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Missoula City Cemetery

2024 Stories & Stones Guidebook

September 15, 2024

Noon – 3:00 PM

2000 Cemetery Road, Missoula, MT 59802

Included in this guidebook are the historical figures whose stories will be recounted during this year's event as well as the name of the storyteller. Brief summaries of the person's life are provided for most but not all presentations.

The City of Missoula acknowledges that the Missoula Valley is the ancestral land of the Séliš (Salish or "Flathead") and Qlispé (Kalispel or "Pend d'Oreille") Nations and was and is a place also utilized by other Indigenous peoples, who settlers forced from the area under the direction of the U.S. government. The history provided in this guidebook by no means lessens the importance of these Indigenous peoples or the impact on them but tells the stories of those who created, are interred in, or are connected to the Missoula City Cemetery.

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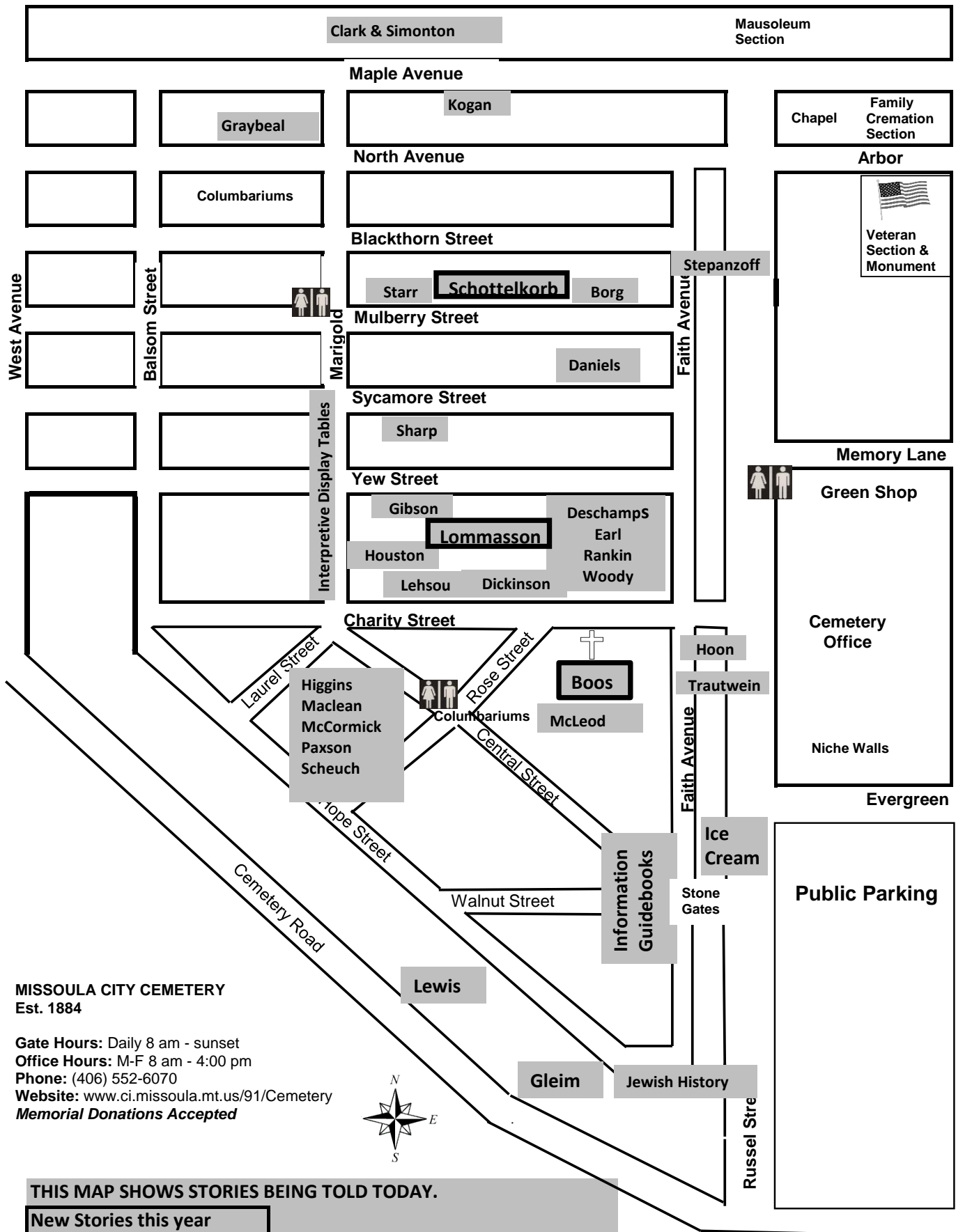
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Histories and Presenters

Edward Boos

(Presenter: David Severson)



Edward H. Boos was a newspaper reporter for the *Daily Missoulian* and in 1897, he accompanied the 25th Infantry US Army “Buffalo Soldiers” as their official reporter. The men road bicycles from Missoula, Montana, to St. Louis, Missouri, to demonstrate the utility of the bicycle as a military tool. Eddie was a huge bicycle “enthusiast.” He will discuss bicycles of his day, his admiration for the Buffalo soldiers, and read from his dispatches about the trip. In later years, he took photographs of the original native peoples around Missoula and the Flathead, worked in journalism with his father, and was ad manager at the Missoula Mercantile Company, which was part of the “The Octopus,” the sprawling and ultra-powerful empire of Copper King William Clark.

Birth: April 1, 1877 – Kentucky

Death: September 26, 1937 (age 60) – Missoula, MT

Grave location: Grave 6 - Lot 15 – Block 025

Frank Borg

(Presenter: Kevin Borg)



During the nearly sixty years that Frank Borg lived in Missoula, he had an active part in helping the community grow. He owned and operated the Borg Jewelry & Optical Company for nearly 48 years, while also serving on many boards and civic committees and organizations.

The day after his death, the *Missoulian* newspaper printed, “It is fitting that each time the clock in the tower of the County Courthouse strikes the hour, Missoula has reason to recall memories of Frank Borg. He installed the clock that has given faithful service for more than 45 years. In Mr. Borg’s death yesterday, Missoula suffered a real loss.”

Birth: December 22, 1875 – Carleton, MO

Death: November 22, 1955 (age 79) – Missoula, MT

Grave location: Grave 5 – Lot 14 – Block 19A

Jean Clark and Hazel Simonton

(Presenter: Karen Devries)



“This is the story of two women who left their homes in New Jersey with nothing but faith and some suitcases, to move to Montana to see what God had in store for them.”

—Jeremy Brown

God would lead them to Missoula and use them to teach the Bible to children up and down the western part of the state through Bible clubs and summer vacation Bible schools. Eventually, they

began a camp ministry in 1947 and in 1961 purchased land on a small lake in the Flathead valley, developing this property through the years. Big Sky Bible Camp is still thriving and growing today. They also began a Sunday school for adults and children in a small community near Missoula where today there is a church and building.

Jean

Birth: September 29, 1910 – Arbroath, Scotland

Death: October 14, 1997 (age 87)

Grave location: Grave 2 – Lot 20 – 12B

Hazel

Birth: April 10, 1912 – Paterson, NJ

Death: January 3, 1997 (age 84)

Grave location: Grave 1 – Lot 20 – 12B

Jerrold Daniels

(Presenter: Tim Ballard)



Jerrold “Jerry” Daniels lived a rich life in his brief 40 years on earth. In the late 1950s, he trained as a smokejumper and fought fires across the western United States. He was then recruited by the CIA and worked to fight Communism in Southeast Asia. In the final years of his life, he did all he could to ensure that U.S. allies in Laos found safety and a chance at a fresh start in the United States and around the world. Jerry’s life is a thrilling glimpse into the day-to-day battles of the Cold War and a touching reminder of the power of loyalty and friendship.

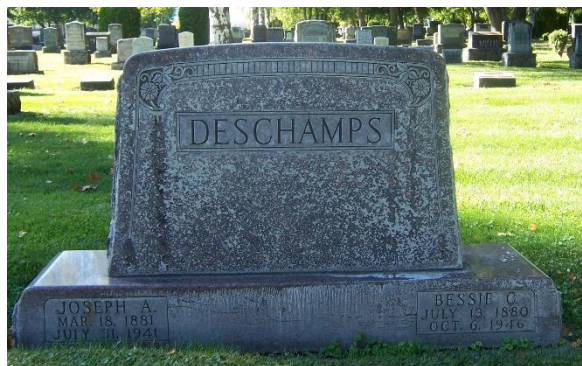
Birth: June 11, 1941 – Palo Alto, CA

Death: April 29, 1982 (age 40) – Bangkok, Thailand

Grave location: Grave 3 – Lot 18 – Block 13A

Deschamps Family

(Presenter: Dusty Deschamps III)

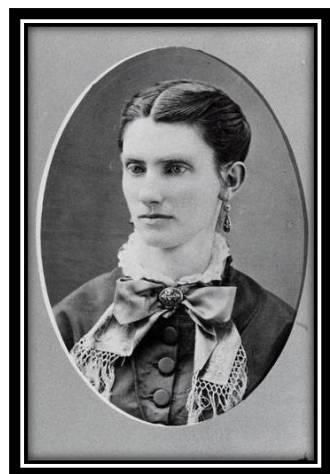


The Deschamps family has played a prominent role in the growing and changing economy of the Missoula area since the 1870s. The 8th generation of Deschamps continue to live in the Frenchtown and Missoula areas with many of the family members active in politics, education, civic and community activities, and the arts.

Grave location: Graves 5&6 – Lot 6 – Block 15A

Emma Dickinson

(Presenter: Dawn Dambach)



Emma Dickinson was the first teacher in Missoula. She not only pioneered education in town but also was required to live under very strict rules!

Once she and William were married, Emma was forced to resign her teaching position.

Birth: December 4, 1838 – Baltimore, MD

Death: December 31, 1926 (age 88) – Missoula, MT

Grave location: Grave 7 – Lot 3 – Block 027

Russell Earl

(Presenter: Susan Hintz)



For a century and a quarter, Civil War veteran Russell Earl's grave was marked with someone else's headstone. Susan Hintz will discuss the early history of government-provided headstones for veterans, how the error was discovered and corrected, and how Pvt. Earl's family was reconnected with their ancestor who had been lost to them for a couple generations.

Birth: 1844 – Wolcott, NY

Death: April 27, 1888 (age 44) – Missoula, MT

Grave location: Grave 7BT8 – Lot 1 – Block 017

Albert John “A.J.” Gibson

(Presenter: Jim McDonald)



A.J. Gibson was very skilled in the use of tools, with building and mechanics seeming to be as natural as breathing for him. Once settled in Missoula, he designed many buildings still seen in Missoula and the surrounding areas, such as the Missoula County Courthouse, Main Hall at the University of Montana, Sacred Heart Academy, and many beautiful historic Missoula homes, leaving a lasting legacy of his work.

Birth: April 1, 1862 – Ashland County, OH

Death: December 31, 1927 (age 65) – Missoula, MT

Grave location: Grave 6 – Lot 12 – Block 26A

Mary Gleim

(Presenter: Kali Zaglauer)



Mary Gleim was a highly educated and ambitious businesswoman, notoriously generous and fierce. Known as “The Madam of Missoula,” most of her business ventures were not of the legal or moral kind, which did land her in the Montana State Prison for a bit of time. Even though her businesses were in the red district, Mary shaped Missoula as much as Higgins, Hammond, Bonner, and Greenough.

Birth: February 9, 1845 – County Tipperary, Ireland

Death: February 22, 1914 (age 69) – Missoula, MT

Grave location: Grave 2 – Lot 15 – Block 071

Graybeal Family

(Presenter: Marcia Graybeal)



Grave location: Graves 5&6 – Lot 2 – Block 10 ½

Christopher P. Higgins

(Presenter: Dr. Robert Brown)



Higgins was a captain in the United States Army, witness to the signing of the Hellgate treaty with the Bitterroot Salish, Pend d'Oreille, and the Kootenai tribes, and co-founder of Missoula. He erected one of the first lumber mills in the Missoula area and organized the Missoula National Bank, becoming the bank president. He later built the Higgins block in downtown Missoula, but unfortunately did not live long enough to see its opening in 1889.

Birth: March 16, 1830 – Ireland

Death: October 14, 1889 (age 59) – Missoula, MT

Grave location: Grave 1 – Lot 2 – Block 051

Kirby Grant Hoon, Jr. “Sky King”

(Presenter: Vlad Frederick)



Born in Butte, Montana, Kirby was a pilot who entertained millions as the star of the popular 1950's Sky King television series.

Birth: November 24, 1911 – Butte, MT

Death: October 30, 1985 (age 73) – Titusville, FL

Grave location: Grave 8 – Lot 1 – Block 002

William H. Houston

(Presenter: Willis Hintz)



William Houston was a friend of Wild Bill Hickock, a guard on stagecoaches, a railroad conduction worker, hotel owner, and a Missoula County sheriff. A most colorful and controversial sheriff, he was kicked out of office for making moonshine in the jail.

Birth: May 17, 1853 – Logansport, IN

Death: April 14, 1937 (age 83) – Missoula, MT

Grave location: Grave 5 – Lot 12 – Block 053

Joseph Kogan

(Presenter: Richard Allegra)



Joseph Kogan was a Jewish survivor of World War II, using his intuition and intelligence to survive. His story is full of persistence, determination, hardships, and sadness, as well as love, strength, and resiliency.

Birth: August 16, 1910 – Ukraine

Death: August 6, 2006 (95) – Missoula, MT

Grave location: Grave 1 – Lot 8 – 11B

John Lehsou

(Presenter: Jim Sears)



John Lehsou was a German immigrant, teamster, stage-station owner, gold miner, farmer, and vice president of a Missoula bank. He and his family are buried on a corner of his farm, which he sold to the City for \$1. John left Germany to escape the draft and European wars. His legacy includes a surprise for his heirs that was not discovered until his old bank deposit box was opened in the 1970s.

Birth: April 3, 1840 – Holstein, Germany

Death: April 27, 1921 (age 81) – Missoula, MT

Grave location: Grave 2 – Lot 5 – Block 045

Reverend Thomas Lindsay Lewis

(Presenter: Reverend Paul Armstrong)



The Reverend Thomas Lindsay Lewis was an American Baptist minister and Civil War veteran who served the First Baptist Church in Stevensville, Montana, as its second pastor.

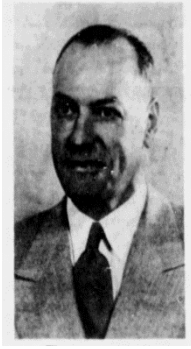
Birth: April 5, 1843 – Platte County, MO

Death: February 28, 1911 (age 67) – Missoula, MT

Grave location: Grave 5 – Lot 2 – Block 069

Emma & Thomas Lommasson

(Presenter: Dr. Sandy Sheppard)



Emma Bravo & Thomas Lommasson were married in 1939. Both graduates of UM. Tom received a forestry degree and spent 35 years with the Forest Service. Emma received a degree in mathematics.

Emma's connection didn't end with UM when she graduated though. In fact, she spent 90 of her 107 years connected to UM as a student, a teacher, Veterans Advisor, Registrar, Associate Director of Admissions & Records, and more.

Emma

Birth: December 10, 1911

Death: November 30, 2019 (age 107)

Grave location: Great Falls, MT

Thomas

Birth: February 25, 1894

Death: December 17, 1969 (age 75)

Grave location: Grave 6 – Lot 6 – Block 26A

Clara Maclean

(Presenter: Karen Buley)



Rev. John Norman Maclean and Clara Davidson Maclean with their sons, Norman (left) and Paul, about 1911.

Rev. John Norman Maclean and his wife Clara Davidson Maclean together served the Missoula community in the 1910s through the 1930s as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Missoula. The beloved autobiographical novella written by their son, Norman, "A River Runs Through It," tells the story of a certain place and time in Missoula's history.

Birth: August 17, 1873 – Argenteuil, Quebec, Canada

Death: July 5, 1952 (age 78) – Missoula, MT

Grave location: Grave 4 - Lot 4 – Block 058

Kate Higgins McCormick & Julia Grant Higgins

(Presenter: Thula Weisel)



What do you know about the wives of two of Missoula's important citizens – Julia Higgins and Kate McCormick? How did they get to Missoula? Where did they meet their husbands? How are they related?

Kate

Birth: December 29, 1848 – Ireland

Death: September 10, 1927 (age 78)

Grave location: Grave 2 – Lot 6 – Block 052

Julia

Birth: December 12, 1848 – Fort Hall, Idaho

Death: April 22, 1910 (age 61)

Grave location: Grave 8 – Lot 1 – Block 051

Charles Herbert McLeod

(Presenter: Mary Pitch)



Charles Herbert McLeod, aka C.H., was born in Lower Millstream, Kings County, New Brunswick, Canada, in 1859, arriving in Missoula by train and stagecoach in 1880 to clerk in the Eddy, Hammond and Co. store. Mary Mulroney Pitch, great granddaughter of C.H. McLeod, will tell of his rise in the store, which became the Missoula Mercantile, and his other endeavors in helping the growth of Missoula over his 6½ decades in Missoula.

Birth: February 14, 1859 – New Brunswick, Canada

Death: September 5, 1946 (age 87) – Missoula, MT

Grave location: Grave 5 - Lot 16 – Block 025

Edgar S. Paxson

(Presenter: Michael Orford)



Edgar seemed to have a paint brush in his hand most of his life. He started painting signs and carriages in his father's carriage building business, and when he lived in Deer Lodge, MT, he painted signs and scenery for theatrical backdrops. In 1881, he opened his first studio in Butte, MT, where he painted historical subjects and portraits of Native Americans. His works are known for being truthful to the appearance of the land and the people, capturing the essence of the Old West that he experienced. Several of his paintings still hang in the Missoula County Courthouse.

Birth: April 25, 1852 - East Hamburg, New York

Death: November 9, 1919 (age 67) – Missoula, MT

Grave location: Grave 2 – Lot 1 – Block 061

Jeannette Rankin

(Presenter: Suzette Dussault)



Jeannette Rankin, born and raised in the Missoula valley, graduated from the University of Montana with a bachelor's degree in science, then earned a degree in social work. In 1914, Jeannette ran a successful grassroots campaign for the Montana constitutional amendment for Woman Suffrage, and in 1916, was the first woman elected to the U.S. Congress, three years before women had the right to vote.

Birth: June 11, 1880 - Missoula, MT

Death: May 18, 1973 (age 92) – Carmen, CA

Memorial location: Grave 5 - Lot 4 - Block 017

Frederick Scheuch

(Presenter: Mark Estep)



Frederick Scheuch, “The Prof,” was one of the first University of Montana (MSU) professors teaching mechanical engineering, then French and German. In 1899, he built a regal Queen Anne home for his family on South 5th Street West in Missoula. This is the story of the Scheuch family home and that of the new owners, Susan and Mark Estep, and their meticulous restoration of this once-thought “haunted” house.

Birth: March 29, 1871 – Lafayette, IN

Death: January 17, 1954 (age 82) – Los Angeles, CA

Grave location: Grave 8 – lot 2 – Block 056

William Schottelkorb

(Presenter: Gage Darbyson)



The story of a young WWII pilot from Montana who was killed in a plane accident while on active duty.

Birth: August 30, 1918 – Stevensville, MT

Death: January 23, 1943 (age 24) – Carthage, Tunis, Tunisia

Grave location: Grave 3 – Lot 19 – Block 22A

Edna Wilma Sharp and the history of the Wilma

(Presenter: Andy Smetanka)



Edna Wilma Sharp, the namesake of the historic Wilma Building in downtown Missoula, was a vaudeville star with her sister, Edith, and her second husband, Ed Sharp.

Ed Sharp was a Missoula figure well known for creating the Wilma’s Chapel of the Dove and for his beloved pigeon, Koro Hatto.

Birth: 1895 – Collinsville, KY

Death: July 25, 1954 (age 58) – Missoula, MT

Grave location: Grave 5 – Lot 7 – Block 27A

Ralph Starr

(Presenter: Ralph Starr, III)



This is the story of Missoula Mayor Ralph Starr, who served as Justice of the Peace and as mayor in the late 1940s and 1950s; as well as the story of the Starr family, serving in the public service of Missoulians as owner of the Conoco Station at the corner of Broadway and Van Buren for 38 years; and the service of Ralph Starr III as a rural fireman.

Birth: August 8, 1895 – Anaconda, MT

Death: March 20, 1961 (age 65) – Missoula, MT

Grave location: Grave 1 – Lot 18 – Block 22A

Alex & Josephine Stepanzoff

(Presenter: David Barthelmess)



This is the story of Alex Stepanzoff, beloved Missoula City Band Conductor, and his wife, Josephine Graf Stepanzoff, whose family owned the Bon Ton Mills in Bozeman, Montana, and the Bon Ton Bakeries in Missoula and Bozeman. She met her husband as charter member of the UM (MSU) International Club.

Josephine

Birth: March 30, 1905 – Bavaria, Germany

Death: December 19, 1993 (age 88) – California

Grave location: Grave 4 – Lot 4 – Block 02A

Ella Stucky

(Presenter: Jen Ellison)



Ella Stucky is remembered as the first public health nurse in Montana. Ella's 50-plus-year commitment to treating and preventing the spread of tuberculosis, not only saved numerous lives but also helped establish a city-county health department in Missoula, which is still in operation today. Ella will also be recognized for her role as the first female coroner in the state, appointed immediately following the death of her husband in 1939 and serving until 1946. This remarkable woman helped to shape the health and welfare of Montana with her dedication, knowledge, compassion, and engagement with her community.

Birth: November 2, 1887 – Tell City, IN

Death: November 11, 1979 (age 92) – Missoula, MT

Grave location: Grave 4 – Lot 4 – Block 043

August Trautwein

(Presenter: Paulette Parpart)



August Trautwein was an early Missoula homesteader, and his grave is marked with a rare metal sculpture, signifying his importance and his German heritage. Paulette will also discuss the history of engraved symbols on old memorial stones and the historical and cultural significances of these symbols.

Birth: September 27, 1862 – Germany

Death: September 16, 1885 (age 22) – Missoula, MT

Grave location: Grave 3 – Lot 4 – Block 002

Sarah Woody

(Presenter: Jennie Pak)



Sarah Elizabeth Countryman Woody was married to Missoula's first mayor, Frank H. Woody. She was a force in her own right, traveling by wagon train as a child, teaching on the frontier, and serving, in numerous ways, the community of Missoula.

Birth: January 6, 1853 – Marysville, CA

Death: June 15, 1919 (age 66) – Missoula, MT

Grave location: Grave 5 – Lot 15 – Block 026

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The Missoula City Cemetery wishes to acknowledge all the volunteers who make this event possible. The storytellers truly make history come to life! Please take the time to thank each of those storytellers who believe in making history fun.

Presenters. This event is made possible because of the many individuals who volunteer to tell the histories of individuals, families, or local history. Each of the individuals named in this guidebook is essential for providing this service to the public. Our hats go off to each of you and a HUGE thank you!

Cemetery

Board of Directors - For the enthusiasm and commitment to this program.

Staff - For their hard work in putting this event together and their commitment to showcasing this beautiful cemetery for the public. The cemetery staff is very dedicated to creating a beautiful, peaceful, and respectful park setting as a final resting place for families.

Presenter Volunteer Coordinator - Suzette Dussault portrays Jeanette Rankin and volunteered to assist in coordinating presenters for this event. Thank you Suzette!

Film and Photography

Ron Scholl - MCAT - For filming the event. Watch the MCAT public television channel during November and December to view re-runs of the programs presented here today. Or, contact MCAT to request special free re-runs of shows.

YouTube - MCAT has posted all available video presentations on their YouTube channel. Videos include individual presentations and the one-time tours of Missoula County Sheriffs and Missoula Mayors. Search for: Stories and Stones.

Vicki Correia. Since 2003, she has donated photos of this event for cemetery advertising purposes. Her personal photos have been published in several magazines, including *Montana Magazine*, as note cards and postcards for Travelers' Rest State Park, and she has her own line of note cards for sale in a number of local businesses under the name of Montana Magic Photography.

Food Vendor

Y'All Scream Ice Cream Truck

Services

Sweet Pea Sewer and Septic - Providing portable toilet facilities.