

**East Lawn Memorial Park** *(private)*  
43rd Street & Folsom Blvd., Sacramento



Four years after the turn of the 20th century, East Lawn Memorial park opened its beautiful gates to its forty acres of land which, at that time, was on the outskirts of City of Sacramento. Dedication services held at the cemetery drew crowds of over a thousand. The site was formerly known as Twin Oaks Farm, and was also the residence of eleventh Governor of California, Newton Booth. East Lawn Cemetery lies on a hill, which rises with gentle slopes out of the plain, affording excellent landscape design for a cemetery with a park effect. Some of the famous people at East Lawn include former Mayor of Sacramento William Land and Newton Earp, half brother of Wyatt Earp.

In 1952, consideration was given to the disposal of New Helvetia Cemetery Property. East Lawn received the remains of 4,691 individuals who lie within this beautifully landscaped park like enclosure, including early pioneers in Sacramento history such as Sheriff Joseph McKinney and Dr. Pendry.

**Old City Cemetery** *(city)*  
Broadway at 10th Street, Sacramento



The Sacramento City Cemetery was established in 1849 with a donation of 10 acres by Captain John Sutter. The cemetery follows the Victorian Garden style, popular throughout the mid and late 1800's. Today the cemetery covers thirty acres and is the final resting place of over 25,000 individuals.

Among the first interments in the City Cemetery were over 600 victims of the 1850 Cholera Epidemic and later survivors of many foreign wars including the Civil War. Among notable burials are John A. Sutter, Jr., Sacramento city founder; lawyer and art collector E. B. Crocker; storekeeper turned railroad mogul Mark Hopkins; William Stephen Hamilton, the son of Alexander Hamilton; three California governors and many of Sacramento's earliest mayors as well as Donner Party survivor Philippine Keseberg.



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## Selected Cemeteries Various Types in Sacramento County



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## Introduction

By the turn of the twentieth century, many old cemeteries had fallen into disrepair. Many public cemeteries were established to protect these historic gravesites and serve rural and urban areas.

Many hold extremely well attended Memorial Day Services to honor the the American Veterans of Armed services. They also work with historical societies and genealogical groups on the preservation of local history. Within Sacramento County there are five major distinct cemetery types. This brochure shows an example of each of these.

### History and Purpose of the Commission

The County Cemetery Advisory Commission was established by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors on June 12, 2001. Its Purpose is to:

1. Advise the Board of Supervisors of citizen's concerns and issues related to cemeteries.
2. Provide recommendations to preserve, protect and maintain cemeteries.
3. Raise funds for the protection and maintenance of cemeteries and make recommendations to the Board regarding appropriations for funds raised.
4. Encourage the preservation and designation of historical cemeteries.

### Franklin Cemetery (district)

*Hood-Franklin Road and Franklin Boulevard, Franklin*



This 4.3 acre well-tended rural cemetery was established in 1854 in the town of Franklin. The cemetery now contains about 300 graves, including special sections for both Chinese and German immigrants. The Franklin cemetery's most famous resident is Alexander Hamilton Willard, who was a member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

In 1968, the Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetery District took over care of the Franklin Cemetery. The District has obtained additional land so that Franklin Cemetery can be enlarged in the future. The Master Plan calls for future landscaping development, double depth grave sites and a niche bank for cremains.

### Sloughhouse Pioneer Cemetery (historic)

*Located just off Jackson Highway, the cemetery is close to the historic Davis Ranch, Sloughhouse Inn, and Sheldon's Grist Mill sites*



Nestled under the shade of oak trees is the historic Sloughhouse Pioneer Cemetery. Though it started as a family cemetery, this high spot in the Cosumnes Valley became the final resting place for many in the community. Of the 300 known burials, nearly half are related by blood or by marriage. Others, related by life, were neighbors, teachers, and workers--community members. Their lives were entwined and interrelated as much as if they shared the same family lines.

The first known burial took place in 1850. Those buried in the cemetery represent a range of stories and events associated with the founding of the State of California. Docent-led tours include stories about well-known events such as the discovery of gold, the rescue of the Donner Party, the Bear Flag Rebellion and some of the lesser known but equally important events in the shaping of California such as the cholera outbreak of 1850, the first water-rights dispute in the new state, and the Mussel Slough tragedy in Central California.

The original landowner's wife was a Utah pioneer, having come through the Utah Territory with her family on their way to California. It is through this association that the Sacramento Company of Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP) became stewards of the cemetery. Deeded to the DUP in the 1972, this 1.5 acre spot is now in their care and keeping.

### St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery (religious)

*21st Street near Broadway, Sacramento*



Historic St. Joseph's Cemetery, located on 21st Street near Broadway in Sacramento, is a ten acre cemetery. It currently contains over 13,000 people. The cemetery contains many pioneers from such countries as Ireland, Yugoslavia, Spain, Portugal, Canada, France, Germany, Switzerland and Czech Republic. Many Californians and local residents are buried here as well.

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Cemetery was established by the St. Rose Congregation in the early 1850s. It was dedicated by Bishop J.S. Alemany of San Francisco on May 7th 1856.

The cemetery contains the remains of several Roman Catholic Priests and Nuns, like Father James Cotter, a Native of Donervaille County Cork, Ireland who passed away in 1868. Also buried there is Sister M. Stanislaus Keane, a sister of Mercy. You can find many Civil War veterans and veterans of other foreign wars like James White who enlisted in the New York State Cavalry, and P.M. Morgan who served with the Massachusetts Infantry.

Finally, St. Josephs is the resting place of many local notables from Sacramento, such as Fred A. Barbaria, a popular County Supervisor and restaurant owner and K.O. Andrews, a welterweight boxer, who died in 1986 at the age of eighty one.

