

BENTON-MARTIN

In 1908 Engineer Smith made the first survey of the Sections, Lots and Tombstone Inscriptions at City Cemetery. He prepared Plat maps, Tombstone Inscriptions and an Alphabetical Index for Names of the Dead. In most cases, it is possible today to determine the location of a gravesite for a person who had a Tombstone on Smith's 1908 Plat maps and whose name was listed in the Alphabetical Index of the Dead. It is almost impossible today to locate a gravesite, for a person without a tombstone today, if the tombstone was not in Engineer Smith's Survey. The Interment Books of City Cemetery aid in the location area by giving the nearest "avenue" to a person's gravesite. Engineer Smith, of course, made some errors. In the Benton-Martin lot, he misread the inscription on the 1843 tombstone for Jesse Benton which he recorded as "Lizzie Benton."

In 1908, the only tombstones identified with a name or initials in the Benton-Martin lot were "Lizzie Benton" (actually Jesse Benton), "L.B.G." and "M.D.S." Straight Lines were drawn to indicate two additional markers that had no legible names.

Benton-Martin Lot was purchased by Mary Benton and John W. Martin on August 20, 1847. The lot measured 24 ½ feet by 40 feet.

The following four people were buried on the Benton-Martin lot as indicated by the records of the City Cemetery Interment Books. In some cases, the name of the lot is listed as "John W. Martin lot" or "Martin lot" or near "City" avenue. These four people were listed in the Interment Books, but they did not have tombstones in the 1908 Survey by Engineer Smith. In the 2005 Survey, no tombstones were located for them on the Benton-Martin Lot.

George Walker Martin. Interment Book: July 5, 1847 and listed as "Infant Son of J.W. Martin. (His name was provided by Claire & Don Martin)

George Martin. Interment Book: October 4, 1859. 80 Years. Residence County. Buried near "City" avenue

Margaret Jane Childress Martin. Interment Book: May 24, 1880. 60 Years. Residence City. Buried near "City" avenue. Wife of Mr. Martin.

[Tennessee Death Records. Davidson Co., TN. Died May 24, 1880]

John W. Martin. Interment Book: December 9, 1889. 80 Years. Residence City. Buried near "City & Mulberry" avenues. John W. Martin lot

[Tennessee Death Records. Davidson Co., TN. Died December 7, 1889]

Another Martin family member on the Benton-Martin Lot:

William Childress Martin. Interment Book: December 12, 1911. 70 Years. Died at CSA Soldiers Home (Hermitage grounds). Buried near "City & Mulberry" avenues. On Benton lot.

Note: In 1911, Mr. Smith provided a Supplement to the 1908 Survey: No tombstone was located in 1911 for William C. Martin.

[In 2013, VA Marker was placed for Wm. C. Martin, CSA Veteran. ID # 110238]

## SEVIER & DOUGLASS

M.D.S. This small marker, surveyed by Smith in 1908, was for Mary Douglass Sevier. The marker was replaced with a tombstone by Col. Granville Sevier in 1929. Interment Book.

June 15, 1887 Mary Sevier 16 Years. Residence City. Grave on John W. Martin

Mary Douglass Sevier [ID # 110193]

1871-1887 Daughter of T.F.

and Mary Benton Sevier

Henry Clay Douglass. No tombstone in Survey 1908. Tombstone was placed for Dr. Henry Clay Douglass by Col. Granville in 1929. Interment Book. April 3, 1861. Dr. Henry Clay Douglass 30 Years Residence County. Buried near "City" avenue

Henry Clay Douglass [ID # 110192]

1832-1861 Son of Gen. Kelsey H.

and Minerva Hulme Douglass

## GUPTON & HANIFIN

The following four people, who died after the 1908 Survey had been taken, did not have tombstone inscriptions recorded by Garrett in 1971 Survey. Since the markers are very similar, it seems possible that these markers were placed at the same time that a marker was placed for Sallie M. Gupton in 1985. Avenues listed are those nearest the gravesite.

Maggie M. Gupton. Interment Book: February 4, 1912. 57 Years Residence City. "City & Mulberry" avenues Wife of L.A. Gupton. Grave on Benton & Martin lot. Note: Daughter of John W. & Margarette Jane Childress Martin. Maggie Martin married Lawrence A. Gupton in 1882.

Maggie M. Gupton 1854-1912 [ID # 110199]

Lytia (sic) Rathrin (sic) Gupton. Interment Book: February 1, 1936. 76 Years Residence City. "City & Mulberry" avenues Grave on Beuiton (sic) lot . Note: Lydia Catherine Pippen married Lawrence A. Gupton in 1913)

Kate B. Gupton 1859-1936 [ID # 110196]

Lawrence A. Gupton. Interment Book: February 19, 1948. 85 Years Residence Nashville. Benton lot Section 11. Martin Funeral Home

Lawrence A. Gupton 1862-1948 [ID # 110198]

Daniel Joseph Hanifin. Interment Book: February 7, 1957 Residence Nashville. Grave on Martin lot. Marshall, Donnelly Combs (Funeral Home)

Daniel J. Hanifin 1891-1957 [ID # 110191]

### Sallie M. Gupton Died and Buried in 1985

Sallie M. Gupton Hanifin. Interment Index: January 7, 1985.

Sallie M. Gupton Hanifin 1893-1985 [ID # 110190]

L.B.G. This marker with initials was surveyed by Smith in 1908.

For Lillie Bell Gupton. Interment: June 11, 1898. Infant of L.A. Gupton. "City & Mulberry"  
[L.B.G. marker was not located in Benton-Martin lot in 2005 Survey]

## BENTON-DOUGLASS-SEVIER MAUSOLEUM

Col. Granville Sevier was in charge of the construction of the Mausoleum in 1929. He had two family members removed from other cemeteries and transferred to the Mausoleum, a family member removed from another vault at City Cemetery to the Mausoleum and his wife's remains brought from Hawaii to the Mausoleum.

Mary Childress Benton 1797-1881 Widow of Jesse Benton  
from Citizens Cemetery, Chattanooga, Tennessee  
Minerva Hulme Douglass 1812-1887 Widow of Gen. Kelsey Douglass  
from Maple Grove Cemetery, Russellville, Kentucky  
Mary Benton Douglass Sevier 1838-1929 Widow of T. F. Sevier  
from Currin Vault at Nashville City Cemetery  
Marion Sevier 1888-1928 Wife of Col. Granville Sevier  
from Honolulu, Hawaii

Col. Granville Sevier died and was interred in Mausoleum in 1944

[LINK](#) from Benton-Douglass-Sevier Mausoleum ID # 110195

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