

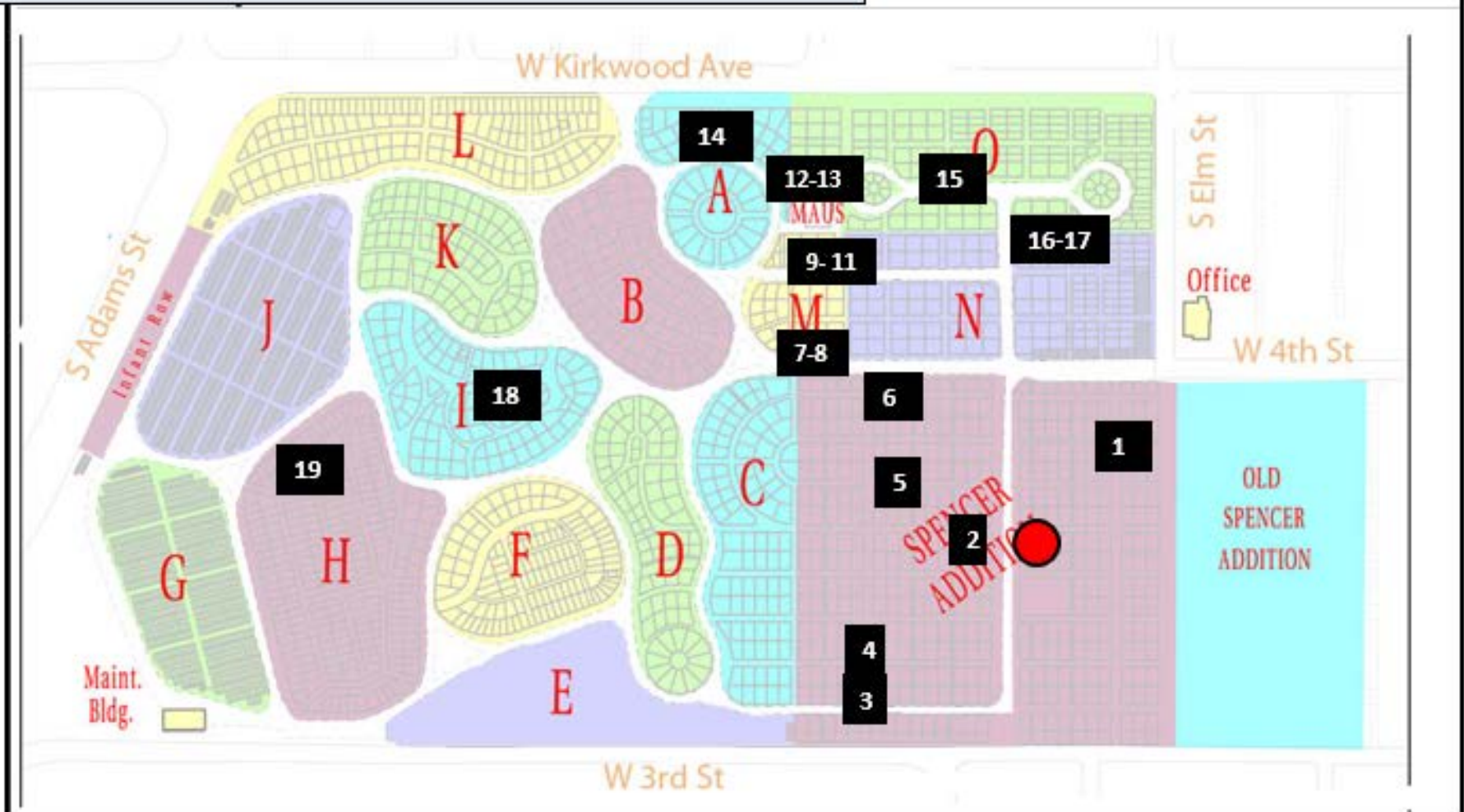
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***Limestone Heroes:***  
***A tour of Rose Hill Cemetery Monroe***  
***County Indiana with notes on other burials***  
***of residents affiliated with limestone.*** Prepared  
 by the Monroe County History Center's Cemetery  
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**ROSE HILL CEMETERY BLOOMINGTON INDIANA**

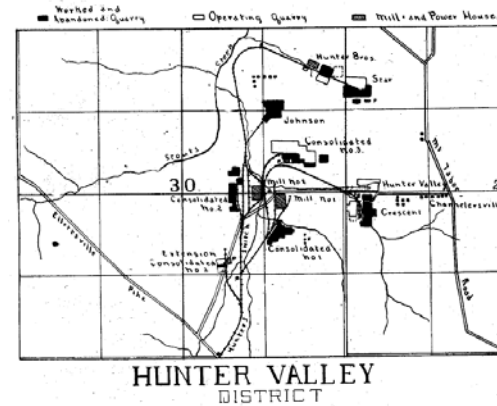


### 1. Morton C. Hunter: 1825 - 1896 Rose Hill Spencer Addition

Morton C. Hunter Stone Company was the first to operate in Hunter Valley. Morton C Hunter was born Feb. 5 1825 appointed Brevet Brigadier General in civil war, served in the Indiana General Assembly, and Congressman from Indiana from 1867-69 and 1873-79. He died October 25, 1898

Map at right from 1907 Indiana Geological Survey Annual Report.

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### 2. John Bertram Crafton: 1853- 1912 Rose Hill Spencer Addition 270

John Crafton was born in 1853, the son of farmers who moved to Monroe County from Kentucky. As a young man he worked for the Monon Railroad, first as a telegraph operator and later as conductor and train master. Around 1880, Mr. Crafton married Sarah 'Sally' Alexander, the daughter of Nancy and James J. Alexander. He speculated in real estate and purchased property in the Smithville and South Union area where he founded the Crafton Quarry Company. The local press labeled him the "Stone King" and the "Stoneman". His quarry operations were quite successful bringing him considerable wealth. He eventually sold his interest in the quarries and moved to Putnam County to start a new career in the lumber industry. As he grew older, Crafton began to wind down his business activities and looked forward to retirement. At this time he purchased a granite marker to be placed in Rose Hill Cemetery where he planned to be buried along with family members. He decided to take a trip to Europe to visit spas in the hopes of finding a cure for his arthritis. He sailed across the Atlantic in early 1912. A fellow passenger reported that he expressed a desire to return home even before the crossing was complete. Nevertheless he spent some time in Europe visiting spas and tourist destinations. He changed his return passage to the Titanic when he learned that it would cross the Atlantic a week earlier than his originally scheduled voyage. With the sinking of the Titanic in April of 1912 he never returned to his home.

### 3. Henry A Woolery: 1859-1933 Rose Hill Spencer Addition, 368

Henry A Woolery 2 August 1859 - 6 November 1933. Born in Lawrence County, son of Andrew and Julia A. Jameson Woolery. After working as the superintendent of the Mathers Mill he founded H.A. Woolery and Son Stone Quarry and Mill, probably about 1910, near Clear Creek.

### 4. Burton Henry Woolery: 1897-1918 Rose Hill Spencer Addition, 363

Burton Henry Woolery was born Nov. 20, 1897 the son of Henry A. Woolery and brother to Charles Clark Woolery. He left IU to join the U.S. Army in 1917 and was a gunnery Sergeant in the famous Rainbow Division. He was killed in France in July 29, 1918. For a moving tribute see the letter from Headquarters 150th Field Artillery, American Expeditionary Forces, dated July 30, 1918 and posted on Findagrave.org 22420922.

**5. Tolbert Sudbury: 1837-1912 Rose Hill Spencer Addition 184.** Born in Ohio 1837 with shops in Lafayette and Gosport. Over 200 stones bear his signature or that of Johnston + Sudbury. He died September 6, 1912 and is buried with his wife and son Bedford.

### 6. John Mason and Kathryn Fee Hoadley Jr.: 1895-1975 Rose Hill Spencer 236 (4<sup>th</sup> Generation)

### **7. John William and Sarah “Dovie” Figg Hoadley: 1873-1932 Rose Hill M22 (3<sup>rd</sup> Generation)**

The history of the Hoadley family and their involvement in the stone industry is long and complicated. Virginia Hoadley Tyte (5<sup>th</sup> Generation) has identified at least 15 members of the family as being active in the stone industry. William Hoadley and his wife Elizabeth were born in England and came to the U.S. in 1842. They returned to England in 1846 and established a planing mill to manufacture buckets using tools they had developed during their time in the U.S. William returned to the U.S. in 1855 and eventually came to Mount Tabor in Monroe County where he started a saw and flour mill. William’s son John (1828-1918) was the first family member to venture into the stone business when he started a monument shop in Stinesville. From this modest beginning John expanded into opening a quarry and mill in the Stinesville area. John Hoadley Jr. (1873-1932), as well as other offspring, of John Sr. continued involvement in the limestone industry. Albert Hoadley, a son of John Jr. was a representative of the next generation of Hoadleys in the industry. Minnie Hoadley, daughter of John W. Hoadley, married Minter Cline, and their son Kenneth are buried in M22. Albert’s son, Thomas and his wife, Marcia Mee are also buried in M22. Albert’s Daughter, Virginia, is still living and married to Don Tyte, a retired dentist. We could trace other branches of the Hoadley family to find other owners and operators of Monroe and Lawrence County quarries, but the search becomes increasingly complex. More detail can be found in the Hoadley file at the Monroe County History Center.

[Note: **William and Elizabeth Hoadley (Gravesite yet to be determined; probably Gosport area) (2<sup>nd</sup> Generation)**]

### **8. Albert T. and Kathryn Gant Hoadley: 1903-1998 Rose Hill M224<sup>th</sup> Generation)**

**9. Samuel Reed: 1866-1912 Rose Hill M17 Samuel Reed was the son of David Reed (1842-1894) who operated under “Tomlison and Reed” to cut stone for the Chicago Courthouse in 1879.** David Reed started the village of Reed’s Station (later Oolitic) on the Bedford Bloomfield Railroad. He bought the Oolitic Stone Co. Quarry in 1888 and built a mill in Sanders by 1895. The quarry was used in the movie “Breaking Away”. (Buried at Rose Hill in Chicago, IL). Robert Reed 1859-1930 succeeded David Reed as president of the Reed Stone Co. and later the Reed-Powers Cut Stone Co. (Not buried at Rose Hill). Samuel Reed arrived in 1910 from Chester, England. He was notably a master cutter. In Sam Reed’s time, quarry workers were not scarce. If Reed were to look up at the rim of the quarry, as he probably did, he would see lines of men waiting for work. As soon as someone began to slack off or left, the foreman would call in a replacement at 10 cents an hour. Reed Quarries has been in the family for 7 generations and is fully operational today, just south of Bloomington High School North.

**10. George Reed: 1895-1971 Rose Hill M17** Born in Carlisle, England, son of Harriet and Samuel Reed, George was brought over as infant to America as his father was already busy in the limestone industry in Bloomington, Reed Station and Bedford, Indiana. George served his country in World War I and graduated from Indiana University’s School of Business. In 1926 he was appointed Superintendent by Indiana Limestone Company to manage day-to-day operations of their Indiana Limestone Company quarries and mills, both in Monroe County and Texas. In 1969 George Reed and son, Ted Reed, bought Texas Quarries which they named Reed Quarries. Operated and owned Reed Quarries until his death in 1971.

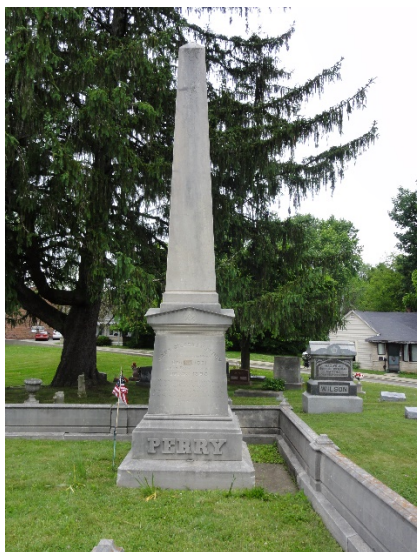
**11. Ted Reed: 1924-1927 Rose Hill M17** Son of Ruth and George Reed. Ted was born in Bloomington, Indiana. He was a World War II tail gunner in B17s over the Pacific theatre and graduated from Indiana University’s School of Business. Setting a record, Ted was an owner and operator in the limestone industry for 57 years. He managed the day-to-day operations at Midwest Quarries, Texas and Reed Quarries. Extremely bright and tenacious, Ted brought the companies through the limestone industry’s worst slump in the 1970’s when the building industry went to glass, plastic and concrete only to return to a more reliable Indiana Limestone. Ted reluctantly retired from work at the age of 82.

### **12. Joseph T. Solomito: 1916-2005 Rose Hill Mausoleum**

Between 1946 and 1955 Joe owned and operated the Joseph Solomito Company. Other Solomitos are buried in Clear Creek Cemetery.

### **13. Albert J. Thompson: 1856-1912 Rose Hill Mausoleum**

Born Aug. 26, 1856, Albert Thompson trained as a veterinarian but unhappy in the profession, Thompson founded the A.J. Thompson Stone Co. near Ellettsville, sometime after he arrived in Bloomington in 1892. After his death, July 12, 1912, his wife Hazel King Thompson continued running the business.



#### **14. Gilbert K. Perry: 1831-1898 Rose Hill: A17**

Henry and Gilbert Perry operated two quarries and a mill in the Ellettsville area in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. This was the second quarry operation near Ellettsville, being opened after that of John Matthews and sons. The Perry quarries were called the upper and lower stone works. Gilbert died in 1898 and is buried in at Rose Hill. They were successful quarry and mill operators in the Ellettsville area in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. They opened their first quarry in 1866. They used modern (for the time) quarrying and milling methods allowing them to compete successfully in the growing market for limestone. Henry retired from the quarry business in 1896 and moved to California. (Gravesite California: Henry Perry died Palo Alto in Nov. 11, 1920). Gilbert continued to operate the quarry until his death. The company then passed to his sons. Eventually the quarry was acquired by Roy McNeely. Gilbert is buried in Rose Hill and has an impressive monument. He was born in Rockland, Maine on December 26, 1831. He moved to Indiana in 1858 where he was a farmer and shoemaker. During the Civil War he served as a captain in the 38<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry. His brother, Henry Fales (born in Thomaston, Maine January 10, 1834) was a major and served in the same company. After the war he was active in the G.A.R. The Perry brothers apparently entered the limestone business soon after the war.

#### **15. Winfred D. “Doc” Szatkowski: 1907 - 2000 Rose Hill O84**

Born in Monroe County August 8, 1907, “Doc” was employed as a stone cutter by 1930. Occupation listed in the 1940 US Census was “stone carver”. He died 29 February, 2000.



#### **16. Wilbur Carol Bybee: 1926-2001 Rose Hill: O47**

Wilbur was born in 1926 in San Angelo, Texas. His mother was Ruth Woolery, daughter of Henry Woolery, who owned and operated the Woolery Stone Company. After graduating from high school in Austin, Texas, Wilbur served with the Merchant Marines from 1944-1947. After his military service he moved to Bloomington where he went to work in his grandfather’s mill. Bybee purchased the former Mathews Brothers Mill in 1979. That mill had been in operation since 1864. Under Bybee’s leadership the mill became a very successful business with contracts to provide stone for many major projects including the Washington National Cathedral and the Pentagon restoration. Wilbur Bybee died December 1, 2001. Wilbur’s son, James Daniel, became the company’s second president and after his death, his brother, Will, assumed the presidency. The company continues to thrive today.

#### **17. Charles Clark Woolery: 1886-1975 Rose Hill: O48**

Charles Clark Woolery was born September 16, 1886 son of Henry Woolery. Charles began working in the Star Quarry at age 14, becoming a cutter by age 20. He worked at Mathers Quarries during summers 1901-1907. With his father, he founded H. A. Woolery and Son Stone Co. around 1910. He started a mill on the John Dillman farm spring 1913. He opened Sudbury Quarry summer of 1917 and the Kennedy Quarry spring of 1927. He died January 8, 1975.

**18. Isaac Walker: 1839-1914 Rose Hill I98:** Isaac Walker was born Apr. 21, 1839. There are fifteen stones in Bloomington cemeteries bearing the signature “I. Walker”. Features of Walker’s work include fan-engraved corners and small elegant lettering. He died Dec. 25, 1914.

**19. Clyde Malott: 1887-1950 Rose Hill H100:** Clyde Malott was born in Hamilton County Indiana Sept. 10, 1887. Although Clyde Malott was not directly involved in the limestone industry, we use him as a representative of Indiana University and Indiana Geological Survey geologists who facilitated development of the limestone industry in southern Indiana. Malott was a faculty member of the IU Geology Department from 1916 until 1947. His area of specialty was geomorphology, the study of development of earth surface features. He also conducted a great deal of research on the Lost River area in Orange County. Much of his research related to Monroe County and Indiana. He died August 26, 1950.

Many other geologists who were closely associated with development of the limestone industry included early state geologists (heads of the Indiana Geological Survey. In more recent years members of the Indiana Geological Survey have been especially active in research that has facilitated the industry. John Patton, former state geologist and head of the survey is especially noteworthy. See Hopkins, Blatchley, and Siebenthal below.

*While this tour is confined to Rose Hill Cemetery within Bloomington, we encourage exploration of other gravesites. Ask about locations of these cemeteries at the Monroe County History Center.*



**Harold “Dugan” Elgar: Stone Carver. 1910-1984 Clear Creek Cemetery** (monument made of marble and granite.) His monument is very special. He carved it himself. It is a replica of Michelangelo’s Pieta done in white marble sitting on a granite base. Elgar had a cameo role, along with other mill workers, in the movie *Breaking Away*.

**Jonathan Corsaw: Stone Carver. 1788-1861 Rose Hill Old Spencer**

(Monument is marble-like stone signed by E.M. Burt). Jesse Corsaw worked with his father, whose gravesite is unknown but his three children are buried beside Jonathan Corsaw in Rose Hill Old Spencer.

**Charles Farmer: Stone Carver.** Born in Ohio in 1825 Charles Farmer married Elizabeth Isominger of Monroe County 1846. His burial is thought to be in Illinois.

**David Johnston: Stone Carver.** Born in Ohio 1831, Johnston married Jane Gilliland in 1858. Stones bearing his signature appear between the years 1854-1872, mainly in South Union, Clear Creek, and Covenanter cemeteries. One stone is in Rose Hill. He joined Tolbert H. Sudbury so several stones throughout the area, are signed “Johnston + Sudbury”, mainly in white sandstone. (His burial is believed to be in California).

**Edwin M. Burt: Stone Carver.** Born in Massachusetts in 1831, Burt married Harriet Butler of Monroe County. He signed approximately 80 stones within Monroe County and many at Richland Cemetery near Whitehall. (His burial is in New Mexico).

**John Matthews: 1806-1883 Ellettsville Presbyterian Cemetery**

Blatchley (1907 IGS Annual Report) states: “In 1862 John Matthews opened a quarry one mile north of Ellettsville...” John Matthews was born October 10, 1806 in County Sussex, England and apprenticed in London to the stone and marble work and assisted in the building of the Parliament houses. He married Mary A. Drake and they had twelve children. He died May 27, 1883.

**Frank Braxtan Harris: 1889-1914 Ellettsville Presbyterian Cemetery**

The Forburger-Harris Mill was formerly the F.B. Harris Cut Stone Company, incorporated in 1933. The company was renamed to the Forburger-Harris Stone Company in 1947 and ceased operations around 1960.

**Richard Gilbert:** Blatchley (1907 IGS Annual Report) credits Richard Gilbert with opening the first quarry in the Stinesville area, quarrying oolitic stone in 1827-28 along the east bluff of Jack's Defeat Creek. Gravesite not known.

**John Ketchum** was born September 10, 1782 in Washington County, Maryland and was one of the first settlers of Monroe County Indiana, coming here in April 1818. Blatchley credits him as follows: "possibly the first use of oolitic stone in Monroe County in the old county court house, which was begun in 1819. John Ketchum, the contractor, quarried the stone on the Ketchum farm, hauled it eight miles..." John Ketcham, a veteran of the War of 1812, died February 7, 1865 and is buried in Ketcham Cemetery.

**Claude Ellsworth Siebenthal** was born at Vevay, Indiana April 16, 1869. He studied at IU from 1889-1891 and then at Stanford University. He worked with the Indiana Geological Survey from 1896 preparing a large study on Indiana oolitic limestone with T.C. Hopkins. Later he worked for the USGS. He died at Daytona Beach Florida March 1, 1930. (Geological Society of America Bulletin, March 1, 1931, v. 42, no. 1, p. 138-146)

**Thomas Cramer Hopkins:** Hopkins' *Geological Map of Indiana* 1903 "is worthy of all praise". Along with Claude E. Siebenthal prepared the report on Oolitic Limestone in Indiana in 1896. Hopkins worked at the Indiana Geological Survey before returning to Pennsylvania as a professor at PSU, then later moved to Syracuse University. Assumed to be buried in New York.

### Read More about it.

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**Note:** In Clay Stuckey's *Gazetteer of Limestone Mills of Owen, Monroe, and Lawrence Counties to 1950*, he notes that the limestone industry entails a "labyrinthine history the ownership of the mills" but also states that just identifying the existence of mills is challenging. The Cemetery Committee of the Monroe County History Center continues to gather information about these "limestone heroes". We have tried to select individuals identified with the limestone industry and specifically those buried at Rose Hill and a few other prominent cemeteries. This guide will be revised and improved before the next Limestone Month (June 2016).