

Women In History

History is dominated by the stories of men, filled with their accomplishments and importance to the world. Yet, women's visibility in history is scarce. While women were pushed to be the homemakers and caretakers by society, and heavily discouraged from pursuing other dreams, their work was no less important. Furthermore, when women did ignore stereotypes and sexist norms to achieve success a man would be praised for, they were often ignored and overlooked.

This lack of representation encourages women to feel they aren't as capable and qualified as men, while encouraging men to view and treat women as lesser than them. Women's history is important, as it shows women have always been capable great things, inspires women to achieve their goals, and helps people to see women as equals.

By highlighting 10 amazing women in the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery, this brochure aims not only to recognize these women's great achievements, but also to bring more women representation to history.

About the Cemetery

Founded in 1849, the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery is located at 1000 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818. Covering around 30.44 acres, the cemetery is home to over 25,000 "residents."

This brochure was created in October 2021 along with the goal of earning a Girl Scouts Gold Award, the highest Girl Scouts award. This award is given to Girl Scouts who lead projects addressing national or global issues. By highlighting the historic achievements of women, this brochure combats the lack of visibility of women in history and aims to remind women that they are capable of great things.

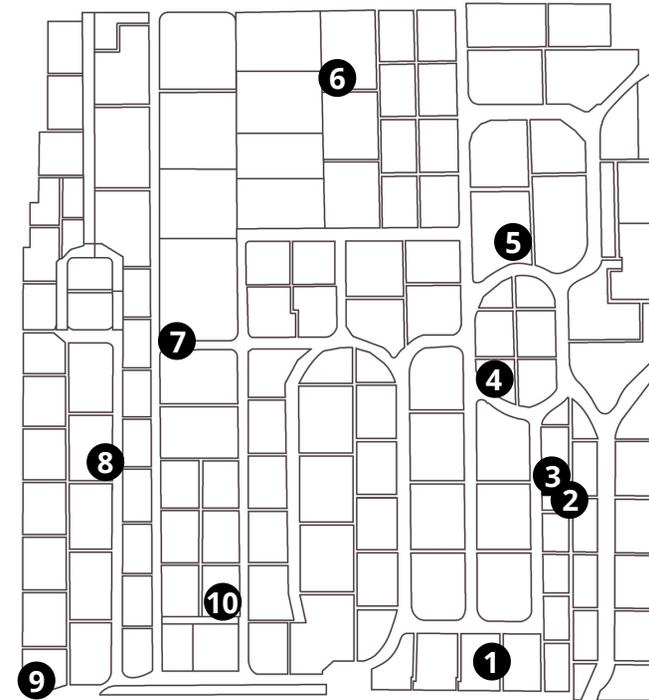
10 Significant Women

of the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery



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Map



If you are having trouble locating a grave, use the burial information listed below. The cemetery staff may also be available to help.

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| 1. Section A81, Lot 302 | 6. Section B106, Lot 2107 |
| 2. Section B87, Lot 400 | 7. Section B118, Lot 5 1/2 |
| 3. Section B89, Lot 417 | 8. Section A19, Lot 1389 |
| 4. Section A72, Lot 569 | 9. Section A1, Lot 1255 |
| 5. Section B 122, Lot 31 | 10. Section A37, Lot 327 |

1 Caroline A. Williams (Unknown-1887) was a successful Black businesswoman from Massachusetts. She owned hotels in Sacramento, including the well-regarded Clarendon Hotel. Later, she moved to San Francisco, where she ran another hotel: the Sacramento House.

2 Aimée Crocker (1863-1941) was an heiress, traveler, and author who boldly rebelled against society's expectations of women. She was famous for her adventures, parties, snakes, and 5 marriages. She lived free and independent in a time when women were expected to live only for their husbands and kids.

3 Margaret Crocker (1822-1901) was a hardworking woman nicknamed "Lady Bountiful" for her extensive charity work. She opened a women's retirement home, donated her art gallery (the Crocker Art Museum) to the City of Sacramento, and gave away money to those in need. She was also mother to many kids, including Aimée Crocker.

4 Mary Gregory (1838-1898) was a woman who successfully headed a grocery business, while simultaneously being a single mom and taking care of her 6 kids.

5 Adeline Bloom Runyon (1846-1926) successfully ran a 2,800 acre estate with 6 ranches near Sacramento. She forged business connections with San Francisco canneries and wholesalers.

6 Anna Madah Hyers Fletcher (1855-1925) was an extremely talented performer. Starting her career singing opera as a child, she toured the country, acting and singing. She was a successful Black woman in a time of slavery and Jim Crow laws, and performed in the United States' first major interracial performance.

7 Luella Buckminster Johnston (1861-1958) was not only a teacher, suffragist, and owner of a printing business, but she was also the first woman to hold a California citywide elected office, doing so as a Sacramento City Council Member.

8 Laura May Tilden Wilson (1872-1928) was a suffragist who helped convince Nevada lawmakers to pass a bill allowing women to become lawyers. She became the first female Nevada lawyer when she passed the bar in 1893, and later became the only woman at the time to practice law in Sacramento.

9 Rebecca Jeanette Squires Hall (1831-1903) became a nurse after attending to wounded Union soldiers at the Battle of Shiloh and she continued her medical work in Iowa. Unfortunately, she later fell ill and had to sell her nursing certificate and Civil War medal to pay for medicine.

10 Maria Rupp (1832-1857) was the owner of the Sacramento Beer Saloon, where she sang and played the piano. Her business thrived at a time when men greatly outnumbered women in Sacramento.