

Notable African Americans at Crown Hill Cemetery

(Numbers 1 - 19 are included on the African American Tour)

- 1) George L. Knox (1841-1927), Lot 201, Section 39. *Born into slavery in Tennessee, moved to Indiana during the Civil War, Publisher of The Freeman, considered the city's leading black man at the turn of the last century.*
- 2) Charles Arthur Webb, (1851-1906), Lot 444, Section 39. *Born into slavery, became a successful businessman.*
- 3) Anderson Lewis (1838-1905), Lot 46, Section 41. *Born into slavery, became a successful businessman.*
- 4) James T. V. Hill (1854-1928), Lot 160, Section 35. *First and prominent local black attorney.*
- 5) Charles Wiggins (1897-1979), Lot 244, Section 100. *Race car driver & mechanic.*
- 6) Shirley Griffith (1908-1974) Lot 4717, Section 99. *Blues Musician.*
- 7) Faburn E. DeFrantz (1885-1964), Lot 1001, Section 98. *Executive Director of Senate Ave YMCA for over 35 years.*
- 8) Elder Watson Diggs, (1883-1947), Lot 1121, Section 98. *Founder of Kappa Alpha Psi.*
- 9) Errol Grandy (1918-1991), Lot 986, Section 98. *Jazz Pianist.*
- 10) Robert Brokenburr (1886-1974), Lot 1134, Section 98. *1st black elected to Indiana Senate.*
- 11) Lionel Artis (1895-1971), Lot 1525, Section 98. *Manager of Lockfield Gardens 1937-1969.*
- 12) John Hardrick (1891-1968), Lot 1427, Section 98. *Artist.*
- 13) Junius "Rainey" Bibbs (1910-1980), Lot 420, Section 94. *Pro baseball player and teacher.*
- 14) Willis Revels (1810-1879), Lot 71, Section 16. *Civil War recruiter, pastor Bethel AME.*
- 15) Dr. Samuel Elbert (1832-1902), Lot 7, Section 20. *First licensed black doctor in Indiana.*
- 16) Mary Ellen Cable (1862-1944) Lot 234, Section 53. *Educator, president of first local chapter of the NAACP.*
- 17) Charles I. Taylor (1875-1922), Lot 555, Section 53. *Manager of Indianapolis ABCs, co-founder of Negro National League.*
- 18) James Sidney Hinton (1834-1892), Lot 1314, Section CG. *1st black elected to Indiana State House of Representatives, Black Masonic Leader.*
- 19) Reverend Moses Broyles (1826-1882), Lot 269, Section CG. *Prominent Pastor of Second Baptist Church, Republican organizer.*

Numbers 20 - 52 are other people of interest.

- 20) Hiram Bacon, (1801-1881), Lot 43, Section 3. *A white stationmaster on the Underground Railroad.*
- 21) John Ketcham (1810-1869), Lot 54, Section 7. *A white attorney who led a successful defense of John Freeman in a case tried under the Fugitive Slave Act in 1853.*
- 22) Lillian Thomas Fox (1866-1917), Lot 5906, Section F. *Reporter for the Freeman and Indianapolis News, Women's Clubs.*
- 23) William Whitfield (1885-1922), Grave 7056, Section F. *1st black police officer killed in the line of duty.*
- 24) James Baskett (1904-1948), Lot 602, Section 37. *Actor, Uncle Remus in Song of the South.*
- 25) Levi Christy (1850-1923), Lot 581, Section 37. *Publisher of Indianapolis World.*
- 26) John Morton-Finney (1889-1998), Lot 445, Section 46-B. *108 years of living included service as a Buffalo soldier in WWI, an educator at Crispus Attucks, and a career as an attorney.*
- 27) Henry J. Richardson (1902-1983), Lot 266, Section 46. *Civil Rights attorney elected to State House of Representatives in the 1930s.*
- 28) Roger Brown (1942-1997), Lot 39, Section 75. *An original Indiana Pacer.*
- 29) Cleo Blackburn (1909-1978), Lot 38, Section 75. *Director of Flanner House for over 35 years.*
- 30) Indianapolis Asylum for Friendless Colored Children. Unmarked graves near NE corner of Section 31, also in Section 37.
- 31) William McCoy (1853-1893), Lot 322, Section 31. *Educator and US Ambassador to Liberia.*
- 32) Robert Bruce Bagby (1847-1903), Lot 143, Section 27. *Educator and publisher of Indianapolis Leader.*
- 33) Robert "Tiny" Baldwin (? - 1959), Lot 11, Section 41. *Professional baseball player in Negro National League.*
- 34) Dr. Sumner Furniss (1874-1953), Lot 64, Section 47. *1st black doctor on City Hospital staff.*
- 35) John Puryear (1855-1933), Lot 625, Section 65. *One of the first blacks elected to the city council.*
- 36) Emma Baker (1885-1934), Lot 1030, Section 65. *First black woman police officer.*
- 37) Dr. Joseph H. Ward (1870-1956) Lot 639, Section 60. *1st black doctor to be in charge of a VA hospital.*
- 38) Etheridge Knight (1931-1991), Lot 173, Section 62. *Award winning poet of the 1970s and 80s.*
- 39) George P. Stewart (1874-1924), Lot 383, Section 74. *Founder of the Indianapolis Recorder.*
- 40) Bishop Garfield Thomas Haywood (1880-1931), Lot 365, Section 74. *One of the founders of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World.*
- 41) Mercer Mance (1910-1990), Lot 304, Section 78. *1st black judge on State Superior Court.*
- 42) Louis B. Russell, Jr. (1925-1974), Lot 768, Section 212. *Teacher and early Heart Transplant recipient.*
- 43) Stacy Toran (1961-1989), Lot 167A, Section 225. *Pro Football player on Los Angeles Raiders.*
- 44) Reverend Mozell Sanders (1924-1988), Community Mausoleum, D-13-2A. *Local minister and civil rights activist.*
- 45) Walter Blackburn (1938-2000) Lot 3, Section 88. *Architect.*
- 46) Mattie Coney (1909-1988) Lot 27, Section 46B. *Schoolteacher and founder of Citizens Forum.*
- 47) Lynn Ford (1959-2002) Lot 223, Section 73. *Reporter and columnist for the Indianapolis Star.*
- 48) William Garrett (1929-1974) Lot 745, Section 224. *First black to play IU/Big Ten basketball.*
- 49) J.J. Johnson (1924-2001) GMI, C-14. *Pre-eminent jazz trombonist and composer.*
- 50) Dr. Frank Lloyd (1920-2002) Lot 3, Section 88. *President and CEO of Methodist Hospital.*
- 51) Edna Mae Barnes Martin (- 1974) Lot 194, Section 100. *Founder of East Side Christian Center, social services organization.*
- 52) James L. Sears (1937-2003) Lot 1639, Section 97. *First black State Police Officer in Indiana.*
- 53) John Y. Woodruff (1915-2007) Lot 86, Section 46. *First African-American Gold Medalist, 1936 Berlin Olympics*
- 54) Julia Carson (1938-2007) Lot 172, Section 78. *First African-American Congresswoman from Indiana's 7th District & second from Indiana.*