

# Woodland Cemetery Tour



2041 North 9th Street

Enter and Exit from N. 9th St near Lafayette

This walking tour is approximately a mile walk. We recommend allowing an hour to complete the tour. Tour provided by the [Wyandotte County Museum](http://www.wyandottecountymuseum.org).



1. Earl Bennefeld and Oron Stone were buried next to Bennefeld's twin brother.
2. Orrin L. Miller KCK was a lawyer, judge, and representative to Congress.
3. Scroggs family vault is closed, bodies relocated to Memorial Park Cemetery.
4. John and Cora Stockton donated 15.5 acres to create Woodlawn Cemetery.
5. William Warren Rose was a mayor and well known Kansas City architect.
6. Colored Defenders of Freedom Cemetery was dedicated on Memorial Day 1905.
7. Hermanson stone was erected by their sons and Union Pacific Railway employees.
8. Mowbray founder of the first Greek-lettered sorority for African American women.





Earl Bennefeld and Oran Stone both drowned in 1904. They were buried next to Bennefeld's twin brother who had passed away as a baby.

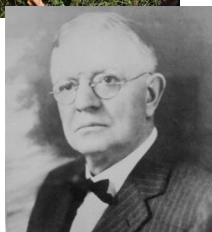
**Boys Drowned in Wyandotte.**  
Wyandotte, Kan., July 11.—In a brave struggle to save 11-year-old Earl Bennefeld from drowning in a pond at Twenty-fifth street and Reynolds avenue, Oran Stone, 17 years old, was dragged beneath the water and both boys were drowned before help could be summoned.

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William Warren Rose moved to KCK, in 1896. He served as Mayor from 1905-1906. He had an architecture practice with David B. Peterson, known for the Wyandotte High School, City Library, Bethany Hospital, the Scottish Rite Temple and Memorial Hall in KCK. He died on May 23, 1931.

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Orrin L. Miller moved to Kansas City, KS in 1880. He served as a district judge, counsel to large railroad corporations, and as Kansas Representative to Congress.

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The Colored Defenders of Freedom Memorial was dedicated on Memorial Day 1905, by the Sumner Relief Corps Post #22. The Civil War Monument is inscribed: "Erected in Memory of the known and unknown Colored Soldiers and Sailors who fought in defense of the Union from 1861-1865." GPS 39.1302134 -94.6302595



Frank Hermanson died in the line of duty as a KCPD detective in 1933. He was originally buried to the right of his parents John and Anna. His remains were removed from this grave on June 21, 1950, and were relocated to Highland Park Cemetery. GPS 39.1324451 -94.6330344

The remains of the late Judge John B. Scroggs were removed yesterday from Oak Grove vault to the family vault at Woodlawn, which has just been completed.



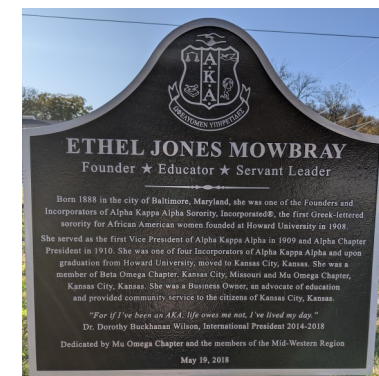
The vault began to fail and family was moved to Memorial Park Cemetery. The closed vault remains.

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Stockton came to Wyandotte County in 1858. He and his wife donated the land for Woodlawn Cemetery. Two weeks prior to his death he was seen taking care of the cemetery in preparation for Arbor Day. He was laid to rest in the shade of the trees he planted. When the funeral hearse reached the cemetery, the line of carriages was still forming at his residence at 6th and Oakland.

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Cemetery records are held at the [Wyandotte County Museum](#). The cemetery is maintained through the [Parks and Recreation](#) department.