



✦ CEMETERY EVENTS

The Cemetery Board, an advisory committee comprised of local volunteers, organizes two public events a year: A **MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE** held annually on Memorial Day and the “**WALK BACK IN TIME**” **OPEN HOUSE** held on the third Thursday of July. Both events are free and held at the cemetery.

✦ PURCHASING A SITE OR NICHE

If you are interested in purchasing a gravesite, a niche in the columbarium or have any other questions about the cemetery, please call 425-771-4741 or e-mail edmemcem@ci.edmonds.wa.us.

Visitors are welcome anytime between dawn and dusk. The office hours are 7:30am – 3pm, Monday thru Friday.

✦ WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Visit the Edmonds Historical Museum, 118 5th Avenue N, next to the Log Cabin in downtown Edmonds or the local library.



The Edmonds Memorial Cemetery and Columbarium is located at 100th Avenue W and 15th Street SW.

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EDMONDS MEMORIAL CEMETERY



✦ HISTORY

Founded in 1891, the **EDMONDS MEMORIAL CEMETERY & COLUMBARIUM** began on four acres of land donated to the I.O.O.F. (Independent Order of Odd Fellows) Lodge No. 96 by Thomas E. White, an early settler. At that time Edmonds was a small mill town. The cemetery site was enlarged in 1904 and 1908 and once comprised about 8 acres. In 1946 the cemetery was sold to a succession of private individuals until 1982 when Larry Hubbard, a longtime Edmonds resident, purchased the cemetery and willed it to the City of Edmonds, which now maintains its upkeep. The current cemetery size is about 6¹/₂ acres.

In 1972 the **Edmonds Memorial Cemetery** was placed on the Washington State Register of Historic Places. There are presently over 7000 people buried in the cemetery, including 14 former Edmonds mayors, 400 veterans of six different wars and many Edmonds pioneers. We invite you to take this self-guided tour to learn a little more about the history of the people who helped shape Edmonds into the town that it is today.



MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS

Donations are appreciated and go to improving and maintaining the cemetery for future generations. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation please send

it to: Edmonds Memorial Cemetery,
700 Main Street,
Edmonds, WA 98020
or call 425-771-4741
for more information.



WALKING TOUR

North

15th Street SW

100th Avenue W

1. George E. Brackett (1841-1927): Founder of Edmonds, First Mayor and Postmaster who brought lumber for his house by boat from Seattle. He built a sawmill, put in the water works, grocery store, post office and other buildings.

2. William Kingdon (1863-1911): A logging business proprietor who later owned *Edmonds Grocery and Market* on Main Street with his partner, Mrs. Myrtle Otto.

3. Elden Grace (1905-1974): A musician, music store-owner and golfer whose house is still at 6th Avenue and Pine Street.

4. Edwin Gross (1916-1985): Placed second in tumbling at the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles during the Great Depression. Note the Olympic Rings on the headstone.

5. Hubert Cary (1892): Baby Cary, who died at three months of age, is buried in the earliest recorded *marked* grave in the cemetery. Josephine Legary was the first person buried in the cemetery. There is no grave marker for her and the burial location is unknown.

6. John Lund (1825-1917): Born in Norway, he homesteaded *Lund's Gulch*, situated between Mukilteo and Meadowdale. At age 54 he married Mrs. Deiner, a widow with five children. His land is now Meadowdale County Park.

7. Deiner Family: Their five children were the first to attend the first Edmonds school in 1887. Their stepfather, John Lund, brought them from Meadowdale by boat each week for school.

8. Myrtle Rynearson Otto (1892-1981): Played basketball for Edmonds High School, worked at the *State Bank of Edmonds* and owned *Edmonds Grocery and Market*. Later she owned *Myrtle Otto's Dress Shop*. Her house at 524 Main Street is now *Joan Longstaff Realty*.

9. Thomas White (1861-1910): As a member of the I.O.O.F. of Edmonds, he donated the land to the I.O.O.F. Lodge to develop this cemetery in 1894. He lived near Lake Ballinger and died at age 49 in a logging accident.

10. Duncan Hunter (1859-1935): A stonemason who homesteaded by Scriber Lake. He built a schoolhouse on his land that was the educational base for Alderwood Manor children.

11. Fred Fournier (1876-1965): A businessman who owned a cigar store, hardware store, movie theatre, and the Fournier Building at 5th Avenue & Main Street (now occupied by *Sound Styles*.) He was mayor for 18 years and was known for sleeping through City Council meetings.

12. James Brady (1856-1912): Shingle mill owner, school principal, realtor and one of the 14 Edmonds mayors buried in the cemetery. He was shot and killed while

sleeping by his mentally ill wife (Margaret, 1861-1912) who also took her own life. Both are buried here in a grave marked with the largest stone (by mass) in the cemetery. Over 800 people attended their funeral.

13. Christopher Roscoe (1844-1919): City Treasurer and Mayor in 1895. He served in the Civil War for four years and was wounded in the war.

14. Carrie Yost Astell (1883-1946): One of Allen M. Yost's nine children. The Yost brothers helped develop Edmonds with a shingle mill, water system, telephone company, bus service, and a car dealership which was located at the current Old Milltown site.

15. Columbarium: Completed in 2006. Features 680 niches, a waterfall, flower stations and a sink. People often throw coins into the "wishing well".

16. Matthew Hyner (1846-1929): Purchased George Brackett's general store in 1889. He was the first Postmaster in a post office building in Edmonds. His house had a second story cupola for his children to report steamboats approaching the shore.

17. James (Jim) Daniel (1882-1950): An expert in using dynamite for stump and rock removal who helped clear the land to build Highway 99. He was the Fire Marshall for Alderwood Manor. His wife, Muriel was the first female Electrolux vacuum salesperson.

18. Lawrence Hubbard (1910-1982): Owned *Hubbard Realty* and served as city attorney in 1946. He purchased the Edmonds Memorial Cemetery in 1982 and willed it to the city. A philanthropist, he also established the Hubbard Foundation.

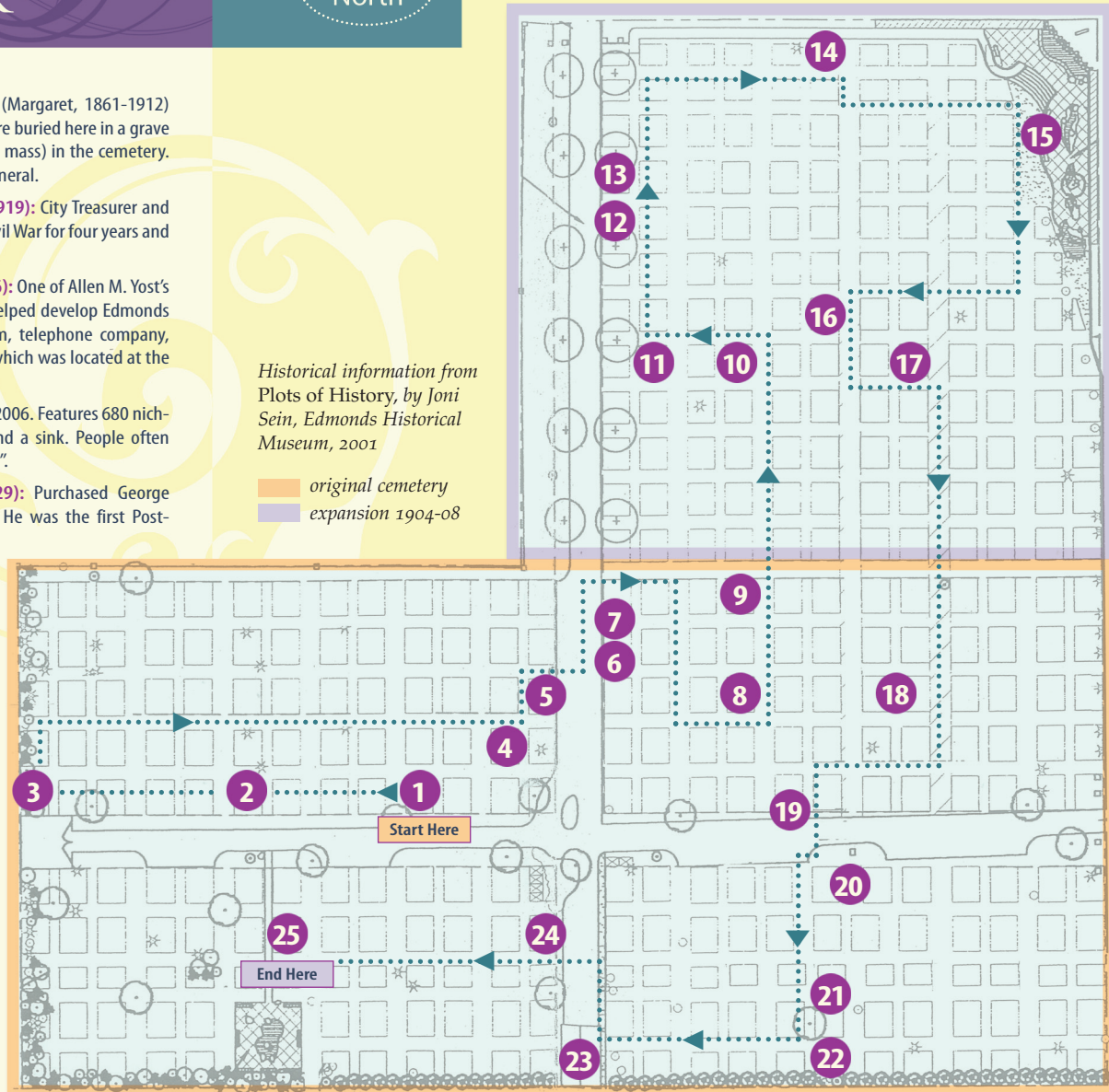
19. Flagpole: The bench at the flagpole was installed in 2008 through a grant from the WA State Department of Veterans Affairs to honor our military personnel.

20. Mount Vernon Red Maple Tree: This tree was planted in 1999 and is a graft from an original tree at Mount Vernon, George Washington's home.

21. Columbarium: This was the first columbarium at the cemetery. Built in 1985 it has 48 niches, each one holding 2 urns. The last niche was sold in 1996.

Historical information from *Plots of History*, by Joni Sein, *Edmonds Historical Museum*, 2001

original cemetery
expansion 1904-08



22. Communal: Located on the site of the old well, this is a cremation communal where non-retrievable ashes are placed. It is 52 feet deep.

23. Office Building: Built in 1982 after the City took over operation of the cemetery. Over the years it has been enlarged 3 times.

24. Christopher Columbus Cook (1838-1901): He used the dock at Richmond Beach and supplied wood to passing vessels. The headstone is made of white marble, which was easy to carve. Granite was found to weather outside better and is now the primary stone used.

25. Wellington Smith (1845-1899): Built the first house in Edmonds at 3rd Avenue and Main Street in 1888 where *Claire's Pantry* is now. He was on the City Council. His wife helped start Edmonds' first church, *First Congregational Church*, which is now the Legion Hall.