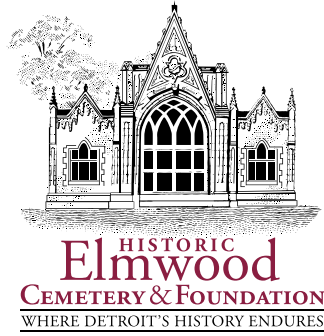


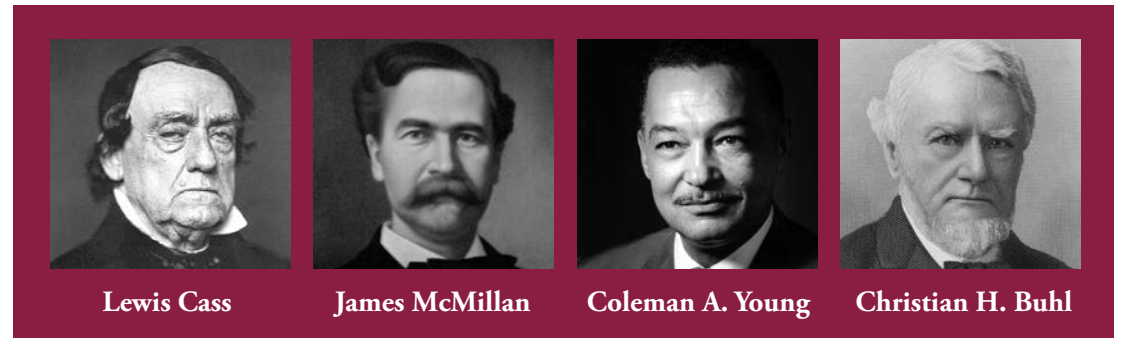
HISTORIC ELMWOOD CEMETERY
Leadership Legacies
Governors, U.S. Senators & Mayors



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In 1776 our democracy was founded and its principles were set out clearly. It was established and shaped by the courageous and thoughtful actions of those who have come before us. Elmwood Cemetery is proud to share their history with you. Elmwood is the final resting place of 7 governors, 11 U.S. senators, and 30 mayors of Detroit. They, along with many others, took advantage of the ability to establish and grow businesses here. They also recognized and met the real need for civic responsibility at times when the city and country were undergoing dramatic change.

- 1 William Woodbridge** (1780-1861)
Section A, Lot 13
 Attorney. Detroit Customs Collector. Secretary of the Territory from 1814-1828. Michigan's first Delegate to Congress -1819. Territorial Supreme Court Justice -1828. Served as Michigan Governor from 1840-1841 and U.S. Senator from 1841-1847.
- 2 Lewis Cass** (1782-1866)
Section A, Lot 75 (pictured on right)
 Military professional and politician. Led expeditions and negotiated numerous treaties with Native American Indians. Territorial Governor 1813-1831. U.S. Secretary of War 1831-1836. Minister to France 1836-1842. U.S. Senator 1845-1856. U.S. Secretary of State 1857-1860.
- 3 Col. Elijah Brush** (c1772-1813)
Section A, Lot 73
 Attorney, politician and farmer. Detroit Mayor in 1806 following Sibley's



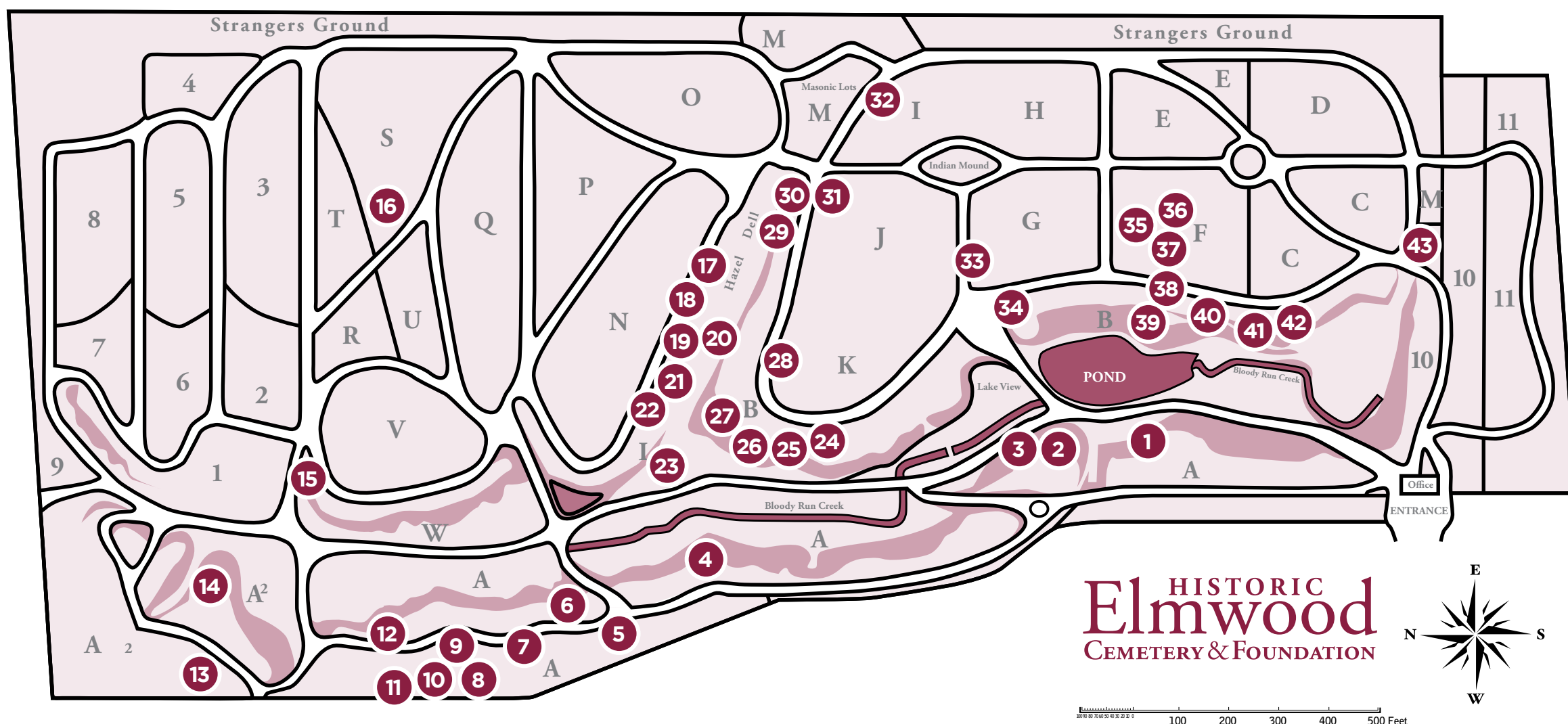
- 4 Oliver M. Hyde** (1804-1870)
Section A, Lot 96
 Hardware and foundry owner, manufactured marine engines and steamboat hardware, owned Saginaw sawmill, philanthropist. Detroit Mayor in 1854 and then from 1856-1857. Also served as Collector for the Port of Detroit.
- 5 Ralph Phelps, Jr.** (1858-1930)
Section A, Lot 192
 Attorney and civil servant. Detroit Mayor 1883. Wayne County Treasurer 1886-1890. Commissioner of Police 1897-1902. Public Library Commissioner 1905-1917.
- 6 Jonathan Kearsley** (1786-1859)
Section A, Lot 102
 Military professional and civil servant. Detroit Mayor in 1826 and 1829. Fought in several battles in the War of 1812 and lost his leg due to an injury. Served as Detroit's Receiver of Public Monies for 30 years. Served as Trustee and then Regent for University of Michigan from 1827-1852.
- 7 Thomas W. Palmer** 1830-1913
Section A, Palmer Mausoleum
 Merchant, builder, businessman, politician, gifted orator. State Senator 1879-1880. Introduced bill to enable purchase of Belle Isle for a city park and to build a bridge over the Detroit River. U.S. Senator 1883-1889. U.S. Minister to Spain 1889-1890. One of the founders of the Detroit Museum of Art. Donated his farm to be used as a park within the city — Palmer Park. First president of today's Michigan Humane Society.

- 8 George Codd** (1869-1927)
Section A, Lot 136
 Lawyer and civil servant. Detroit Mayor 1905-1906. Sheriff 1871-1875. Postmaster 1879-1886. City Attorney 1894-1897. Alderman 1902-1904. Regent University of Michigan in 1910 and 1911. Wayne County Circuit Judge 1911-1921 and 1924-1927. U.S. Congress 1921-1923.
- 9 Levi Cook** (1792-1866)
Section A, Lot 130
 Dry goods merchant, banker and politician. Detroit Mayor in 1832 and 1835-1836. Treasurer of the Michigan Territory and Fire Department chief engineer from 1830-1836. State representative 1838. Detroit Board of Review 1840.
- 10 William W. Wheaton** (1833-1891)
Section A, Lot 127
 Drug and grocery wholesaler. Detroit Mayor from 1868-1872. Served as chair of the Democratic State Convention.
- 11 John R. Williams** (1782-1854)
Section A, Lot 112
 Brigadier General, merchant, politician, landowner and banker. Military commander of Detroit. Wrote the reincorporated City Charter and served as Detroit Mayor 1824-1825, and then again in 1830, and from 1844-1847. One of the first trustees for University of Michigan; president of the Detroit Board of Education; and delegate to the first Michigan Constitutional Convention.
- 12 Christian H. Buhl** (1812-1894)
Section A, Lot 110
 Industrialist and businessman, starting as a hatter and then fur trader. Part owner of a hardware firm, two iron work businesses, connected with several railroads and three banks. Founded Detroit Copper and Brass and the Peninsular Car Company. Served as Detroit Mayor 1860-1861.
- 13 John C. Lodge** (1862 -1950)
Section A2, Lot 9
 Newspaperman. Detroit Mayor 1922-1923 and 1928-1930. Served on Detroit City Council for over 30 years, many of them as its president. Also Wayne County Auditors chief clerk, chair of Wayne County Board of Supervisors, and member of Michigan House of Representatives.
- 14 Robert McClelland** (1807-1880)
Section A2, Lot 49
 Attorney, teacher, politician. Michigan Governor 1852-1853. U.S. Representative 1843-1849. U.S. Secretary of the Interior 1853-1857. Regent University of Michigan.
- 15 Truman Newberry** (1864-1945)
Section W, Lot 2
 Industrialist and politician. Various positions with Detroit, Bay City & Alpena Railway. President and Treasurer of Detroit Steel & Spring Co. Secretary of Navy 1908-1909. U.S. Senator 1919-1922. Organized Michigan State Naval Brigade.
- 16 John H. Harmon** (1819-1888)
Section S, Lot 73
 Publisher and oil refiner. Detroit Mayor 1852-1853. Came to Detroit in 1838 as a member of the Hunter Patriots, a group dedicated to ridding North America of the British Empire. Served as Collector for the Port of Detroit.
- 17 Dr. Douglas Houghton** (1809-1845)
Section L, Lot 5
 Doctor, scientist, geologist and explorer. Detroit Mayor 1842. Houghton was the first to explore and define Michigan's mineral resources. State geologist 1833-1845. Houghton died in a storm on Lake Superior.
- 18 Hugh Moffat** (1810-1884)
Section L, Lot 7
 Architect, carpenter, lumberman, sawmill owner, landowner. Constructed Mariner's Church. Detroit Mayor 1872-1876. Known to veto spending initiatives and

- authorizations to allow saloons to open on Sunday afternoons. Nicknamed "Honest Hugh."
- 19 John Patton** (1822-1900)
Section L, Lot 11
 Carriage manufacturer and civil servant. Detroit Mayor 1858-1859. Fire Department's chief engineer 1853-1854 and its president 1855-1857. Alderman 1853-1854. County Auditor 1864-1869. County Sheriff 1869-1870. Judge 1880-1892. U.S. Consul at Amherstburg, Ontario 1893-1897.
- 20 Coleman A. Young** (1918-1997)
Section Hazel Dell, Lot 32
 Civil Rights activist, labor leader, State Senator, Tuskegee Airman, civil servant. Detroit's first African American mayor, and its longest serving mayor from 1973-1993. One of the founders of the National Negro Labor Council in 1981.
- 21 Kirkland Barker** (1819-1875)
Section L, Lot 22
 Tobacco merchant — American Eagle Tobacco Co. Detroit Mayor 1864-1865. Established Detroit nighttime police force. Avid outdoors-man, yachtsman, hunter and horse owner. Founding President of Detroit Audubon Club — hunting and specimen preservation club. President of Horse Association of America. Detroit commander of Knights Templar.
- 22 John Ladue** (1803-1854)
Section L, Lot 28
 Leather manufacturer and wool merchant. Served as Detroit mayor in 1850.
- 23 James McMillan** (1838-1902)
Section L, McMillan Mausoleum
 Businessman, philanthropist and politician. U.S. Senator 1889-1902 where he chaired Senate Park Improvement Commission and dealt with the redesign of the National Mall. One of the founders of Michigan Car Co. for manufacture of freight cars. Formed Detroit Car Wheel Co., Baugh
- Steam Forge Co., Detroit Iron Furnace Co., and Vulcan Furnace Co. President of Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway. Interests in shipbuilding and transportation companies and director of several banks. President Detroit Board of Park Commissioners and member of Detroit Board of Estimates. Contributed significantly to establish a hospital in Detroit.
- 24 Jacob M. Howard** (1805-1871)
Section B, Lot 90 (pictured below)
 Attorney, politician, abolitionist. Detroit City Attorney 1834. State Representative 1838. U.S. Congress 1841-1843. Assisted with draft of first Republican platform in 1854. Michigan Attorney General 1855-1861. U.S. Senator from 1862-1871. One of the drafters of 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to U.S. Constitution.



Having written the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Howard left instructions with his family that if at the time he passed all men in the U.S. and its territories were free he wanted a towering obelisk. If not, he wanted it broken because his life's work was not yet complete. It was therefore intentionally broken.



25 Dr. Marshall Chapin (1798-1836)
Section B, Lot 101
Physician who established the Detroit's first drug store in 1819. Detroit Mayor 1831 and 1833. Appointed City Physician during the 1832 and 1834 cholera epidemics. Alderman 1826-1827. Fire Department's chief engineer 1832.

26 Frederick Buhl (1806-1890)
Section B, Lot 102
Hatter, furrier merchant and banker. President of Harper Hospital. Original director of the Merchant's Exchange and Board of Trade. Director of State Bank and Second National Bank of Detroit. President of Fort Wayne & Elmwood Street Railway. Detroit Mayor 1848.

27 Charles D. Howard (1801-1883)
Section B, Lot 57
Banker and railroad builder. President of both the Farmer's and Mechanics Bank and the Peninsular Bank. Detroit Mayor 1849.

28 Stephen B. Grummond (1834-1894)
Section K, Lot 3
Marine and shipping industrialist. Owned largest tug and wrecking business on the Great Lakes. Expanded into barges, lumber and real estate. Detroit Mayor 1884-1886. Also served on the Board of Estimates and the City Council.

29 John Norvell (1789-1850)
Section B, Lot 135
Newspaperman and attorney. U.S. Senator 1837-1841. Co-founder of Pennsylvania Inquirer. Detroit Postmaster 1831-1836. Regent University of Michigan 1837-1839. U.S. District Attorney Michigan 1846-1849.

30 William A. Howard (1813-1880)
Section B, Lot 136
Teacher, attorney, politician. U.S. Representative 1855-1861. Detroit Postmaster 1861-1866. Land commissioner for North Pacific Railway and the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railway. Governor Dakota Territory 1878-1880.

31 Alexander Lewis (1822-1908)
Section J, Lot 17
Forwarding and commission business, insurance executive, grain merchant, wholesaler. Detroit Mayor 1876-1877. Also served as Police Commissioner and board member of the Detroit Public Library.

32 William C. Duncan (1820-1877)
Section I, Lot 8
Brewer. Served as Detroit Mayor in 1862 and 1863. Also served as Alderman, first Council President, and State Senator.

33 Dr. Zina Pitcher (1797-1872)
Section G, Lot 10
Physician and surgeon. President of the Army Medical Board in 1835. Served as both Detroit Physician and Wayne County Physician. Regent University of Michigan and founder of its medical school. Detroit Mayor in 1840, 1841, and 1843.

34 Zachariah Chandler (1813-1879)
Section B, Lot 49 (pictured below)
Dry goods merchant, politician, abolitionist. Detroit Mayor 1851. Founding member of Republican Party. U.S. Senator for 18 years. Secretary of the Interior 1875-1877. Republican National Committee chair 1876-1879.



35 William C. Maybury (1848-1909)
Section F, Lot 30
Attorney and politician. Detroit Mayor from 1896-1905. Also served as city attorney and twice was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1882 and 1884.

36 Lucius Lyon (1800-1851)
Section F, Lot 63
Engineer and surveyor. Deputy Surveyor of Michigan Territory. U.S. Congress 1833-1834. Presented formal petition requesting Michigan's admission to Union in 1833. U.S. Senator 1835-1839. Regent University of Michigan 1837-1839. Indian Commissioner in 1839.

37 George B. Porter (1791-1834)
Section F, Lot 48
Attorney and politician. Raised and educated in Pennsylvania, he was Territorial Governor of Michigan from 1831-1834. Established first public school district system in Detroit, and the first mail routes in Michigan. Major General in the War of 1812.

38 Major John Biddle (1792-1859)
Section F, Lot 47
Large landowner, politician and active in civic life. President of Michigan Central



Railroad. Detroit Mayor 1827-1828. Michigan Territory delegate to the U.S. Congress. His summer estate, "Wyandotte", expanded into the current Michigan city.

39 DeGarmo Jones (1787-1846)
Section B, Lot 21
Farmer, building contractor, banker and businessman. Developed Lake Superior Copper Mines. Erected Michigan's first plaster mill. Detroit Mayor 1839. Detroit Alderman 1827, 1830, 1838. State Senator 1840-1841.

40 Henry P. Baldwin (1814-1892)
Section B, Lot 9 (pictured below)
Businessman and politician. Director Michigan State Bank. President Second National Bank of Detroit. State Senator 1861-1862. Michigan Governor 1869-1873. U.S. Senator 1879-1881.



41 Charles C. Trowbridge (1800-1883)
Section B, Lot 4
Businessman, explorer and landowner. At 20 he served on the Lewis Cass Expedition and later Cass made him his private secretary. Helped negotiate treaties between U.S. and Winnebago and Menominee Indians. Appointed assistant

secretary in the Indian department and later became an interpreter through 1825. Regent University of Michigan. Mayor of Detroit in 1834 during the cholera epidemic. Alderman 1833. President Michigan State Bank 1844-1853. President Detroit & Milwaukee Railway Co. Director St. Joseph Railway Co.

42 Solomon S. Sibley (1769-1846)
Section B, Lot 4
Attorney. Authored City Charter and appointed first Detroit Mayor by Territorial Governor in 1806. Also served as chair of the Detroit Board of Trustees, delegate to the U.S. Congress and Michigan Supreme Court Justice.

43 Russell A. Alger (1836-1907)
Section 10, Alger Mausoleum (pictured below)
Attorney, lumber baron, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Interests in banking, railroads and manufacturing. Michigan Governor 1885-1886. U.S. Senator 1902-1907.

