

Edmonton Cemetery

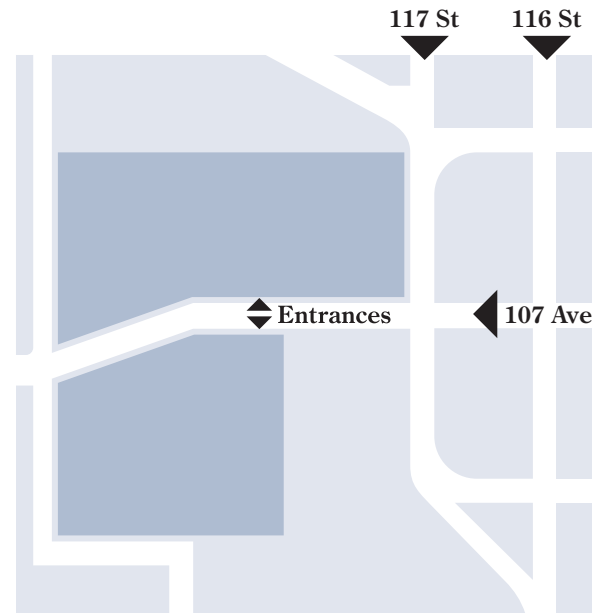
Once the edge of the city's limits, now bisected by a busy thoroughfare, this cemetery contains the city's oldest and most architecturally diverse monuments. Many of the city's original settlers and founders are buried here and you may recognize their names as Edmonton schools, neighbourhoods and roadways. Graves in the Edmonton Cemetery are oriented east and west, while graves in the Catholic cemetery are oriented north and south.

Locating a grave

If you are looking for a grave at Edmonton Cemetery, consult the posted map at the administration building, or contact the Beechmount Cemetery, weekdays, for staff assistance. For those interred prior to the last twenty-five years, burial information can be found on the cemeteries' database. To access the database, go online to www.edmonton.ca and type "cemeteries" into the site search engine.

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118 Street and 107 Avenue



Interment Services

City of Edmonton Cemeteries offer a full array of casket and cremation burial options including headstones, markers, urns and memorial benches. Call for a free information package, or contact our office to book an appointment. Our friendly, no-pressure sales staff will help you make the best choice for your needs. Inquire about the no interest payment plan for pre-need arrangements.

Edmonton Cemeteries Main Office

Beechmount Cemetery
12420 - 104 Street
Phone 496-6983
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Open Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

A walk through time

Edmonton Cemetery Self-guided Walking Tour



Edmonton's first and oldest cemetery, with Cathedral of Memories Mausoleum

1. Military Field of Honor

Established in 1922. Marker stones are laid out with no distinctions between rank or file of the veterans.

2. Constable George Edward Osgoode

George Osgoode, veteran and member of Alberta Provincial Police. Casualty of a shoot-out with a bootlegger during Prohibition.

3. Lt. Col. Philip C. H. Primrose

Oversized military marker recognizes prodigious service in NWMP and as Lieutenant Governor of Alberta.

4. John Alexander McDougall

Merchant and real estate developer, made a fortune supplying new settlers and Klondikers. His store is replicated at Fort Edmonton Park.

5. Wilfrid Reid "Wop" May

Famous Red Baron combatant in WWI. Founded first municipal air harbour in Canada. In an open cockpit plane, he transported diphtheria serum to Fort Vermillion during a severe winter storm.

6. Brig. Gen. William Antrobus Griesbach

Elected youngest Edmonton mayor in 1907. Elected federal MP in 1917, which he held until the beginning of WWI. Made Brigadier General at 39. Appointed to the Senate in 1921. Wife, Janet Scott (Lauder) Griesbach (Jenny), was a renowned sportswoman and staunch supporter of many social causes.

7. Alex Riddell

Served 44 years as an Edmonton police, under five different chiefs. Retired as superintendent in 1958.

8. James Rowland

Walked with his new bride Julia McGillis, from St. Boniface to Edmonton in 1898. Original settler along Jasper Avenue.

9. James Powell Family Monument

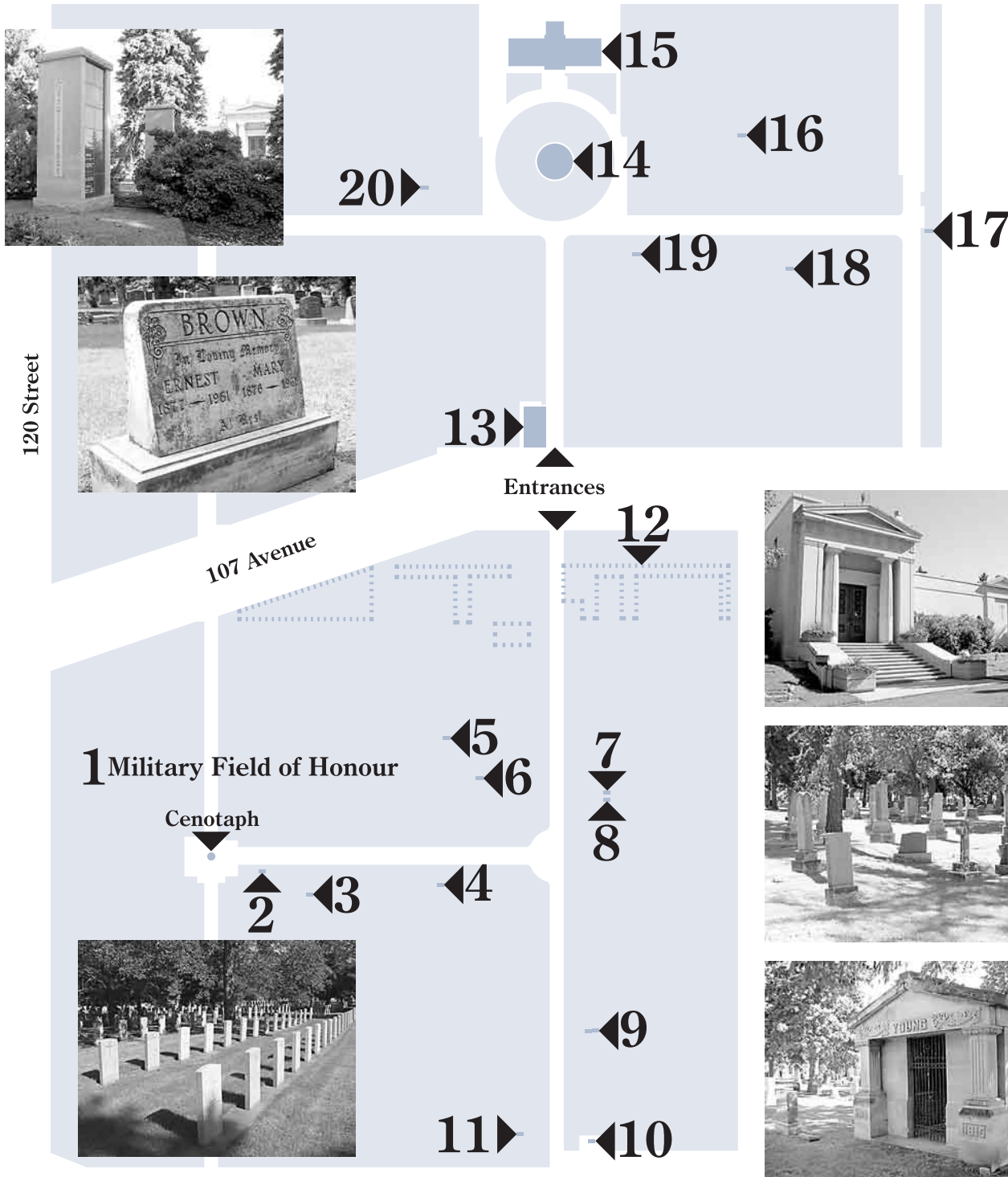
Striking figure of a weeping woman wrought in Italian marble. The Powells made their fortune from real estate.

10. The Young Family Mausoleum

Only example of a private mausoleum in the cemetery, though the practice was common in southern USA and Europe.

11. Superintendent William Daimer Jarvis

NWMP superintendent, built the Fort Saskatchewan headquarters in 1875.



120 Street

107 Avenue

1 Military Field of Honour

Cenotaph



12. The Children's Section

Many children were lost in epidemics of childhood illnesses such as measles, scarlet fever, and, of course, the Spanish influenza of 1918. Children's smaller graves are typically found along cemetery edges.

13. Gatehouse

Southern wall displays a plaque of the Cemetery Company's officers and directors. Note succeeding generations of families.

14. Love & Terwillegar Columbaria

These pillars hold niches for cremated remains. Norman Terwillegar local doctor who hobby farmed southwest of the city. Both sons killed in WWII. Katie MacCrimmon Love first female president of the University of Alberta's Student Union.

15. Mausoleum - Cathedral of Memories

Completed in 1932, neo-classical style with very simple detailing. Fossilized remains of sea creatures and shells are imbedded in the limestone steps. Holds 450 internments on two levels.

16. The Hon. Dr. John Campbell Bowen

Longest serving Lieutenant Governor in Alberta's history (1937-1950). Refused royal assent to some Social Credit legislation, which led to his eviction from the official residence.

17. John Hiram Blackburn

Started flying in Edmonton in 1930 becoming Canada's top amateur pilot by 1948. Author of "Land of Promise," the story of American immigration to Western Canada.

18. John Wesley Fry

Popular mayor did much for the city during the Depression. Daughter Gladys (Fry) Douglas, captain of the Edmonton Grads basketball team.

19. Major Dr. Benjamin M. Wheeler

His wartime story told in the movie Bye Bye Blues by his director daughter, Anne Wheeler.

20. Ernest Brown

Pioneer photographer who amassed a collection of 150,000 historic images. Founded a museum exhibiting "The Birth of Canada's West" in 1933.