

☆ Site of the Confederate Soldiers Memorial.



Historians, along with members of General Ben Hardin Helm Camp #1703, continue to research soldiers of the Confederacy buried at this cemetery. As graves are identified and authenticated, markers are placed at the site. As you take your tour, be watchful of soldiers not yet recorded in this brochure.

Note of interest: In the upper portion of section M, you will find the burial sites of several colored troops of the Union Army. The headstones are marked with a CT (colored troop).

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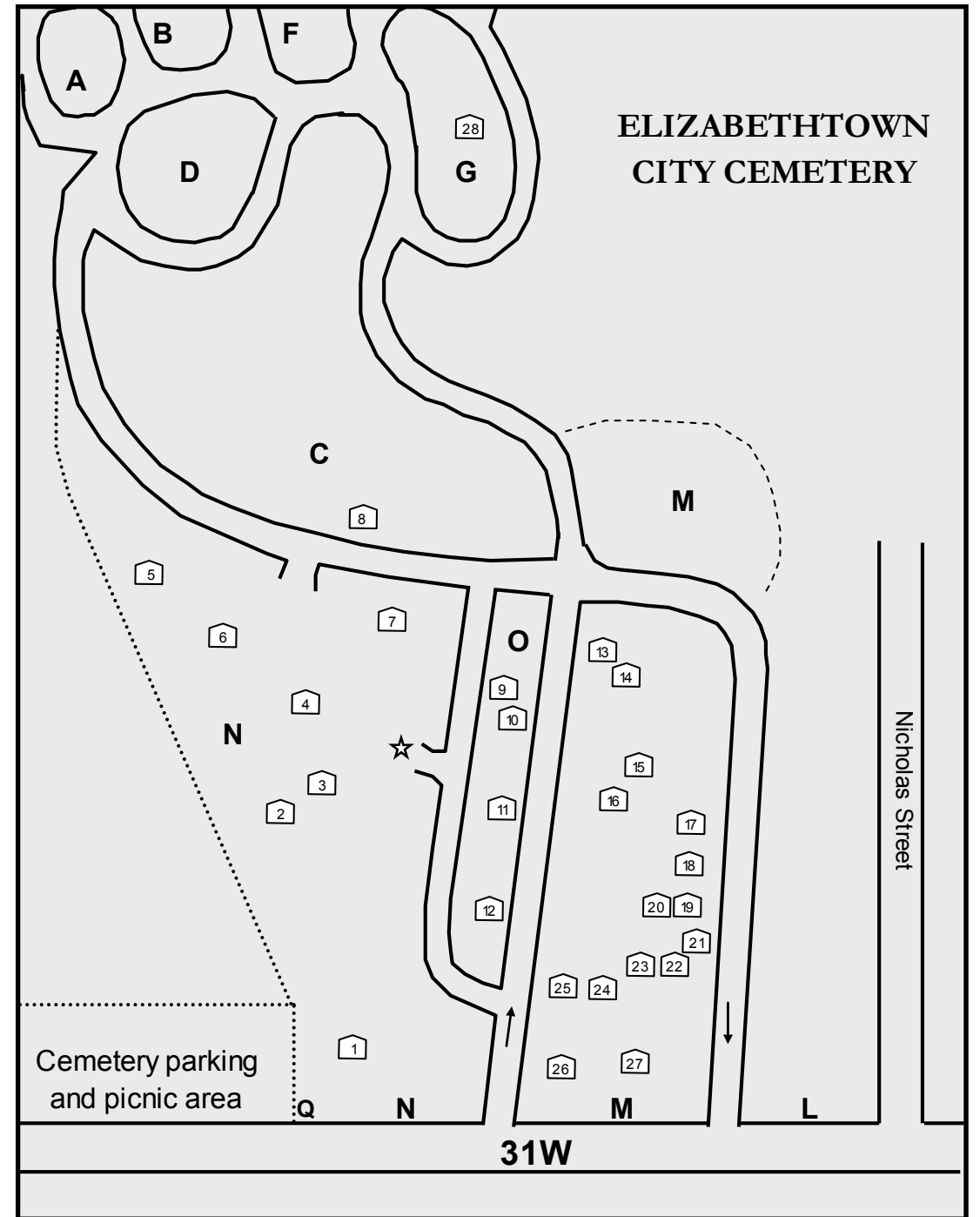
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Confederate Soldiers Buried In The Elizabethtown City Cemetery



Colonel Martin Hardin Cofer



#1 ACHILLES M. STITH (1841-1918) 1st Corporal in Company B, 6th Kentucky Infantry. *Section N*

#2 W.E. FULLILOVE (No Dates) Private in Company G, 6th Kentucky Infantry. *Section N*

#3 SQUIRE HELM BUSH (1837-1925) Was elected 1st Sergeant in Company B of the 6th Kentucky Infantry Orphan Brigade. Fought at Shiloh, Chickamauga, where at the latter place he was seriously wounded, which disabled him for the rest of his life. Sergeant Bush is best known for his war time diary. He became one of the community's leading lawyers. *Section N*



#4 SAMUEL H. RUNNER (No Dates) Company H, 6th Kentucky Infantry. A Mexican War Veteran. Attempted to enlist in the Spanish-American War but was turned away due to age. *Section N*

#5 JAMES REYNOLDS (1841-1922) Company H, 4th Kentucky Infantry. *Section N*

#6 COLONEL MARTIN HARDIN COFER (1832-1881) A first cousin of General Ben Hardin Helm. He was elected Captain of a company of militia that formed in Elizabethtown in 1860. When the war began, he raised five companies, which became part of the 6th Kentucky Infantry of the 1st Kentucky Brigade for the Confederacy. He was elected Colonel of the 6th Kentucky and, in spite of being seriously wounded at Shiloh, was with his regiment in all of its engagements except Murfreesboro, Tennessee. In August of 1864, he was promoted to Provost Marshal-General of the Army of Tennessee. Considered a strict disciplinarian, Cofer was admired and respected by his soldiers. After surrendering, he returned to his law practice in Elizabethtown, where in 1870 he was appointed circuit judge of the district and later (1874) elected judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals. He was the first judge in the state to allow a black man to testify against a white in a court of law and was a leader in allowing black citizens equal rights. Judge Cofer died before the expiration of his term of office on May 22, 1881. He was 49 years old. The United Confederate Veterans of Hardin County established the Martin Hardin Cofer Camp in 1891. *Section N*

#7 JAMES W. SMITH (1839-1914) Sergeant in Company D, 1st Kentucky Cavalry Orphan Brigade. *Section N*

#8 UNKNOWN SOLDIER *Section C*

#9 CAPTAIN WILLIAM F. BELL (1840-1887) Born at Bell's Tavern, Barren County, Kentucky. On October 11, 1861, he enlisted in Company C of the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry at Glasgow, Kentucky. Later he was transferred and appointed 1st Lieutenant and Quartermaster of the 9th Kentucky Cavalry. His regiment fought in both Elizabethtown engagements during the war. He served on the staff of Colonel W.C.P. Breckinridge with the rank of Captain until his surrender at Washington, Georgia, in May of 1865. Captain Bell became a leading citizen after the war, operating a successful law office and assisted in organizing the Elizabethtown News in 1869 and the Bank of Elizabethtown in 1883. He was later appointed Master Commissioner of the city. Captain Bell died of a stroke on December 1, 1887. *Section O*

#10 THOMAS B. MCINTIRE (1828-1909) Company B, 2nd Kentucky Cavalry. Died at the Confederate Home in Pee Wee Valley. *Section O*

#11 CAPTAIN FAYETTE HEWITT (1831-1909) Headed the Hardin County Academy from the age of 18-20, at which time he established the Elizabethtown Independent School. In 1857 he accepted the position of Postmaster General in Washington DC until the Republicans took office. At the request of the new Confederate government, he then undertook the job of establishing the Confederate post office in Montgomery, Alabama. After this task was successfully accomplished, he asked for a field position. In February of 1863 he was assigned to General Breckinridge's command, where he served as Captain of the 6th Kentucky Infantry Regiment. Three horses were shot out from under him during the war and although never wounded, minie balls passed through his hat and clothes numerous times. Captain Hewitt returned to Elizabethtown in 1865, where he continued to improve the school system and practice law. In 1867 he was appointed Quartermaster-General of Kentucky. Two years later he was elected state auditor. His last public office was president of the state bank in Frankfort. He remained active in retirement and at his death was a member of the



Board of Trustees of the Confederate Home at Pee Wee Valley. *Section O*

#11 VIRGIL S. HEWITT (1840-1898) Served in Co H of the 6th Kentucky Infantry Regiment as 2nd then 1st Lieutenant, being elected to both offices by his peers. After the battle of Chickamauga he was promoted to adjutant. Wounded at both Dallas and Intrenchment Creek during the Atlanta Campaign, he was disabled for further service by the second wound and discharged. Upon his return home, he was elected Hardin County Clerk. *Section O*

#11 FOXWORTHY HEWITT (1842-1879) In December of 1860 he received an appointment as clerk in the Treasury Department in Washington, DC, but like his brother, resigned when Abraham Lincoln was elected president. He later traveled to Richmond, Virginia and was appointed clerk in the Treasury Department of the Confederacy. In May of 1863 he joined the 25th Virginia Battalion and served with this regiment on the fortifications of Richmond until the close of the war. Afterwards he acted as assistant to his brother, Virgil in the Hardin County Clerk's office. The Hewitt Brothers are buried in *Section O*

#12 JAMES B. PAYNE (1834-1919) Company A, 2nd Kentucky Cavalry. *Section O*

#13 UNKNOWN SOLDIER *Section M*

#14 FERDINAND M. JOPLIN (1847-1921) Company A, 2nd Virginia Cavalry. *Section M*

#15 HENRY MARTIN SHOWERS (1821-1877) Was a prominent merchant of Elizabethtown before the war. He served the Confederacy by making uniforms for the officers, setting up his tailor shops at Murfreesboro, Atlanta and Knoxville. When Sherman destroyed Atlanta in 1864, Showers lost his entire store merchandise, from which he never financially recovered. He ended his life on August 9, 1877. *Section M*

#16 JOHN AUGUSTUS WARFIELD (1817-1863) Enlisted when he was forty-four years old in Company E of the 9th Kentucky Cavalry Regiment. Lieutenant Warfield drowned while crossing the Ohio river during General Morgan's famous Ohio/Indiana Raid. The original stone marking his grave reflects the event of his death. *Section M*

#17 DAVID P. BETHEL (1835-1889) Company A, 8th Kentucky Infantry Regiment. *Section M*

#18 JOHN M. ENGLISH (1842-1870) Private with Company C, 2nd Kentucky Infantry. *Section M*

#19 JAMES O. BIBB (1843-1903) Perhaps died during the war. Company E, 35th Alabama Infantry is all that is known. *Section M*

#20 WASHINGTON W. CUNNINGHAM (1841-1866) Company D, 2nd Kentucky Cavalry. *Section M*

#21 GEORGE A. CARPENTER (1864-1909) Was said to have been only twelve years old when he enlisted in a Texas Regiment. G.A. Carpenter had followed his older brother to war and served with him in spite of being too young to be entered on the official muster rolls. This Confederate Soldier was the great grandson of Governor Isaac Shelby. *Section M*

#22 RICHARD M. WINTERSMITH (1841-1884) 5th Sergeant, Company D, 2nd Kentucky Cavalry. *Section M*

#23 FRANK WINTERSMITH (1843-1868) Company D of the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry. *Section M*

#24 JOSEPH S. GRAY (1825-1907) Company E, 9th Kentucky Cavalry. A Mexican War Veteran. *Section M*

#25 HENRY E. READ (1824-1868) Served in the Mexican War in which he was seriously wounded in the Battle of Chapultepec. For his gallantry he was presented with a sword by the Kentucky Legislature. In December of 1861 at Russellville, he was selected to serve in the Confederate Government of Kentucky. He represented the Commonwealth in Richmond in the Confederate Congress. On November 9, 1868, he committed suicide. *Section M*

#26 JOHN B. QUIGGINS (1830-1916) 1st Corporal in Company H, 1st Kentucky Infantry Regiment. Transferred to the 1st Louisiana Infantry. *Section M*

#27 JAMES D. BENNETT (1836-1906) Lieutenant with Company H, 8th Kentucky Cavalry. *Section M*

#28 EMERSON TILLERY (1845-1920) Sharpshooter in Company B, 1st Missouri Battalion. *Section G*
