

## CHARLES SCHIFFERDECKER

Born August 28, 1851 **#** Died October 30, 1915  
Scottish Rite & Fellowship Masonic Lodge Member  
Original Owner of 422 South Sergeant Avenue  
Romanesque, Circa 1890  
*The house is fashioned after a Rhine Valley castle.*

When Mr. Schifferdecker died in 1915, the entire city shut down for his funeral in recognition of his accomplishments and positive impact on the community. Mr. Schifferdecker was a generous philanthropist; he once said that he wished he knew when he would die, so that he could give away every cent and die penniless.

He married Mina (Wilamenna) Martens on September 24, 1877 and died just nine days after she passed away. Joplin physician, Dr. C.C. Cummings (father of television and motion picture star Robert Cummings), pronounced his death. Born in Baden Germany, he came to America at age 18.

Eward Zelleken (also buried at Mt. Hope) brought Mr. Schifferdecker to the area. In Baxter Springs, Kansas he worked for Zelleken in his brewery. Schifferdecker relocated to Joplin, opened a bottling business and eventually offered wholesale beer and ice. For a period of time he owned 4,500 acres in Jasper County. He also became active in the mining industry.

He helped organize the First National Bank of Joplin and became the first president of the bank on January 30, 1888, a position he retained for 12 years. He served on the board of directors for Interstate Wholesale Grocery Company.

Mr. Schifferdecker became one of Joplin's most wealthy citizens. He donated the property for the building site of the Scottish Rite Cathedral and a portion of land to the City of Joplin, which today is known as Schifferdecker Park. His public funeral service was held at the Scottish Rite.

He and his wife were devout German Lutherans. They were known to travel by train to New York to watch their favorite operas from reserved seats at the Metropolitan Opera.



Mr. Schifferdecker's liberal aid was extended to the Joplin Rifles, the first military company organized in Joplin, in 1881. He also helped organize the National Guard of Missouri, for service in the Spanish-American War.

### SCHIFFERDECKER MAUSOLEUM ARCHITECTURAL NOTES

Reminiscent of the Great Temple of Ammon, the mausoleum is cloaked in noble grandeur. Designed in 1908 by architects Garstang and Rea, the two sphinxes that guard the entrance symbolize protective authority. The faces eerily resemble the late Mr. Schifferdecker. The pillars have inverted bell capitals with palm leaves; doors are decorated with the lotus flower, representing immortality. The solar disk between the falcon wings represents the sun god, Re and rebirth. W. F. Woolworth (the famous "five and dime" store king) used nearly the same identical style on his mausoleum in Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx, New York. To construct a similar mausoleum today would cost in the range of \$500,000.00.



## JULIUS C. MILLER

Born April 6, 1858 **#** Died March 23, 1923  
Original Owner of 528 South Sergeant Avenue  
Queen Anne, Circa 1895

Mr. Miller operated a wholesale food and flour business, served as Jasper County sheriff in 1889-1890, and was a city councilman. He was an extensive property owner, and like many other prosperous business leaders of the time, was a mine operator.



## CHARLES A. MOORE

Born June 19, 1873 **#** Died June 3, 1930  
Original Owner of 102 South Moffet Avenue  
Colonial Revival, Circa 1908

*From the Death Notice:*

Funeral services for Charles A. Moore, 57 years old, former mine operator of this district, who died Thursday afternoon at his home, will be conducted at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the residence, 115 North Jackson Avenue.



## THOMAS CONNOR NOLAN

Born August 7, 1880 **#** Died October 30, 1919  
Original Owner of 106 South Moffet Avenue  
Free Classic Queen Anne, Circa 1902

This prominent businessman was a nephew to one of Joplin's most noted citizens, Thomas Connor who built the Connor Hotel. Uncle Thomas gave his nephew and wife, the residence at 106 S. Moffet as a wedding gift in 1902.



## WILLIAM H. PICHER

Born December 31, 1850 **#** Died September 15, 1924  
Fellowship Masonic Lodge Member & Knights Templar  
Original Owner of 421 South Sergeant Avenue  
Colonial Revival, Circa 1899

*Per 1901 Encyclopedia:*

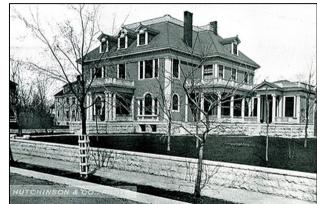
In 1870, Mr. Picher was attracted to Joplin by the mineral discoveries, and he may be accounted among the pioneers in the development of mining interests, and the industries growing out of them. In January 1876, after an ample experience in a smaller way, he became one of the incorporators of the Picher Lead and Zinc Company, and was elected vice president and secretary. This company became the Picher Lead Company in 1881, of which he was vice president. The record of this organization is part of the history of Joplin, and its works were known throughout the world, famous for being alone among American lead works in the successful application of devices for arresting the furnace fumes, and converting them into sublimed white lead, a commodity without a rival in all those qualities which make an enduring pigment.



Mr. Picher was in ownership and management of other mining companies and properties.

# A.H. ROGERS

Born February 12, 1857 ✝ Died March 6, 1920  
Original Owner of 623 West Fourth Street  
Colonial Revival, Circa 1900 (built for \$20,000)



In 1878 Alfred Harrison Rogers graduated from Harvard with honors in philosophy. He then studied law with Colonel E.L. Barlett in Wyandotte, Kansas. He was admitted to the bar in Olathe, Kansas in 1889, but never practiced law as a profession. He married Katherine Coburn in May of 1881, and had two children.

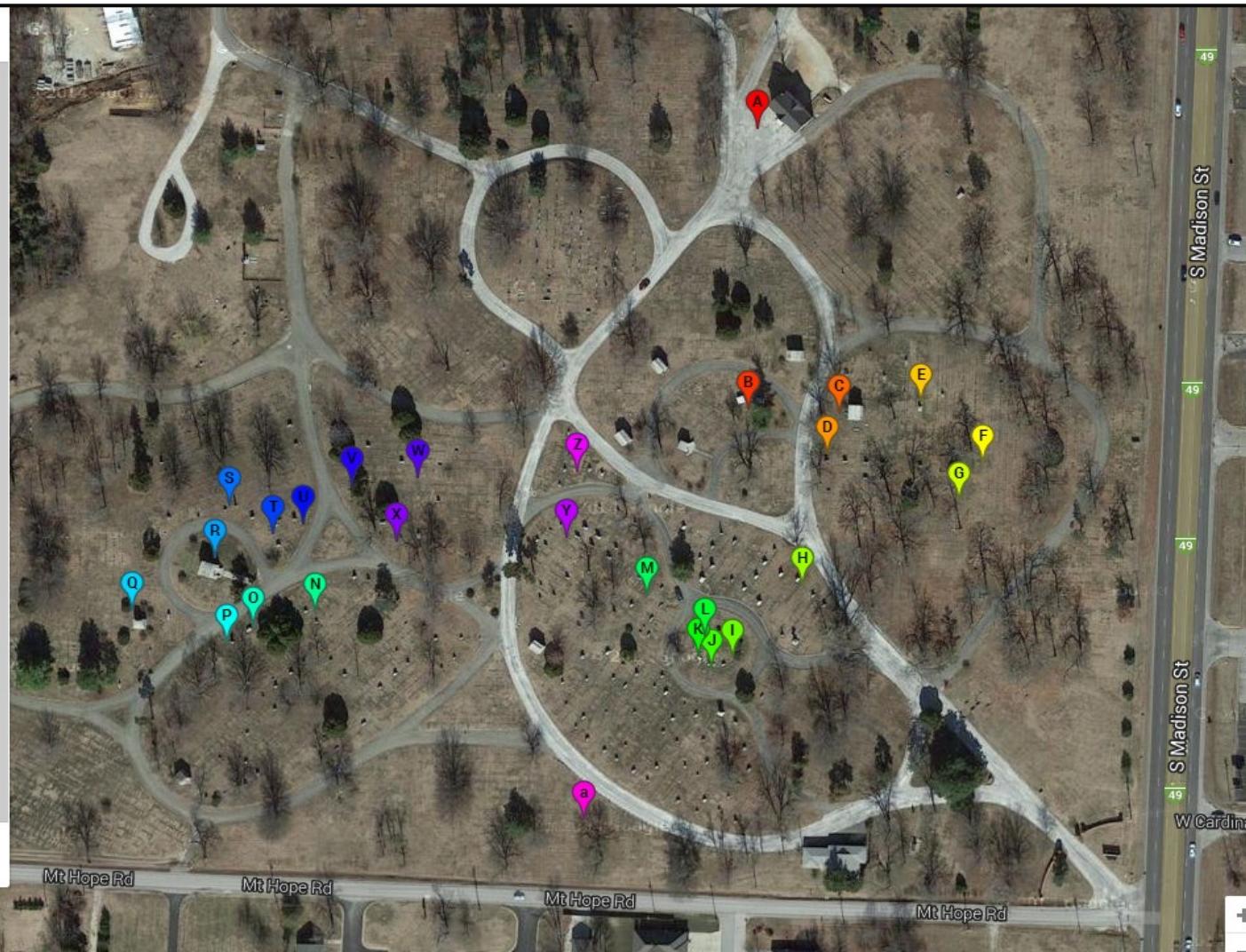
In 1889, Mr. Rogers built the Southwest Missouri Electric Railway (also known as the Twin Cities Street Railway) a streetcar railway system between Webb City and Carterville. The rail line was two and a half miles in length. The railcars were pulled by mules until it was converted to electric in 1896. Mr. Rogers convinced investors to build Lakeside Park in Carthage, of which his system was the only trolley that could take visitors to the Park.

With the advent of the automobile, it brought forth roads which cut into their trolley traffic. Starting early in the twentieth century, the "Mother Road" of all roads, "Route 66" was built near Lakeside Park. This brought automobile and bus traffic from far and near.

Mr. Rogers was publisher and president of the Joplin Globe Publishing Company, vice president of Interstate Grocer Company, and director of the Joplin National Bank. In 1910, he purchased the *Joplin Globe*. He was a faithful member of the Joplin Elks Club.



- 📍 Chapel and Parking
- 📍 Lewis Franklin Childress
- 📍 Alfred H. Rogers
- 📍 Taylor Fletcher Snapp
- 📍 William Houk
- 📍 Julius C. Miller
- 📍 Dr. Albert Winchester
- 📍 Charles A. Moore
- 📍 William Picher
- 📍 Henry Weymann
- 📍 James Dangerfield
- 📍 Patrick Murphy
- 📍 Thomas F. Lennan
- 📍 A. B. McConnell
- 📍 Henry H. McNeal
- 📍 Francis M Sharp Jr.
- 📍 Samuel Austin Allen
- 📍 Charles Schifferdecker
- 📍 Jesse G. Starr
- 📍 John B. Sergeant Family plot
- 📍 Arthur H. Waite
- 📍 Thomas Conner Nolan
- 📍 George R. Lavery
- 📍 Edward Zelleken
- 📍 John F. Wise
- 📍 Ben Laundauer
- 📍 John Comerford



## ROGERS MAUSOLEUM ARCHITECTURAL NOTES

This was the first mausoleum at Mount Hope. Designed by notable Joplin Architects, Garstang and Rea, the tomb is of the Greek Revival Style. Identifying features are the full-façade porch, the pediment supported by Tuscan columns, and the entablature beneath the roof. The classic tomb harkens back to the days of antiquity and the Greek Parthenon. Amazingly, in over one hundred years this structure has settled only an eighth of an inch.

## JOHN B. SERGEANT

Born July 16, 1820 ✝ Died March 17, 1900  
Family is Buried at Mount Hope Cemetery

Miners John B. Sergeant and Elliot R. Moffet sparked a mining boom that put Joplin on the map in 1870; they struck a rich vein, known as the "Discovery Shaft" that produced more than \$60,000 worth of lead ore in the first 90 days. They erected 14 smelters in the Joplin Creek valley. There were no roads, so people came by horse, mule, covered wagon, or on foot; however there were no places to live.

## ELLIOT R. MOFFET

Born 1828 ✝ Died 1904  
Is not buried at Mount Hope Cemetery

Known, as the "Joplin Lead King" due to his ownership of the Walnut mine in Arkansas. He was appointed by the Governor as the first Joplin mayor.

Mr. Sergeant and Mr. Moffet were honored by having avenues named for them in Joplin's Residential Historic Murphysburg District.