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PATRICK MURPHY

Born January 6, 1839 ☘ Died October 12, 1900
Knights Templar Member

Mr. Murphy immigrated to America with his parents and siblings in 1849, settling in Joplin in 1871.

John Cox was considered the Father of Joplin on the east side (Joplin City) of the Broadway Bridge but Patrick Murphy was the Father of Joplin on the West (Murphysburg). Mr. Murphy was a merchant and mine operator. His accomplishments are the result of Joplin becoming a formidable, organized city. As a result ended the lawless rein of terror in the early 1870's. He established a newspaper, banks, hotels, the city waterworks, railway systems, lead and zinc mining companies, was Joplin's fourth mayor, and much more.

The public held Mr. Murphy in such high regard that when he died October 12, 1900, the entire community was in sincere mourning, and insisted to honor him. The cortege was headed by a band that played the funeral march. The hearse, drawn by four black horses, was followed by 100 marching pioneers, then the Knights Templar in uniform, then the Elks marching, followed by citizens in carriages. The hearse reached the graveside (Fairview Cemetery) before the last of the vehicles joined the procession.



Patrick Murphy was originally buried at Joplin's Fairview Cemetery on Maiden Lane. Once Mount Hope Cemetery was constructed, his body was moved to the prominent "Founders Circle" to be interred with the other cemetery founders and Joplin and Webb City leaders. This section of the cemetery is a circle divided into pie shapes of equal portions.

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MONUMENTS TOUR of Historic MURPHYSBURG

Mount Hope Cemetery ☘ 3700 North Range Line Road, Webb City
Saturday ☘ June 14, 2014 ☘ 5:30-8:30 p.m.

The cemetery's original tract consisted of 77 acres of farmland. "The Mount Hope Cemetery Association" was officially incorporated on April 12, 1905. The purpose of the corporation was to establish a park-like cemetery by laying out and subdividing tracks of land into cemetery lots and to preserve and maintain the cemetery in perpetuity. Eleven business men in Joplin and Webb City with mining ties funded the corporation with capital stock valued at \$30,000.

Mount Hope Cemetery represents an extremely valuable cultural and historical asset of the four-state area through their genealogical information, gravestone architecture, and iconography. Joplin co-founding father Patrick Murphy and Webb City founding father John Cornwell Webb are both buried in the cemetery.

The cemetery was designed in 1905 by Sid Hare, an engineer, urban planner, and landscape architect. Eventually his son joined him and they went on to assist in the design of the Kansas City Country Club Plaza and Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, and many other projects.

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--- ENTERTAINMENT ---

- ☘ Ron Montgomery - Trumpet
- ☘ Bagpiper - Cathy Crites
- ☘ Wally and Leecia Bloss - Serenading in Costume
- ☘ The Ellis Sisters in Period Attire
for Mourning the Dear Departed

RAFFLE FOR 2 BURIAL PLOTS

Mount Hope Cemetery board of directors has graciously donated two adjoining burial plots for this tour, worth \$1,400. With each tour ticket purchase (\$10) you will receive one chance to place your name in the drawing.
Additional tickets may be purchased for \$2.
The ticket drawing will be held at a Downtown Third Thursday event.



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AUSTIN ALLEN

Born August 8, 1880 ☞ Died March 2, 1917
Original Owner of 112 South Sergeant Avenue
Craftsman, Circa 1906

Born in Philadelphia, Samuel Austin Allen arrived in Joplin in 1890 at the age of 10. He graduated from Joplin High School in 1898. He received a degree in architecture at the University of Pennsylvania in 1902 and later went to Paris where he pursued his interest in architecture. Returning to the United States Allen became associated with Bruce Price of New York, one of the foremost architects in the United States. After two years in New York he returned to Joplin to begin practicing his craft in 1905. Allen was an extremely successful architect with offices in Kansas City and in the Frisco Building in Joplin. His professional Joplin resume included such handsome structures as the Newman Building, Saint Peter's Catholic Church, Olivia Apartments, Joplin High School, United Hebrew Temple, Elks Lodge, and many impressive homes. Mr. Allen was a member of the American Institute of Architects. His obituary in their journal noted, "that his work was marked by a "chaste dignity and scholarly restraint."



Mr. Allen married Belle Taylor and had three children. He died at the early age of thirty-six from typhoid fever.

MAUSOLEUM ARCHITECTURAL NOTES

Inside Allen's mausoleum is a resolution from the Kansas City Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Several family members are also interned in the mausoleum. There are solar disks between the pair of falcon wings at the very top. It represents the sun god, Re and rebirth.

Embellishment on mausoleum wall



L. FRANK CHILDRESS

Born November 1, 1875 ☞ Died August 1, 1944
Original Owner of 302 South Sergeant Avenue
Prairie Style, Circa 1922

Mr. Lewis Franklin Childress made his fortune in the mining business in the area as the owner of Lead and Zinc Mining Company.



His legacy lives on with the Frank Childress Boy Scout Reservation, located near Diamond, Missouri. The grounds were originally a recreation home for the Childress family. Son, Paul Childress donated the land to the Scouts in 1964. The camp included campsites named after the characters of Rudyard Kipling's "Jungle Book," a large swimming pool, dining hall, pirate ship, old west fort, old mine, Indian village, and a stocked trout pond for fishing. The reservation is also home to many hiking and biking trails, and abounds with native plant and animal life.



DR. ALBERT WINCHESTER

Born 1866 ☞ Died 1950
Original Owner of 507 South Sergeant Avenue
Free Classic Queen Anne, Circa 1905
If you have biographical information about this
Murphysburg Founder, please contact HMP, Inc.



JOHN WISE

Born February 20, 1854 ☞ Died February 17, 1927
Original owner of 504 South Byers Avenue
Queen Anne, Circa 1898
House Currently Used as an Event Center



In 1874, Mr. Wise associated with his elder brother, James in the hide and grain business, under the firm name of J. M. Wise Brothers and later added groceries to the business. Later, he joined forces with Thomas Connor to operate lead mines. He also owned 3,000 acres of land in Oklahoma where he invested in coal mining and cattle and horse ranching. Wise helped organize Miners Bank and served on the city council, where he was an "uncompromising advocate of the principles of the Republican party," according to biographer Joel Livingston.

Mrs. Wise, who was active in civic concerns, convinced her husband that their house would make a good residential facility for the Young Women's Christian Association so that women would not have to shuffle between various old houses and vacant upper floors in downtown buildings. Hence, in 1920, a group of businessmen raised funds to purchase the Wise House and convert it to the new Y.W.C.A., lodging up to 40 young women.

EDWARD ZELLEKEN

Born January 1, 1839 ☞ Died November 29, 1919
Original Owner of 406 South Sergeant Avenue
Queen Anne, Circa 1893

Mr. Zelleken was born near Cologne, Germany and immigrated to the United States bringing with him practical knowledge of brewing & coopering.

When prohibition became effective, he moved to Joplin and became one of the foremost in the development of its commercial and financial interests. He assisted in the organization of the Galena Lead & Zinc Company and erected the first zinc smelters in Joplin. Mr. Zelleken was also the vice president of Miners' Bank.

Text from Joel Livingston's History of Jasper County:

"In 1876, when the Germania Social and Literary Society of Joplin formed, it had over fifty charter members. Thus it was a small, but established German community.

At the height of World War I, there came a hysteria to the Joplin community about people of German origin, and the town felt threatened by the German community though unfounded fear. One man, Gustav A. Brautigam that owned a local delicatessen literally had to leave town for fear of his life.

Germanism in this country, even if the war stopped today, will have no prestige for several generations. Too much harm has already been done. We must realize the vastness of the change of conditions. Never in the history of the world has our situation been duplicated. It is a unique situation, but it is a surprisingly clear and plain situation: We left one country. Why? Because we were not satisfied with our conditions.

We entered another country with the full knowledge (unless we were lunatics) that we had to abide by the rules and conditions imposed by this new country. The new country was very lenient with us; we hardly knew that we were being governed."

