

## Noteworthy Burials

While all burials are noteworthy,  
the following are of historic or local interest.

### Section 1-B

**Dr. R.M. Coleman** - had Bristol's first drugstore

**Nellie Gaines** - 1857, first burial here

**William G. Lindsey** - engineer of the first train to arrive at Bristol in 1856

**William H. Smith** - largest monument in the cemetery

### Section 1-C

**J. King James** - owned Bristol's first automobile

### Section 1-E

**A.H. Burrough** - legendary "Marrying Parson"

**James Keeling** - noted hero of the South, who alone saved the vital railroad bridge at Strawberry Plains Tennessee

**Gen. Evan Shelby** - Revolutionary War figure and father of Isaac Shelby, first Governor of Kentucky. This is his 3<sup>rd</sup> burial. Gen. Shelby was first buried in the Shelby or Oak Grove Cemetery near downtown Bristol, and then was buried twice in this cemetery.

### Section 2-B

**Isaac Anderson** - first child born in the new Town of Bristol

**Judge Joseph L. Kelly** - attorney, Virginia Supreme Court president and teacher of what was once the largest Sunday school class in America

### Section 3

**Dr. Jeremiah Bunting** - in charge of pharmaceutical supplies for the Confederacy

**John MacGregor Crowell, Sr.** - built many of the early buildings in Bristol

**Ben L. Dulaney** - one of the founders of the Boy Scouts of America

**Col. Samuel E. Goodson** - founded Goodsonville, which along with the original Bristol VA was incorporated as the composite Town of Goodson in 1856

**Oliver Taylor, Sr.** - author of "Historic Sullivan", a book that is much sought by students of history over a century after it was written

### Section 3 (continued)

**Maj. Henry Clinton Wood** - for whom Clintwood Virginia is named

**William M. Wood** (aka Uncle Billy) - last survivor of the youth cadets who fought in the Battle of New Market

**Dr. B.F. Zimmerman** - Bristol's first doctor

### Section 4

**Joseph R. Anderson** - planned and founded the original Town of Bristol TN/VA in 1852

**Dr. M.M. Butler** - surgeon who helped to amputate the arm of Stonewall Jackson

**Col. Abram Fulkerson** - Confederate officer during the American Civil War, Virginia lawyer and politician, served in the Virginia House of Delegates and the U.S. House of Representatives

**Parents of Dr. C.T. Pepper** - for whom the popular soft drink is named (located in Pepper Lot)

**John Slack** - started "Bristol News" that later became our present newspaper, "The Bristol Herald Courier"

**Col. N.M. Taylor** - lawyer for whom Taylor Street is named

**Capt. J.H. Wood** - prominent lawyer in Bristol, Washington D.C., and New York City

### Section 6

**Betty King** - renowned artist and art teacher

**Rev. James King** - owned the plantation upon which the oldest portion of the city is located and donated the land upon which the Bristol depot is located. He was the founder of Bristol's first Presbyterian Church and King College.

You have the opportunity to be a part of historic East Hill Cemetery. Burial plots are still available. Contact any local funeral services providers for details.

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## Historic East Hill Cemetery

East Hill Cemetery began with the burial of 5-year-old Nellie Gaines in 1857. The site was then a heavily wooded hill top. Previously known as Maryland Hill, Round Hill, Rooster Hill, and the City Cemetery, by 1890 it had taken its present name of East Hill Cemetery.

A few burials were made here during 1857-1862. By 1862, a Confederate hospital had been established in Bristol. As soldiers died in this hospital they were interred in a special section of the new burial ground. Over 100 soldiers were buried during the War. After the War about 200 Confederate veterans were buried here.

A small section on the northern slope of the hill was set aside for African American burials. About a dozen are buried there including old Si Goodson, reputed to have been the oldest man in the world at the time.

In 1868, L.F. Johnson, a Bristol pioneer and merchant bought 2 acres of land including the soldiers' graves and donated it to the Ladies Memorial Association as a town cemetery. Lots were then sold at \$20.00 for a 20'x20' square.

Soon the cemetery expanded down the eastern slope from the hill top to the present lead-in driveway. By 1900 it had reached its present eastern boundary which includes over 36 acres and more than 3,800 known burial sites.

Many local pioneers and their descendants are buried here. And, there are a few travelers buried here whose identity was never known. There are people here whose lives were ordinary, even obscure, and others who were well known and accomplished much.

During its existence this historic cemetery's appearance has varied from jungle-like to park-like. Presently, under the care of an active and concerned board, it is in very good condition. But, in order to maintain that beauty, the generous help of the public is needed. East Hill's continued upkeep depends upon the support of all interested parties. Your gifts will be very much appreciated.

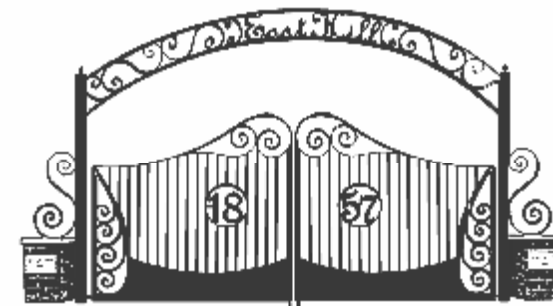
A second edition of the "East Hill Cemetery" book (containing a detailed list of burial sites, names, dates, inscriptions, information and section numbers) is now available for \$39.95 plus \$3.50 SH (add \$10.00 for international orders). Place your orders while supplies last.

Contact: Dan Emmel at 276-466-8459  
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## Historic East Hill Cemetery

Bristol VA/TN

## Walking Tour Guide



"Take a stroll  
back in Time"

# Historic East Hill Cemetery

## Section Map

