HISTORICAL MARKER TRAIL
THROUGH ELMWOOD
CEMETERY

EAGLE PROJECT
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PURPOSE

TO CREATE A SHORT MARKED HIKE (2 HOURS) THROUGH ELMWOOD CEMETERY IN ORDER TO GIVE THE PUBLIC A SAMPLING OF THE MANY IMPORTANT FIGURES IN MEMPHIS HISTORY WHO ARE BURIED THERE.
1. Cpl. Lester Sigler was killed in action in WWI. WHAT DISTINGUISHING PIECE OF ARTWORK IS ON HIS TOMBSTONE?

2. No Man’s Land Monument is a memorial to the yellow fever victims from the area who were buried in unmarked graves. HOW MANY DIED FROM YELLOW FEVER IN MEMPHIS, AND HOW MANY REST AT ELMWOOD?

3. Gen. John Donelson Martin served in the Mexican War and was acting Brig. Gen. for conduct at the battle of Shiloh. WHAT IS WRITTEN ON THE BOOKS BESIDE THE QUILL PEN?

4. The Confederate Soldiers’ Rest was erected in 1878 with funds raised by the Ladies Memorial Association and the Confederate Relief and Historical Association. WHAT IS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CANNONBALLS THAT TOP THE MONUMENT?

5. Capt. Kit Dalton was a member of the infamous James Outlaw Gang. ON WHAT TERMS WAS HE PARDONED?

6. The monument is dedicated to Fire Company No. 5. WHAT IS THE NICKNAME OF THE FIREMEN’S UNIT?

7. The Sultana Monument was erected in memory of those who lost their lives in the largest maritime sea disaster in U.S. history. THE DEATH TOLL OF OVER 1500 EXCEEDS THAT OF WHICH FAMOUS PASSENGER VESSEL?

8. Wade Bolton was killed at Court Square in a family feud. His monument is quite realistic. WHAT IS PARTICULARLY ODD ABOUT HIS ATTIRE?

9. Four members of the Forrest family, including Col. Jeffrey Forrest, who was the younger brother of Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, are buried at Elmwood. WHAT ARE THE NAMES AND RANKS OF THE FOUR FORREST FAMILY MEMBERS?

10. Look for the green metal sign. WHAT SERVICE DID GINNY MOON PERFORM FOR THE CONFEDERACY?

11. Look for the green metal sign. Mrs. R.B.Berry was the first person to be buried at Elmwood. ON WHAT DATE WAS SHE BURIED? Head due west across the grass to Wellford Ave. Go left on Wellford (south). This
becomes Rembert. Continue south around the curve and past the in-ground mausoleum until you reach the intersection of Oak and Rembert.

12. Joseph Lenow is known as the “Father of Elmwood Cemetery.” He was president of Elmwood for 31 years. Give the combined number of semicircles and pointed corner pieces, which top the Lenow marker.

13. Look for the wrought iron urn on the right. Charles W. Adams was a Confederate and the grandfather of Helen Keller. What was C.W. Adam’s rank and regiment in the CSA?

14. Look to the northwest for the green metal sign in the middle of the field. Proceed northwest on E.H. Little to the intersection at Trezevant. Monument to the Slaves. What is the name of the passage at the bottom of the marker? Hike south on Trezevant to Grand Tour. Turn right on Grand Tour at the giant ash tree. Proceed until the Church intersection.

15. A.W. Willis was the first African-American elected to the Tennessee Legislature since 1887. What are the three occupations listed on the Willis obelisk? Proceed north on Church Dr. to the Church mausoleum at the corner of Valley and Church.

16. Robert Church was a pioneer businessman and the South’s first African-American millionaire. Name the source and date of the most recent quote on the church family mausoleum doors. Dogleg to Central and proceed north up the hill. Come to Toof and Lenow Circle. Bear right.

17. Immediately after introducing President McKinley on his visit to Memphis, Henry A. Montgomery dropped dead. What body part is the Montgomery statue missing? Go past the ginkgo tree. Be sure to look at the art palette headstone (Wheeler) and the tree trunk monument (Finlay).

18. The Grosvenor family was a leader in 19th century Memphis real estate. On what date (in Arabic numerals) were the Grosvenors married? Head north to the Brooks monument.

19. Samuel and Bessie Vance Brooks were the founders of Memphis’ Brooks Museum of Art. How many leaves cover the Brooks Cross? Head northeast to the Napoleon Hill monument.

20. Napoleon Hill owned the largest cotton and supply house in the nation. How many columns
SUPPORT THE MONUMENT? Cross Central and go north.

21. James Lee Jr. was an area steamboat magnate. HOW MANY GRAVES ARE IN THE JAMES LEE TRIANGLE? From the northern point of the James Lee Triangle, head north across the street to the large magnolia tree.

22. Careful! A different name occupies each side of this headstone. General Milton T. Williamson was a Union General who was elected to the Tennessee Legislature in 1872. HOW MANY DIAMONDS BORDER ONE FACE OF THE MARKER? Continue northwest down the hill, and look for the large, four-sided monument. Several names appear on this stone.

23. Col. John Smith was a Revolutionary War veteran. HOW OLD WAS HE WHEN HE ENTERED THE SERVICE? Cross Page Ave, and head west.

24. Gen. Gideon Johnson Pillow was a Confederate General and a Mexican War veteran. Read both sides of the stone. DURING THE CIVIL WAR, PILLOW DEFEATED U.S. GRANT AT A BATTLE FOUGHT WHERE? Walk west to Gardiner and turn left (south). Proceed to sidewalk, which is almost to Page, and turn right (west). This grave is to the right where the two sidewalks cross.

25. James and Evangeline Avdalis were the first Greek couple to be married in Memphis. James Avdalis became known as “Dean of the Memphis Zoo” because he ran a concession stand there for 38 years beginning when the animal collection consisted only of “Old Hatch” the bear. THE CENTRAL PORTION OF THE AVDALIS MARKER IS INSCRIBED WITH THREE SYMBOLS. DRAW THEM. Proceed north on the sidewalk. Turn left (west) on Byrd. Look for the green sign.

26. Herman Frank Arnold was the orchestrator of “Dixie.” Arnold led the band that played the song for the inauguration of Jefferson Davis as President of the Confederacy. DESCRIBE WHAT IS INSCRIBED ON THE STONE WHICH COVERS HERMAN ARNOLD’S GRAVE. Cross Byrd and head northwest.

27. Nolan Fontaine was a successful Memphi merchant and financier; he was the owner of the Woodruff-Fontaine house in Victorian Village. THERE IS A CHILD’S GRAVE WITHIN THE FONTAINE FAMILY PLOT. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE CHILD? Go back to Byrd using the Fontaine stairs. Go east past 7 other sets of stairs.
28. Dr. D.T. Porter was the mayor of Memphis, benefactor of Porter-Leath orphanage, and builder of the Porter Building, Memphis’ first skyscraper. DR. PORTER IS REPRESENTED ON HIS MONUMENT. UPON HOW MANY BOOKS IS HIS HAND RESTING? Proceed directly north from the Porter monument. Robert Galloway’s plot borders Crump and Love on the south side of the street. Look for the green metal sign.

29. Robert Galloway was a longtime chairman of the Park Commission. During his tenure, the Parkways were created, and Overton, Riverside, and DeSoto parks were purchased. HOW MANY ROUND STONE CYLINDERS FORM THE BORDER OF THE GALLOWAY PLOT? Go east on Crump, and look to the right of the street just before the intersection of Crump and Gardiner.

30. Lillie Mae Glover (Ma Rainey #2) was a blues singer. WHAT DID SHE CONSIDER HERSELF TO BE? Go south on Gardiner to the V in the road.

31. The Snowden memorial plot contains three graves. WHERE IS LT. COL. JOHN BAYARD SNOWDEN II ACTUALLY BURIED? Retrace your steps to Crump and turn right (east). Look for the green metal sign.

32. For five decades E.H. Crump was such a powerful and influential civic leader in Memphis and Tennessee that he came to be referred to as “Boss Crump”. WHAT WORD/WORDS ARE INSCRIBED ON THE CRUMP OBELISK? Turn left at the intersection of Page and Grand Tour and go to the bridge.

33. TO WHOM IS THE BRIDGE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CEMETERY DEDICATED?

POINT OF INTEREST: Notice the variety of flags on Page Ave. They represent many periods of U.S. history and also every branch of the armed forces.
* = point of interest
1. Portrait on tombstone in WWI uniform w/ color American flag
2. 8500 died, 2500 buried
3. “Having nobly worked, now to be blessed.”
4. 55 total
5. That he would live an exemplary life.
6. The Invincible
7. The Titanic
8. Shoes untied, buttons misbuttoned, and pants wrinkled
10. She was a spy.
11. July 16, 1853 buried
12. 28
15. Attorney, businessman, state legislator
16. Commercial Appeal Oct. 6, 1928
17. Fingers
18. Married Dec. 28, 1885
19. 10
20. 6
21. 14
22. 9
23. 16
24. Belmont, MO
25. [signature]
26. The original score of “Dixie” or lines of music
27. Seward Fontaine
28. 5
29. 13
30. “Mother of Beale Street”
31. Champigneul, France
32. Crump
33. Mr. & Mrs. Allen Morgan, Jr.