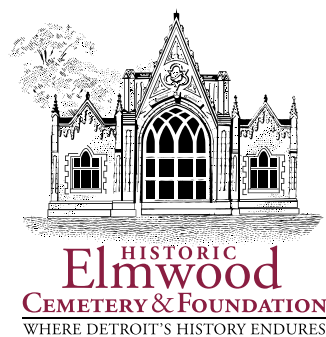
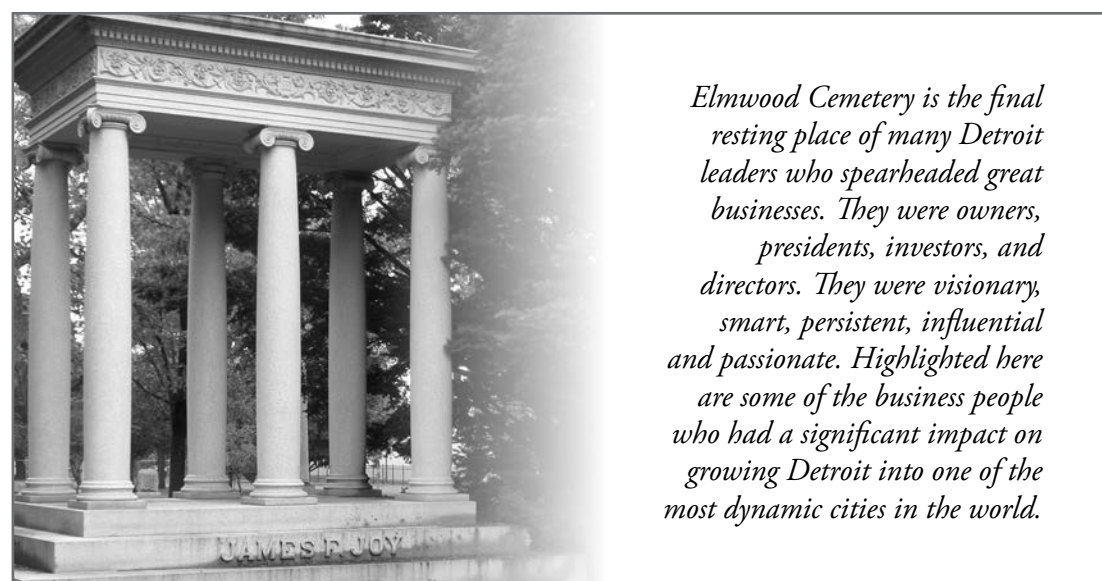


Business Visionaries



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Elmwood Cemetery is the final resting place of many Detroit leaders who spearheaded great businesses. They were owners, presidents, investors, and directors. They were visionary, smart, persistent, influential and passionate. Highlighted here are some of the business people who had a significant impact on growing Detroit into one of the most dynamic cities in the world.

1 Dr. Alexander Blain, Jr. (1885-1958)

Section 10, Lot 15

Founded Jefferson & Diagnostic Clinic - 1911. Founded Blain Hospital - 1921. President Wayne County Medical Society, Detroit Academy of Surgery. Interested in zoology and ornithology. Founded Michigan Audubon Society. President Detroit Science Society and Michigan Horticultural Society.

Director Franklin Steamship Co., Fremont Steamship Co., Old Detroit National Bank.

4 Horace Caulkins (1850-1923)

Section 11, Lot 93

Dental supply business. Inventor and manufacturer of "The Revelation Kiln" for firing dental enamel. Expanded its use in ceramics. Co-founder Pewabic Pottery.

2 Frederick Rolshoven (1827-1906)

Section 10, Lot 95

Master goldsmith, diamond importer, silversmith. Owned largest jewelry store, included watches, clocks and jewelry.

5 Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. (1918-2014)

Section 11, Lot 8

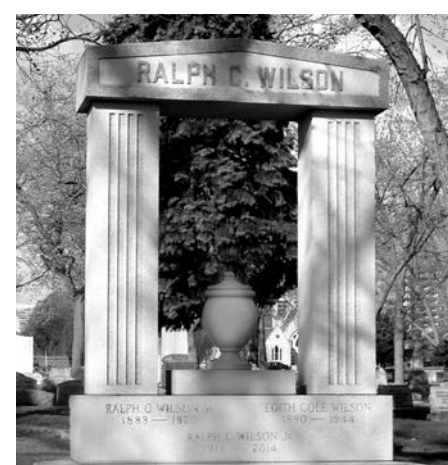
Original franchise owner of the Buffalo Bills. President of the American Football League and key member of expansion committee that led to AFL-NFL merger. Inducted into Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2009. Prominent businessman with interests in insurance, manufacturing, television, oil drilling and road paving. Philanthropist supporting medical,

educational, athletic and numerous charitable causes.

6 Russell A. Alger, Jr. (1873-1930)

Section 10, Alger Mausoleum

Lumber baron. Investor and vice president Packard Motor Car Co. Investor in first



commercial airplane. Built "The Moorings" estate now known as Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Treasurer Alger Smith & Co. Director of many businesses.

7 George DeBaptiste (1816-1875)

Section C, Lot 24

Interest in Barber Shop. Owned catering business. Bought and ran "T Whitney" steamship. Active in underground railroad. Organizer U.S. 102nd Colored Infantry.

8 Daniel Joseph Campau (1852-1927)

Section D, Lot 58

Registrar of Detroit Land Office, Customs Collector. Interests in Detroit River Terminal. Built Detroit's first skyscraper-Campau Building. Prominent horseman and inaugurated Merchants' & Manufacturers' Light Harness Race.

9 James Frederick Joy (1810-1896)

Cypress Mound

Financed building of Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie Canal 1852-55, in exchange for 750,000 acres of land. Michigan Legislator 1860-61. Railroad magnate - President Michigan Central Railroad, Wabash Railroad. Built 1600 miles of railway in MI. Oversaw railway expansion in many states & Canada. Constructed first railway bridge over Missouri River.

Detroit Creamery Co. Donated heavily to Detroit Symphony and helped create Orchestra Hall. Director of Parke-Davis, Paige Motor, Detroit Savings Bank, Union Trust Co. and Whitney Land Co. President of Big Four Gold and Copper Mining Co.

12 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. State Senator 1840-1841.

9 Henry Bourne Joy (1864-1936)

Cypress Mound

President Fort Street Union Depot Co., Packard Motor Car Co., Joy Realty Co. Director and Treasurer Peninsular Sugar Refining Co. Proponent of President Lincoln Highway - a concrete roadway from New York to San Francisco.

13 John Dana Standish (1817-1884)

Section G, Lot 45

Landowner of pinelands and city real estate. Built and operated first saw mill in Otsego County. Established city of Standish. President Market Bank. Director Detroit Fire & Marine Insurance. City Assessor.

9 Richard P. Joy (1870-1930)

Cypress Mound

Engineer and banker - National Bank of Commerce. Vice president Detroit Copper & Brass. Director Packard Motor and Diamond Manufacturing. President Detroit Union Railroad Depot & Station Co.

14 August A. Goebel (1839-1905)

Indian Mound, Lot 4

Goebel and his partner Theodore Gorenflo founded A. Goebel & Co., brewery. Merchant. Bookbinder. Presiding officer Detroit Common Council.

10 Luther Beecher (1815-1892)

Section F, Lot 88

Dry goods merchant with carpet and furnishings store. Organizer of Detroit Bridge & Iron Works. Built Biddle House Hotel in 1849. Builder of railroads. Real estate investor. Instrumental in purchasing animals from bankrupt circus to establish short-lived Detroit Zoological Garden.



11 Jerome H. Remick (1867-1931)

Section F, Lot 28

Businessman, philanthropist and music publisher. Worked with songwriters and published music that influenced popular music trends. Also ran a successful printing plant. Established hundreds of music outlets "Remick Song Shops." Large farm owner. Held controlling interest in the

15 Chief (Dr.) Augustine Kayode Kole James (1945-2010)

Section JK, Kole James

Medical visionary who established Professional Medical Centers, ProCare Health Plan and ProCare Plus which provided health care to Wayne County residents.

16 Jacob Shaw Farrand (1815-1891)

Section B, Lot 62

Partner in Rice & Bingham Drug Store. President First National Bank of Detroit, Board of Detroit Home & Day School, and Harper Hospital Board of Directors. Organized Wayne County Savings Bank. Interests in Detroit Fire and Marine Insurance, Michigan Mutual Life Insurance, and Detroit Gas Co.

17 William A. Burt (1792-1858)

Section K, Lot 66

Inventor, legislator, surveyor & millwright. Surveyed the upper peninsula border between MI and WI. U.S. deputy surveyor 1833. Invented typographer in 1829, solar compass in 1836 and equatorial sextant in 1856.

18 Shubael Conant (1783-1867)

Section B, Lot 97

Merchant, watchmaker and silversmith. Contracted with government to supply posts in the frontier. Furrier. Builder Michigan Exchange Hotel and other Detroit buildings. Founder and president Detroit Anti-Slavery Society.

19 Theodore Henry Hinchman (1818-1895)

Section B, Lot 101

Noted financier and merchant. Retail drug and grocery business, Michigan Drug Co., with Dr. Chapin & John Owen. State Senator 1876. Avid reader and author.

19 Theodore Hinchman, Jr. (1869-1936)

Section B, Lot 101

Architect and engineer. Organizer Smith, Hinchman & Grylls. Professor University of Michigan.

20 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.

21 John Owen (1809-1892)

Section B, Lot 108

Druggist merchant, iron manufacturer. President National Insurance Bank, Detroit & Cleveland Steam Navigation Co., Detroit Dry Dock. State Treasurer 1860 and 1862-64.

22 Charles D. Howard (1801-1883)

Section B, Lot 57

Banker, schooner captain of shipping and forwarding business, railroad builder. President of both the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank and the Peninsular Bank. Detroit Mayor 1849.

23 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.

24 Theodore Horatio Eaton (1815-1888)

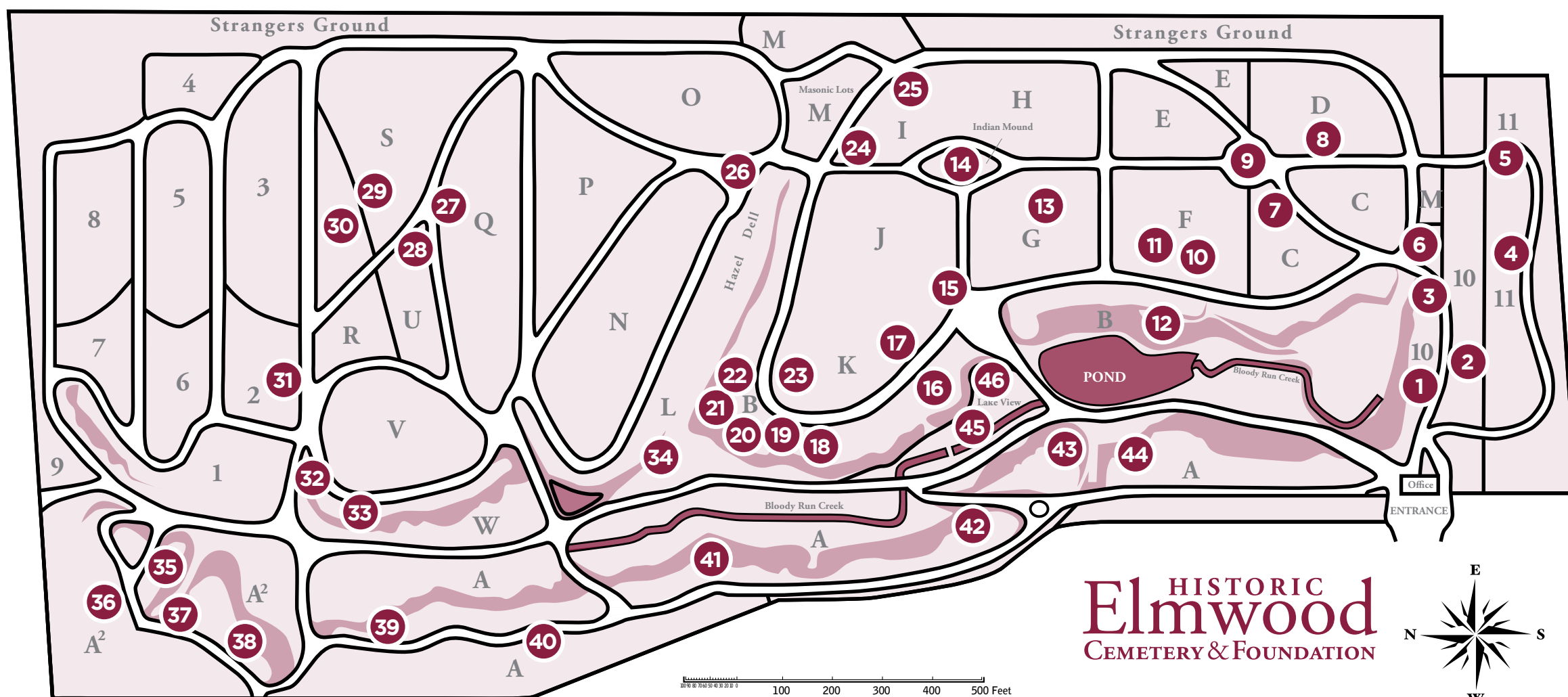
Section I, Lot 1-7

Founder Eaton Chemical & Dyestuff Co. Organizer Detroit Gas Light Co. Purchased drug business Riley & Ackerly. Investor in Detroit Locomotive Works & Peninsular Iron Works.

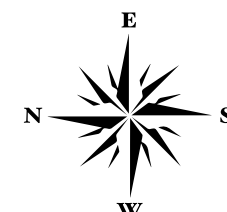
25 Hervey Coke Parke (1827-1899)

Section I, Lot 13

President Parke, Davis & Co.- pharmaceutical manufacturing. Member Merchants & Manufacturers Exchange and Detroit Manufacturers' Club.



HISTORIC Elmwood CEMETERY & FOUNDATION



26 James D. Standish (1849-1917)
Hazel Dell, Standish
Established Hammond Standish & Co. wholesale shipping trade. President Detroit Beef. Director Commercial National Bank, Security Trust and Michigan Savings Bank.

27 Bernhard Stroh (1822-1882)
Section Q, Lot 9
Founded Stroh Brewery, a Bohemian-style pilsner, in 1850. Adopted heraldic lion emblem from the Kyrburg Castle in Germany and named his operation Lion's Head Brewery. It started as a basement brewing operation and was sold door-to-door.

28 Martha Jean Steinberg (1930-2000)
Section U, Lot 43
Owner and manager of WQBH radio. Influential broadcaster for 37 years. Initial investor in Detroit's MGM Grand Casino. Founder and minister of the Order of the Fisherman Ministry.

29 David Albert Molitor (1866-1939)
Section S, Lot 65
Civil engineer who mastered difficult work throughout the country and Europe, especially bridges and waterways. Designed sluices and dams of the Panama Canal. In 1896 he surveyed and drew the map of Elmwood Cemetery. Author.

30 Thomas Berry (1829-1917)
Section T, Lot 48
Began work in tannery business with his father. Co-Founder Berry Brothers Varnishes Co. Became chair of Berry Bros. following his brother, John. Vice president Citizens' Savings Bank. Trustee Michigan College of Medicine. Member Detroit Board of Estimates, Board of Education, Poor Commission and the City Council.

31 Cameron Waterman (1878-1955)
Section 2, Lot 71
Created outboard motor for boats utilizing a repurposed motorcycle motor. Founder Waterman Marine Motor Co. Patent for boat propelling device - first to be mass produced-manufactured and sold over 1,000 units per year.

32 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.

33 Joseph Campau (1769-1863)
Section W, Lot 4
Large landowner. Merchant. First Detroit real estate promoter who built and sold or rented homes. In 1863 his real estate holdings were valued over \$10 million.

34 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.

35 Hiram Walker (1816-1899)
Section A2, Lot 45
Grocer, distiller, leather tanning, farming and agriculture, large landowner. Founded Hiram Walker & Sons. Bought agriculture land near railroad lines for ease of shipping. Flour mill and grain business owner. Producer of vinegar. Extensive interests in gas, oil, newspaper, tobacco and railroads. Founded Children's Hospital of Michigan. Large donor to CHM and Harper Hospital.

36 Joseph Berry (1839-1907)
Section A2, Lot 32
Co-Founder Berry Brothers Varnishes Co. which became the largest varnish manufacturer in the world. Interests in lumber, industry, banking. Large landowner - his home alone had 15 acres of extensive gardens and greenhouses.

37 Ernst Kern (1845-1901)
Section A2, Lot D
Founded in 1883 as Ernst Kern Dry Goods specialized in imported fabrics, laces and ribbons. Several expansions led to a 10-story building encompassing 200,000 sq. ft. and becoming Detroit's first department store, employing 500 associates. Kern's pioneered mail-order services to out-of-state customers.

38 Charles DuCharme (1818-1873)
Section A, Lot 52
Organizer & president Michigan Stove Co., Buhl & DuCharme wholesale hardware business. Director First National Bank, Peoples' Savings Bank, Detroit Fire & Marine Insurance Co. Investor in many businesses.

39 Christian H. Buhl (1812-1894)
Section A, Lot 110
Industrialist and businessman, starting as a hatter and then fur trader. Part owner of Buhl & DuCharme hardware firm, two iron work businesses, connected with several railroads. Co-founder Michigan State Bank. Founded Detroit Copper and Brass and the Peninsular Car Company.

Invested heavily in plank road expansion. Major patron of the arts. Served as Detroit Mayor 1860-1861.

39 Theodore DeLong Buhl (1844-1907)
Section A, Lot 110
President Buhl Sons, Detroit Copper & Brass Rolling Mills. Founded Buhl Stamping, Buhl Malleable, Buhl Land. Hardware wholesaler. President National Can Company, Diamond Stamp Ware Co. Vice president Detroit National Bank, Detroit Trust Co. Organizer and investor in Parke Davis. Purchased and developed Sharon Iron Works. Director of many businesses.

39 Arthur H. Buhl (1878-1935)
Section A, Lot 110
President Buhl Land, Buhl Malleable, Buhl Stamping, Sattley Co., Griswold Land Co. Vice president Detroit Copper & Brass Rolling Mills Co. Director of many businesses including railroads, banking, and manufacturing concerns.

40 John Pearson Clark (1808-1888)
Section A, Lot 167
Builder and owner of several lake passenger steamers. Fisherman, lumberman, boat towing business. Large landowner including several small islands in SE Michigan. Started Clark's shipyard which still stands. Investor in many manufacturing concerns.

41 Oliver M. Hyde (1804-1870)
Section A, Lot 96
Hardware and foundry owner, Manufactured counter scales, 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.



42 Eber Brock Ward (1811-1875)
Section A, Lot 86 (pictured above)
Detroit's first millionaire industrialist. American iron and steel manufacturer. Introduced Bessemer steel processing in America. Shipbuilder. Interests in mining,

plate glass manufacturing, newspapers, railroads, banking and insurance. Landowner rich in iron ore, copper, silver.

43 Henry B. Ledyard (1844-1921)
Section A, Lot 75
President Michigan Central Railroad and Union Trust Co. Rebuilt miles of track to eliminate curves. Rebuilt bridges. Began using long trains (increased from 30 to 80 cars) to lessen shipping costs. Expanded terminals near industrial parks. Director People's State Bank.

44 George B. Russel (1816-1903)
Section A, Lot 3
Organizer & 1st Medical Chief of Harper Hospital. Built the first iron producing furnace in Detroit. Extensive interests in navigation, railroads, and industry. Fluent in five languages.

44 George H. Russel (1847-1915)
Section A, Lot 8
President of State Savings Bank, American Bankers' Association, American Radiator Co. and River Rouge Improvement Co. Vice president Russel Wheel & Foundry Co. Treasurer Detroit United Railway, Hamtramck Iron Works, and Detroit Car Works. Organizer of Union Trust Co. and Great Lakes Engineering Co. Director of many companies.

44 Henry Russel (1852-1920)
Section A, Lot 3
President Olds Motor Co. and Cass Farm Co. Vice president and general counsel of Michigan Central Railroad. Director of many companies.

45 Don Davis (1938-2014)
Gallery A, Level C, Crypt 1
Founder, Chairman and CEO of Michigan's only African American owned bank, First Independence Bank. Grammy award winning music producer and songwriter.

45 Clyde Hopkins (1913-2014)
Garden Plaza, Lot 12
Engineer. Oversaw renovations to Cobo Hall, Detroit City Airport, and the Belle Isle Bridge. Managed Detroit's demolition program.

46 Eugene W. Lewis (1870-1954)
Lakeview, Lot 11
President Industrial National Bank. President Home Financing Corp. Vice President National Air Transport. Founded Timken-Detroit Axle Com. Chair of Board Industrial Morris Plan Bank. Director Security Trust Co., First & Old Detroit National Bank, Society for Savings, Bonbright & Co., Motor Bankers Corp., Board of Commerce, Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research. President Children's Aid Society of Detroit.