

Madison Historic Cemeteries

Policies & Courtesies

HOURS OF OPERATION

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (April to September)

7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (October to March)

ANIMALS

All pets must be kept leashed at all times, and we ask that you clean up after your pet. Please be considerate of others and respectful of burial sites.



BEHAVIOR

- ☞ Please be considerate of funeral processions.
- ☞ No use of skates, skateboards, mopeds or scooters in the cemetery is permitted.
- ☞ Bicycles are allowed on paved paths only.
- ☞ Buses, motor coaches, or other vehicles in excess of 25 feet are not allowed.
- ☞ Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- ☞ Gravestone rubbing is by permit only, obtained at City Hall at 132 N. Main Street.
- ☞ Please dispose of trash at the provided receptacles.

For information on additional cemetery rules that may apply, contact City Hall.



Self-Guided Walking Tour

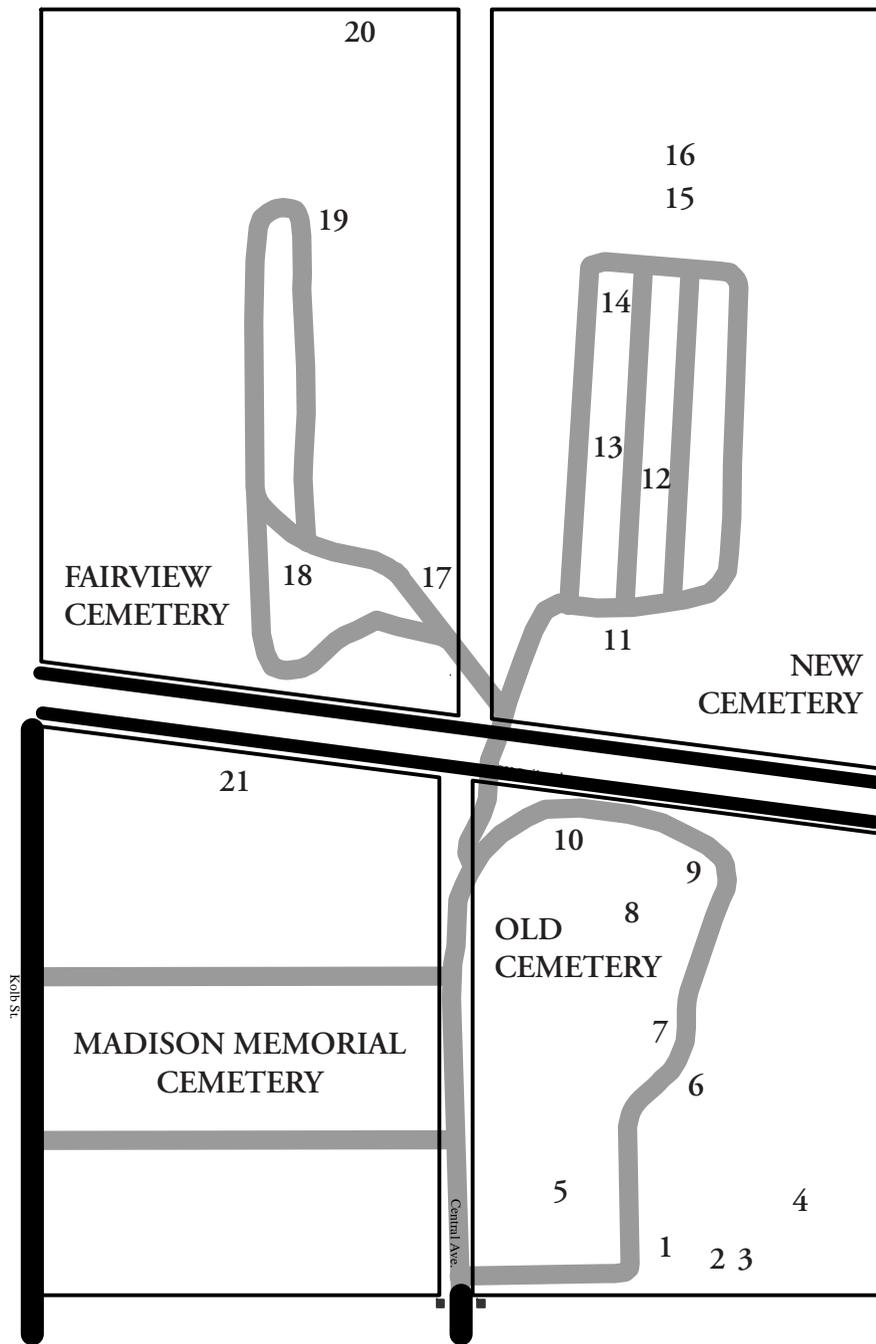
Cemetery Stewardship Commission

City of Madison, Georgia



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The Main Entrance for the cemeteries is located on E. Central Avenue, three blocks south of the Town Square off of S. Main Street.

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☞ **Old Cemetery** is likely the remnant of Johnson Porter's original 202 1/2 acre land lottery parcel after Henry Carlton purchased 102 acres in 1811. All extant burial deeds date to after the razing of the Episcopal Church (purchased by the City in 1939 and once located near the main gate). Extending downward to Round Bowl Spring Park, the grounds encompass a later addition - the lower section comprised primarily of burials of many former slaves.

☞ **New Cemetery** includes two City acquisitions: 1) 1880; the western six acres (including a right-of-way for Washington Street access) from Mr. LeRoy M. Wilson's estate; 2) 1882; nearly five acres from the Morgan County Commissioners allowing access across the railroad and connecting to Central Avenue. The burial area for Confederates is now part of this cemetery as well.

☞ **Fairview Cemetery**, an eight acre tract, was purchased by the City in 1926 from S. F. Beckham. Adjoining New Cemetery across the ravine, Fairview was chartered in 1904 as a perpetual care cemetery by early enterprising stockholders, such as D.P. Few.

☞ **Madison Memorial Cemetery** also had its early origins as a perpetual care cemetery for profit - formerly known as Morgan Memorial Park, Inc., chartered in 1957 when purchased from Rosa S. Parker. The City acquired the four acres from John M. Massey, Jr. in 1979, eliminating race-restrictive covenants and renaming the cemetery Madison Memorial.

Points of Interest

OLD CEMETERY

1. Dr. William Johnston (A)

Local physician reputed to have built Heritage Hall, the Greek Revival style house museum located on S. Main Street operated by the Morgan County Historical Society. His child, Elizabeth, is the earliest known burial.

2. "Aunt Cinda" (T)

Former slave of the Floyd family lovingly buried in the family plot.

3. Kolb Statuary (A)

Lovely sculptural monument marking the gravesites of Wilds & Ann Kolb.

4. Samuel A. Burney (T)

His lyrical and beautifully written letters home during the Civil War have been edited and published by Nat Turner in *A Southern Soldier's Letters Home*.

5. Joshua Hill Monument (P)

Member of the U.S. Congress, U.S. Senate, and Madison's Mayor, credited with saving the city's homes from Sherman's fires.

6. George Y. Browne (P)(T)

President of the Madison Female College, one of Georgia's earliest female colleges.

7. Harriot Caroline Taylor (S)

Plan to spend a considerable amount of time reading this lovely turn-of-the-century tribute.

8. Cooke Monument (A)

Local educator and benefactor who willed funds for an early library for the Madison Graded School (now the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center) and the town's sculptural



A unique and decorative cast iron hood shelters the resting place of Mrs. Tabitha Wilson.

fountain, planned for Bicentennial reconstruction in Madison Town Park.

9. Lula Hurst (P)

Renown throughout the country because of her unique ability to levitate objects.

10. Confederate Headstones (T)

Erected by the Daughters of the Confederacy in 1978 to reflect names found on historic records (see New Cemetery - Note 11).

NEW CEMETERY

11. Confederate Memorial (T)

Marks the gravesites of burials from the Confederate hospitals; headstones erected by the Daughters of the Confederacy in 1978 replacing the simple "Unknown" markers.

12. Wright Statuary (A)

Wonderful figural with garland.

13. Atkinson Plot (P)(A)

Two noted sisters, Josephine Hart Brandon Responsible for initiating a local heritage education program, centered at the Richter Cottage house museum operated by Morgan

County Landmarks Society, and Allie Carol Hart, directed the Georgia State Archives for decades.

14. Adolphus Green Ballard (S)

"A scatterer of sunshine."

15. Rev. Andrew Brown (P)

Erected by the Georgia Conferences to honor this founding member of the state African Methodist Episcopal Church.

16. Rev. Allen Clark (P)

First pastor of Madison's earliest independent African-American congregation, Calvary Baptist Church.

17. A.O. Atkinson (A)

Remarkable as the only true crypt in all of Madison's cemeteries.

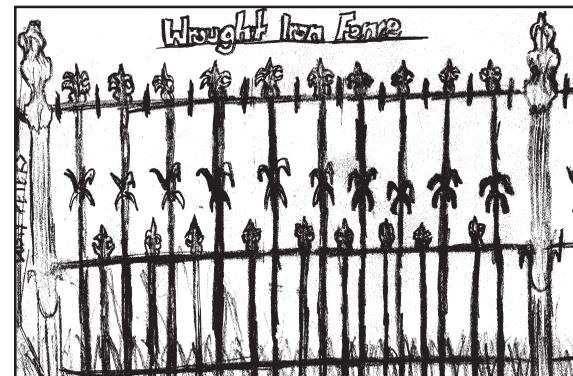
FAIRVIEW CEMETERY

18. Sgt. Walter Joseph Hall, Jr. (T)

Headstone lists two different birthdays - 3/19/1920 and 3/19/1918; birthdays were often misrepresented so that the patriotic could serve.

19. Eva Jones Richardson (P)

One of Madison's centenarians - along with Susan R. Walton Manley (New Cemetery) -



Sometimes referred to as a "cradle grave," this type of bedstead marker was often used for infants.



having lived to the ripe age of 102 years.

20. Adeline Rose (A)

Ms. Rose's modest residence is a part of a restored downtown attraction, the Rogers House & Rose Cottage Complex, offering a glimpse of early lifestyles by both races.

MADISON MEMORIAL CEMETERY

21. Veterans Memorial (T)

Erected by the Calvin George Post #37 of the American Legion to honor those who have served from our community.

- ☞ (P) Notable Personage / Literary Interest
- ☞ (A) Notable Architecture / Additional Site Interest
- ☞ (S) Notable Symbolism / Sentimental Interest
- ☞ (T) Notable Time Period / Historic Interest

Artwork by local student, Dusty Peters.