, and another in Atlanta.
- **PP19** Edward and Annabella Martin, mid-19th century. Young wife died 3 days after marriage; romantic epitaph.
- PP29 (Charles) Dale Beers, 1901-1976. Prof. of Zoology.
- **PP29** Alma Holland Beers, 1892-1974. Long-time assistant to Botany Prof. William Coker.
- **QQ13 Sophia MacNider**, 1846-1929. Ran boardinghouse and prep school in home at Franklin and Henderson Streets.
- **QQ13 William MacNider**, 1881-1951. Dean of Medical School; authority on kidney diseases and aging process.
- QQ15 Edward Mallett, 1827-1865. Killed at Battle of Bentonville; buried in his bloody uniform.
- **RR11 George Clarke**, 1779-1798. First known interment in cemetery; stone dates from mid-19th century.
- **RR12** William Mallett, 1819-1889. Physician; ran student infirmary. Also had chemist's shop and post office in home at Franklin and Henderson Streets.
- **RR16 Edward Kidder Graham**, 1876-1918. UNC President 1914-1918; advocate of women's rights; died in influenza epidemic.
- RR02, SS01-03-04 Phillips Family. Prominent Chapel Hillians. Charles (1822-1889) was UNC Professor; his daughter Cornelia Phillips Spencer (1825) helped reopen UNC during Reconstruction; his son Samuel (1824-1903) was Prof. of Law, and later U.S. Solicitor General under President Grant.
- **006** Walter Troy, 1854-1933. Prof. of Modern Languages for 48 years.
- **017 Francis Hogan**, 1923-2009. Noted tennis player; first female Athletic Director at UNC.

- **025 Clyde Eubanks**, 1871-1965. Druggist, bank executive, cofounder of Merchants Assn., alderman for 25 years.
- **028 William Coker**, 1872-1953. Prof. of Botany for whom campus arboretum is named.
- **028 Francis Venable**, 1856-1934. University President; Kenan Professor; served on UNC faculty for 50 years.
- **032** Robert Strowd, 1864-1934. Owned 1200 acre plantation in Davie Circle area off of E. Franklin St. in early 20th century; built Strowd Black on W. Franklin St.
- **032** William Strowd, 1832-1911. Ran sawmill on Bolin Creek.
- **033** Alfred Engstrom, 1907-1990. Prof. of Romance Languages.
- **034 Eric Abernethy**, 1876-1933. University physician for whom Abernethy Hall is named.
- **042 Bruce Strowd**, 1891-1955. Owned Ford dealership at corner of Columbia and Franklin Streets for many years.
- **047** Charles Kuralt, 1934-1997. Noted journalist.
- **071** Estelle Lawson Page, 1907-1983. World champion golfer.
- **075 Joseph Hyde Pratt**, 1870-1942. Prof. of Geology and first chairman of Planning Board.

- **075 Mary Bayley Pratt**, 1874-1929. First Chapel Hill public library named for her.
- 076 Christopher Fordham (III), 1926-2008. UNC Chancellor.
- **086 Isaac Pritchard**, 1853-1935. State representative; director, Bank of Chapel Hill; developer, Westwood subdivision.
- **087 William Pritchard**, 1850-1930. Storekeeper, postmaster, mayor, state senator. Until his death, ran 15 acre farm west of Columbia St. near present Town Hall.
- **088 Foy Roberson, M.D.**, 1884-1955. Chief of Surgery, Watts Hospital. Established the Foy Roberson Jr. (1918-1941) basketball award.
- **092 Marvin Hendrix Stacy**, 1877-1919. Served 3 months as acting UNC President; died in same influenza epidemic that took the life of his predecessor, Edward Kidder Graham.
- **092 Inez Koonce Stacy**, 1886-1961. Advisor of Women and Dean of Women 1919-1946.
- **098 A.B. Roberson, M.D.,** 1840-1897. Physician, druggist, hotel owner. Owned 1500 acre farm east of town.

- SECTION II
- **001** Collier Cobb Sr., 1862-1934. Prof. of Geology for 42 years.
- **001** Collier Cobb Jr., 1893-1982. Founder, Collier Cobb Insurance.
- **002** Harriet Morehead Berry, 1887-1940. Advocated North Carolina road improvements; section of I-40 between Durham and Hillsborough named for her.
- **007 William Meade Prince**, 1893-1951. Artist and writer: 'The Southern Part of Heaven'.
- **007 Lillian Hughes Prince**, 1893-1962. Actress; first Queen Elizabeth in 'The Lost Colony'.
- **008 Thomas Wilson, Jr.**, 1874-1945. Prof. of Greek and Latin; Registrar for 46 years.
- **1008 Thomas Wilson (III)**, 1902-1917. Director of UNC Press and Harvard Press.
- **009 H.H. 'Hoot' Patterson**, 1844-1917. Ran general store on Franklin St.. First homeowner in Chapel Hill to install running water.
- **018** Gustave Braune, 1872-1930. First Dean, School of Engineering.
- **024** Louis Round Wilson, 1876-1979. Professor, librarian and historian; Wilson Library named for him.

- **098 William Roberson**, 1869-1935. 3-time mayor, teacher, realtor and lawyer.
- 100-110 Carmichael Family. Prominent businesspeople and UNC supporters. Carmichael Gym named for William, Jr. (1900-1961), Acting UNC President.
- **102 Zeb Council**, 1876-1958. Mayor.
- **105 Robert Stipe**, 1929-2007. Noted architect; historic preservationist.
- 107 Mid-19th century obelisk marking graves of children in Elisha Mitchell family, originally interred behind his home (currently the site of a parking lot behind Swain Hall). Mitchell was Prof. of Geology; Mt. Mitchell named for him.
- **107 Horace Williams**, 1858-1940. Prof. of Philosophy. Left entire estate to UNC, including home on E. Rosemary and 1000 acres on present site of municipal airport.
- **129 Robert Foister**, 1888-1963. Owned Foister's Camera on Franklin St.
- **130** Adam Kluttz, 1857-1926. Ran well-known general store on Franklin St.



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