

Tulocay Cemetery Tour

Route A

The tour starts at the new Tulocay Cemetery office, mausoleum, and funeral home. This complex is named in honor of the late Walter "Jim" Fogarty, Jr, long-time cemetery board member and President of the board. Planning for this expansion began during his Presidency. Fogarty died in 2007.

1--FRED JAEKEL 1883-1972

Builder and businessman

He owned Jaekel Brothers Planing Mill on Third Street, which once stood between the Borreo Building and the Napa River. The Jaekel House, in Craftsman style, is at 345 Randolph St. in Napa. Jaekel served on the Cemetery board from 1952 to 1971

2--DEE THOMAS DAVIS 1872-1952

Beloved early educator

Davis was born in Yountville and graduated from the pioneer Oak Mound School for Boys in Napa. He taught in Napa Schools for over 50 years. Davis was fascinated with history and Native American artifacts. In 1938 he retired to concentrate on his Indian collection and to teach history at what is now Napa Valley College.

His collection of Napa Valley Native American artifacts is at the Lowie Museum of Anthropology at UC Berkeley

3--COUNTY SECTION Late 19th and early 20th Century

Sometimes called the Chinese section, in error

Because these grave sites in the County Section were less expensive, the markers were often less expensive wooden ones. In the early years Chinese, as well as others who came as laborers, were buried here. However, by tradition, many Chinese were exhumed and their bodies sent home to China for burial in family plots. At least one fire in this area may have been started by a candle left burning after such an exhumation. Fires destroyed the wooden markers leaving a grassy area with a few stone Chinese markers. There are many other Chinese graves throughout the cemetery.

4--HARRY AYRES 1879-1905

A lineman for the Vallejo, Benecia and Napa Valley Electric Railway

This grave is a vignette of transportation history in the Napa Valley. When the railway opened in 1905 it stimulated housing development on the west side of town. Part of its route was on Jefferson St. as far as Oak, near Fuller Park. Homes were built in the vicinity because of the easy commute to Vallejo. Ayres' headstone was put up by his fellow workmen, after he was electrocuted while making repairs on the line.

5--SALVADOR VALLEJO 1813-1876

Salvador Vallejo is sometimes called "The Last Conquistador"

He was the brother of General Mariano Vallejo who was the commandante of Northern California during the Mexican Era. (1821 to 1846) Salvador Vallejo was his brother's able assistant, and the head of the Militia in Sonoma. He was given two land grants here by Mariano Vallejo and had three homes in the Napa Valley. Along with his brother, and two others, he was captured by members of the Bear Flag Rebellion in Sonoma in June 1846, and spent two months in prison at Sutter's Fort in Sacramento.

Troubled by battle wounds, he lived the last days of his life at Lachryma Montis, Mariano Vallejo's home in Sonoma. He died in 1876. In death he returned to the Napa Valley and is buried at here. His name and that of his wife, Maria Luz, are carved on the west side of their marker.

6—JAMES B. NEWMAN 1851-1929 Stonemason

Newman was a noted stonemason and is responsible for much of the stone construction in the cemetery as well as the Napa Valley. Napa County was once called "the County of Stone Bridges." He and Herbert Wing had a business at the current location of Napa Marble and Granite Works on the point between East Avenue, Coombsville Road and the Silverado Trail. His house still stands at 1105 Juarez Street in Napa. Note the ornamental carving on the steps to his plot.

7—HERBERT W. WING 1851-1928 Stonemason

Herbert Wing was also known for his stone work, including beautiful cemetery vaults, which were constructed from stone from the Wing Quarry on Monticello Road. The handsome Wing marker is in the shape of a large vase made of red granite.

8—LUTHER TURTON 1862-1925 Napa's foremost architect in the late 19th and early 20th century.

A versatile architect, Turton designed many important Napa homes and buildings, including the Noyes Mansion, now the headquarters of the *Wine Spectator* at First and Jefferson Streets; the Goodman Library which houses the Napa County Historical Society on First Street; the Winship building at First and Main Streets, and its neighbor the Semorile building on First. His own home, built in 1915 in Prairie Style, is at 1767 Laurel Street across from Fuller Park.

Now return to the new building by way of Evergreen Street.