

GREENLAWN CEMETERY

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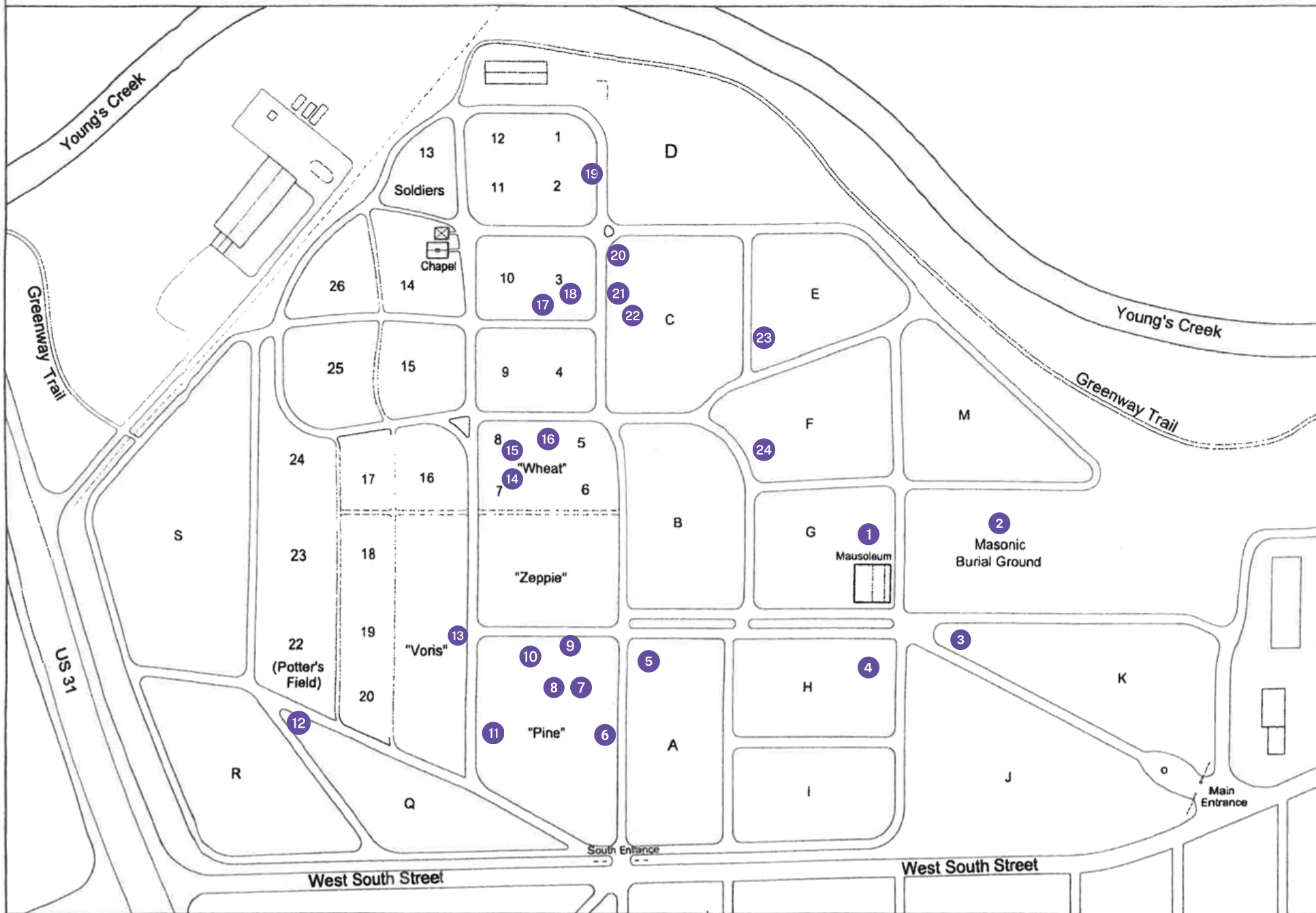
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A tour of interesting and
notable graves.



Greenlawn Cemetery



Franklin, Indiana

Johnson County

Scale: 1" = 200'



1. MAUSOLEUM



The Mausoleum was built about 1909. By 1996, it was in severe need of repair, and the decision needed to be made to either tear it down or repair it. Mayor Herschel Cook arranged for the repair work to begin. The tile roof and the indoor marble were replaced. In 2013 the windows were replaced. The total cost was over \$80,000.

Mr. Austin A. Blizzard and many of his family are entombed here. He was known as the “father of Franklin’s parks”. Before 1913, he persuaded the city to institute a one-mill (a tenth of a cent) property tax. That money was to be for a park fund to create Pioneer Park, now Province Park.

2. MASONIC HOME SECTION



The Masonic Home section, east of the mausoleum is specifically for Masonic Home residents. It is still possible for residents to be buried here at a reduced cost.

3. THE PAYNE-BECK MAUSOLEUM



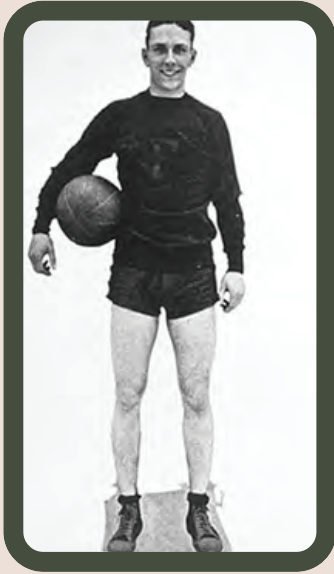
The Payne-Beck Family Mausoleum containing 4 crypts, was built in 1934 by Eman and Mary Payne Beck of Mexico City, Mexico. The granite is from a quarry in Vermont. Mary Payne was the sister of the well-known Dr. P. W. Payne of Franklin. Eman Beck was born in Lebanon, Indiana, and was the president of the Mexico City Banking Company. Mr. and Mrs. Beck both graduated from Franklin College and decided to be buried in Franklin because they had always been greatly impressed by the beauty and solitude of the local cemetery. Their married children chose to be buried elsewhere. Section K.

4. ROBERT "FUZZY" VANDIVIER



Robert "Fuzzy" Vandivier, a teacher, coach and legendary Wonder Five basketball player, was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1966, along with other members of the Wonder Five and coach Griz Wagner. He was inducted into The Naismith National Basketball Hall of Fame in 1975. The captain and the most prominent member of "The Franklin Wonder Five," Indiana's Franklin High School's legendary team, Robert "Fuzzy" Vandivier, was a great offensive player "who possessed a fine outside shot and could thread a needle with his pinpoint passes." During the early 1920s, Vandivier and his teams recorded winning seasons of 29-1, 29-4, and 31-4 and captured what was, at the time, an unparalleled three consecutive Hoosier state championships. Fuzzy, a forward, distinguished himself by being selected All-State in 1920, 1921, and 1922. Section H, lot 59, grave 9.

VANDIVIER CONTINUED



The Wonder Five's brilliance on the hardwood bonded the teammates, and in an unusual display of unity, the quintet stayed together to continue their legacy at nearby Franklin College. Fuzzy captained at Franklin for two seasons and was an All-Midwest College All-Star in 1926. A painful back ailment forced Vandivier to quit playing in his senior year, ending the team's magical run. Vandivier coached for 18 years at Franklin High School, served as athletic director for another 17 years, and didn't end his teaching career until 1968. Vandivier is also remembered for his humility and commitment to the Franklin community. Rather than going into college coaching or pursuing more prestigious positions, he spent his entire professional career at Franklin. The Gymnasium at Franklin High School (now the Middle School) was named in his honor.

5. R. ERNEST BYERS



R. Ernest Byers lost the lower part of his leg in a railroad accident in 1917 at age 33. His sister lived in Franklin. He was a Big Four train engineer and was struck by a switch engine. After his leg was amputated, Byers sent it home to be buried in his lot. Sec A lot 18, grave 6. Byers' leg is buried near Laura Vandergrift Byer's gravestone.

6. MAJOR JONATHAN H. WILLIAMS



NOTE:
this is the
grave marker
at Greenlawn

Major Jonathan Williams served in the 18th Indiana Infantry during the Civil War. He was mortally wounded at the battle of Cedar Creek on October 19, 1864, at age 34 years, 10 months, and 24 days. A few decades after his death, his family and former comrades erected this monument in his memory. Pine section, lot 6, grave 9.

7. SARAH "SALLY" HENDRICKS



NOTE:
Sally has had
several
markers

Sarah "Sally" Lemasters Hendricks (1804-1887) was a Franklin pioneer who lived in a log cabin built in 1835 with her husband, Lewis. The cabin is currently part of the Johnson County History Museum grounds. Sally and her husband raised 12 children (some sources say 9) and contributed to the development of Johnson County. Pine section, lot 43, grave 6 (next to King).

8. GEORGE KING



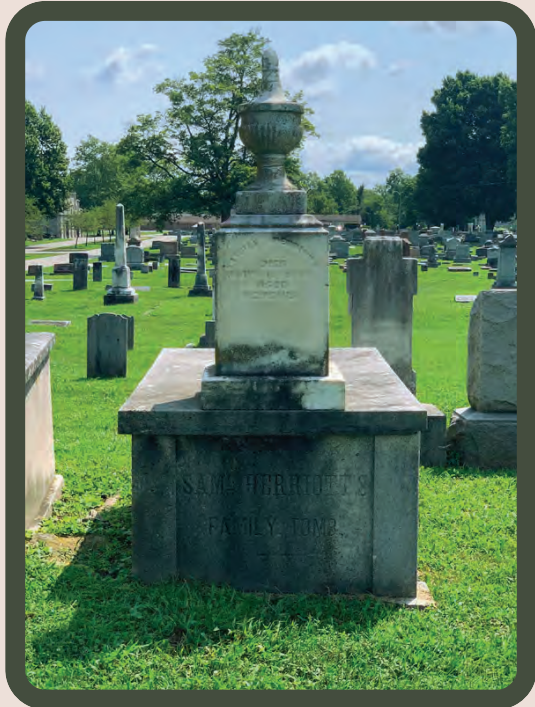
George King, founder of Franklin, was married to Elizabeth Doss Shellady. King arrived in this part of the state by 1822. He purchased land along with some other local men to build a new town named Franklin. His first cabin was at the intersection of Jefferson and Walnut Streets. He also founded the Franklin Presbyterian Church, gave land to Franklin College and served on the first Board of Directors. He was the town's postmaster for 14 years and served as the Justice of Peace. As wheelwright and merchant, he had accumulated a large estate at his death, and after providing for his family, gave large sums to Hanover College and other organizations. In one of his houses, he had a vault made with a trap door in the floor, where it is said he kept his money and important papers. Pine section, lot 55, grave 8.

9. MARTHA YOUNG



Martha Young was buried in Salem, Indiana. Her grave was moved first to Pioneer Park Cemetery and then to Greenlawn. She died in 1828 at the age of six. It is the oldest death date in Greenlawn but not the oldest burial. Her parents moved to Iowa. Pine section, lot 52, grave 10.

10. SAMUEL HERRIOTT



Samuel Herriott named Franklin after reading the book "The Life of Dr. Benjamin Franklin." According to Dick Land, a long-time cemetery sexton, Samuel and his wife Lydia are not buried in the above-ground tombs but in the ground under them. Samuel Herriott was 72 years old when he died in 1863. He was married to Lydia, who died in 1877. Although, they had no children, he had many nieces and nephews and named 37 people in his estate. He had two brothers, John and Ephraim, who were also buried near him, along with their families. Pine section, lot 87 grave 8.

11. CAPT. SAMUEL WATSON VANNUYS



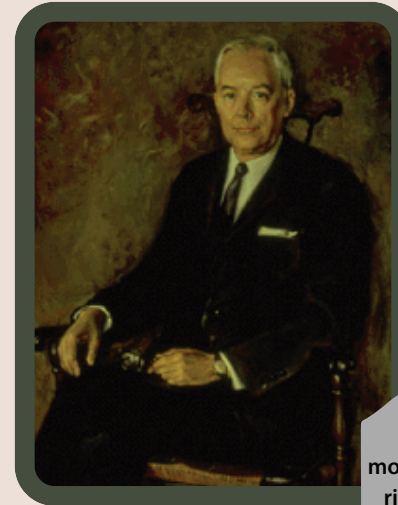
Capt. Samuel Watson Vannuys, accomplished and gallant officer, was born in Franklin on the 22nd day of January 1841. He died on Sept. 29, 1864, while serving during the Civil War. He served as Captain but for a short time until he was placed on the General's staff. When he was killed, he was Acting Adjutant General of the 4th U.S. Colored Regiment, 3d Brigade, 3d Division, 18th Army Corps. Section Pine section, lot 100, grave 5.

12. GOVERNOR ROGER D. BRANIGIN



Indiana Governor Roger Douglas Branigin. After graduating from Franklin College in 1923, he earned a law degree from Harvard University of Law in 1926 and was Deputy Prosecuting Attorney to Johnson County, Indiana (1926-29). He was on the board Counsel to the Federal Land Bank and Farm Credit Administration, Louisville, Kentucky (1930-1932) and General Counsel (1932-38).
Section Q, lot 44A, grave 7.

BRANIGIN CONTINUED



NOTE:
monument on
right is part
of entrance to
City of Franklin.



During World War II, he served as a US Army Lieutenant Colonel in the Transportation Corps France, (1942-45) and received the Legion of Merit. After the war, he was a member of the Indiana State Conservation Commission, (1948-50). In 1964, he was elected as a Democrat, the 42nd Governor of Indiana and served until 1969. After leaving politics, he returned to his law practice in Lafayette, Indiana and served as a member of the Indiana Historical Society board of trustees until his death at age 73.

13. GRACIE GLENN FRAZIER



Gracie Glenn Frazier died, after a short illness on November 6th, 1880, at age 4 years 3 months and 21 days. She was the daughter of E. L. and Jennie Frazier. Among the saddest stories told by caretakers of Greenlawn Cemetery was that of four-year-old Gracie Frazier and her toy dog.

The child died in November of 1880 and because of her fondness for her toy dog, her parents had it mounted in clay over her tombstone. Soon afterward, the toy dog was stolen from its resting place, and the distraught parents appealed publicly for its return. It was finally returned, but about 25 years ago the toy dog disappeared again – and was never located. Voris section, lot 9, grave 11

14. DR. HOMER HALL



Dr. Homer Hall (1851-1934) "Fought liquor and tobacco: is inscribed on his headstone. He came to Johnson County in 1876 and retired in 1916. He was involved with the Prohibition Party (1892-1904), The American Temperance Board of the Disciples of Christ, and the No Tobacco League of America. He died from an Influenza attack in 1934. Section 7, lot 1, grave 3.

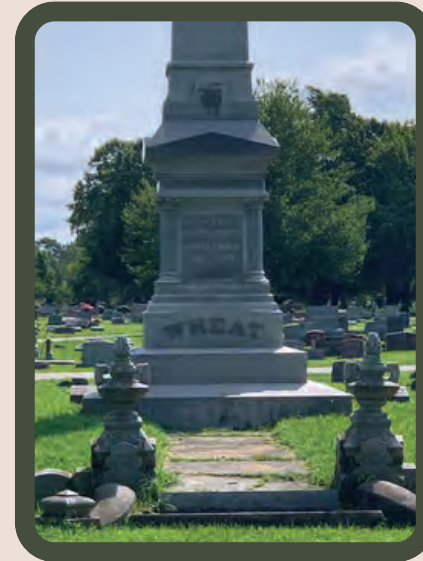
15. SARAH SIBERT



unmarked
grave at
family plot

Sarah Deitch Sibert was the maternal granddaughter of Jacob Whetzel who blazed an early trail across what would become northern Johnson County. Her immigrant father, Samuel Deitch, made his fortune in Franklin. Wheat section 8, lot 2, grave 8.

16. THE WHEAT MONUMENT



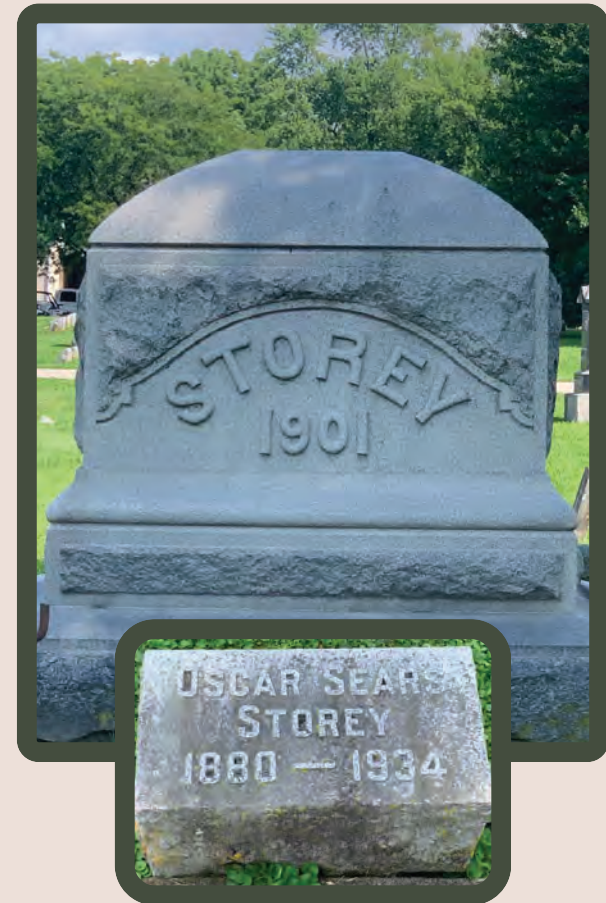
The Wheat Monument is the largest monument in this cemetery and is thought to be the tallest in the county. Mr. William Wheat died in 1884. He owned 245 acres in Franklin Township and an additional 10 acres on the east edge of Franklin. He left a small fortune to his wife and two daughters, each receiving \$53,178.35. However, the estate would not be distributed until September 1889, five years after his death. Wheat section, log 9, two full lots.

17. DAVID D. BANTA



David D. Banta was born in 1833 and was the author of *The History of Johnson County, Indiana*, 1888. He served as the judge of Johnson, Shelby, Bartholomew and Brown County Circuit Court from 1870-1876. Judge David D. Banta was an instructor at the School of Law at Indiana University as well as an officer of the Indiana University Board of Trustees. Section 3, lot 12, grave 3.

18. OSCAR SEARS "JACK" STOREY



Oscar Sears "Jack" Storey – (1880 – 1934) was a well-known actor who inadvertently walked into the street in front of the Marriott Hotel at 26th and Meridian in Indianapolis and was killed by a passing motorist. "Fate was the casting director."

STOREY CONTINUED



Jack was born in Franklin in 1880. He was the son of Colonel and Mrs. J.M. Storey. He graduated from Franklin College. He was a remarkable pianist and fine vocalist. A prominent stock company actor, he sang and danced in many plays and was with Al Jolsen in a Winter Garden Series. During World War I, he traveled to France and other countries to entertain soldiers. During the last 2 years before his death, he was the dramatic director of the Hilltop School in Brown County. Section 3, lot 5, grave 12.

19. BABY HOPE



On April 13, 1994, a newborn female infant was found deceased in Temple Park in Franklin. The discovery was made by two boys searching for aluminum cans. The public donated funds so the infant, dubbed "Baby Hope," could have a proper funeral and headstone. More than 150 residents attended the funeral on April 22, 1994. Baby Hope's DNA was preserved in hopes that one day, the case could be solved. Anyone with information regarding this case should contact the Franklin Police Department at 317-346-1100. Section 1, lot 3A, grave 3.

20. SHERMAN CANNON



NOTE:
grave marker
has incorrect
death date

On October 30, 1921, Cannon fought with his father-in-law, William Peyton. Peyton killed him with one shot. The stories say "bad booze and an old Kentucky feud" were the reasons behind the argument. Peyton was reported to be very sorry for killing him and surrendered to the authorities.

Section C, lot 10, grave 10.

MARY LEONARD



Mary Leonard has an unknown grave site. She was a former enslaved person who died at age 100 (or older) in 1891. She had 22 children and lost all either to "auction block or death," except the daughter in whose home she died. Her daughter, Matilda, was married to Samuel Casellman, a well-known barber in Franklin.

Locals remember Mary as having been buried at Greenlawn, but no known records document her burial site.

21. LT. RUSSELL H. KLYVER



Lieutenant Russell H. Klyver was a well-known Franklin High School and Franklin College student. His father, Henry Peter Klyver, was a Baptist minister in Franklin and trustee of Franklin College. Russell, a fine athlete and a fine student, graduated with high honors. Taking part in every phase of student life, he was editor of the "Junior Annual" and editor-in-chief of the "Franklin" and served four years as The Franklin Evening Star's college correspondent.

KLYVER CONTINUED



Lt. Klyver joined the Aviation Corps and trained in Texas. After three near-death plane accidents while training, he reported for active service in France the day after the Armistice was signed. He was killed on his 24th birthday, trying to land his plane during an exhibition flight on a French Holiday. His commanding officer called him "Fearless." Section C, lot 8, grave 2.



22. STEWART RAY “RED” FAUGHT

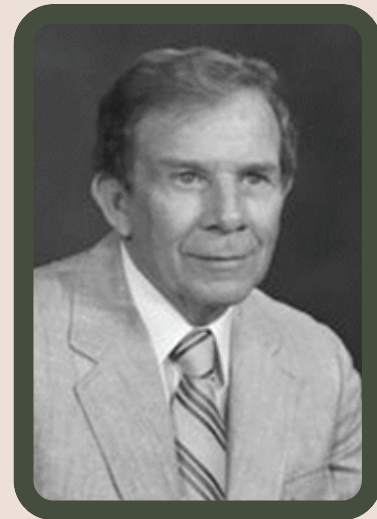


Stewart Ray “Red” Faught was born in Sullivan, Indiana. He was the son of Mildred Jones and Cecil R. Faught. He married Elizabeth E.J. (Lewellyn) Faught in 1947 in Terre Haute, Indiana. They had a son, Edwin R. Faught. Red graduated from Sullivan High School in 1942. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in France during W.W. II. Faught graduated from Indiana State University in 1948. And then earned a Master’s Degree in 1958. He taught physical education and coached football at various schools before being selected as football coach at Franklin College. Red was a tenured professor and chair of the physical education department, in addition to coaching football and track. Section C, lot 14, grave 5.

FAUGHT CONTINUED



“Red,” a Sagamore of the Wabash, was named an honorary member of the American Football Association in 1989. Faught was selected to the Sullivan High School and Indiana State University Halls of Fame. He was also inducted into the Indiana Football Coaches Hall of Fame and the Franklin College Hall of Fame, as well as the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame. In 1999 the stadium at Franklin College was named Stewart “Red” Faught Stadium in his honor.

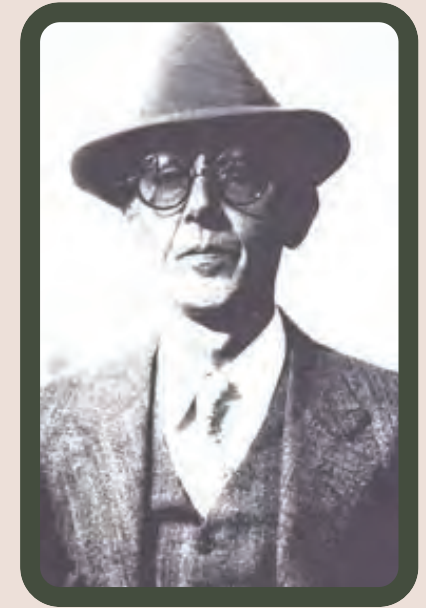


23. ERNEST "GRIZ" WAGNER



Ernest "Griz" Wagner (1886-1934) was born in 1886, married to Cora Wedeking, and died in 1934 at age 48 from a heart attack. They had two children, Joan and John Robert Wagner. Coach Wagner played varsity basketball and baseball at Franklin High School, graduating in 1908, 3 years prior to the beginning of the ISHAA Boys Basketball State Championships. He coached Franklin to 5 straight sectional titles beginning in 1917, with the last 3 of those leading to an unprecedented 3 straight state championships in 1920, 1921, and 1922. He then moved on to coach Franklin College for 11 years, winning state collegiate championships in 1923 and 1924. Section E, lot 7, grave 1.

WAGNER CONTINUED



The Franklin Wonder Five team during their high school championship days was made up of now immortalized players: Ike Ballard, Harold Borden, Sima Comer, Hubert Davis, Burt Friddle, Carlyle Friddle, Johnny Gant, Ralph Hicks, Pete Keeling, Harry King, Jimmy Ross, Fuzzy Vandiver, Paul White, Butter Williams, and the team's coach, Ernest "Griz" Wagner. The high school team adopted the nickname the "Grizzly Cubs" to permanently honor their wonder-coach, "Griz" Wagner, who brought them along to the universally accepted reputation as the greatest Indiana high school basketball team of all time. The Franklin College team adopted the nickname "Grizzlies" also to give recognition to the well-known coach.

24. CRAWFORD WALKER



Crawford Walker lived a troubled life and suffered from a nervous disorder. He spent time in the Fletcher Sanitarium in Indianapolis. After returning home, he began feeling as if all his friends had turned against him and avoided them totally. He loved racehorses and owned a wonderful sire, Vitello. After Vitello died, Walker hung himself, as he could not face life without his stallion. Vitello was buried along the interurban tracks and the state road in or near Amity. Section F, lot 21, grave 4.

GREENLAWN CEMETERY FACTS:



Current size in acres	58
Year original land purchased from Peter A. Banta	1845
Original cost	\$200
Original size in acres	2.5

The first sexton was
Herman Trefflick