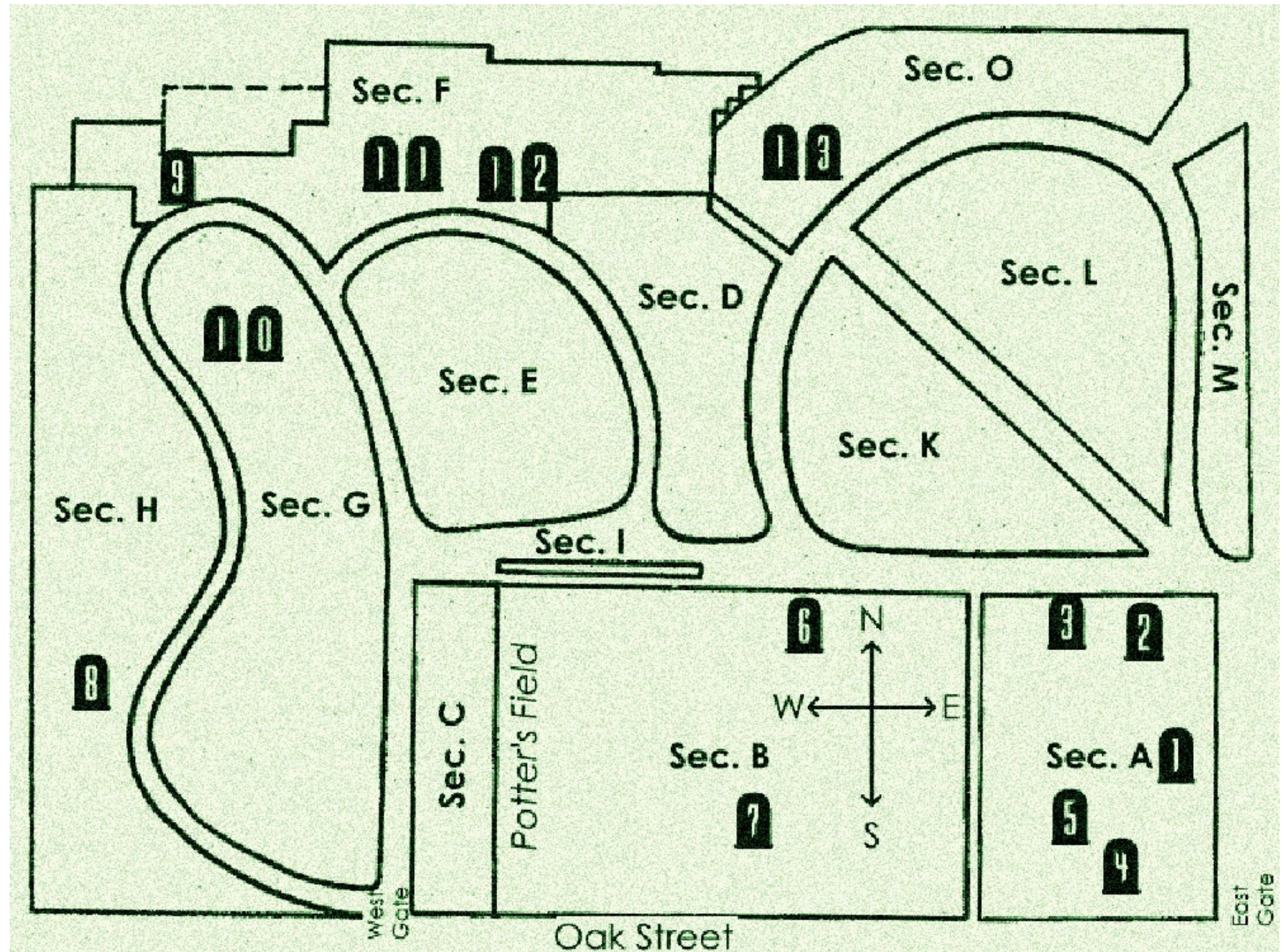


The oldest section of Greenwood Cemetery comprises land purchased from the federal government by **Dr. Ziba Swan** of Albany, New York, in 1821. The first interments on this one-half-acre parcel, set aside by Swan for a cemetery, occurred in 1825, when **Polly Utter** and her daughter **Cynthia** were murdered.

Twenty-one years later, twenty-one local citizens, including **Dr. Ebenezer Raynale**, a member of Michigan's first senate, purchased the cemetery property and an additional one and one-half acres from Swan. **Martha Baldwin**, founder of the Ladies' Library Association, organized local women into a group that, in 1885, incorporated as the Greenwood Cemetery Association. Between 1846 and 1904, the cemetery was enlarged three times, increasing in size to eight acres. In 1946, the City of Birmingham took over operation of the cemetery.

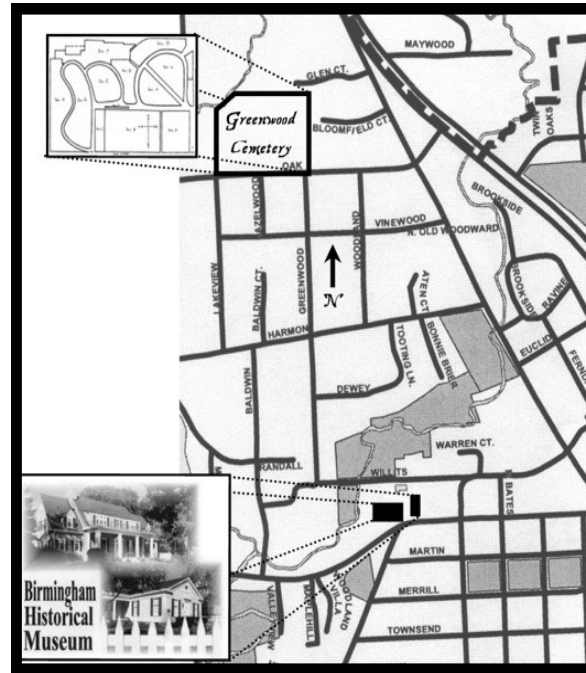
Greenwood Cemetery contains the remains of some of Oakland County's earliest pioneers and most prominent citizens. Birmingham's only Revolutionary War veteran, **John Daniels**, was buried here in 1832. **Dr. Swan** was interred in 1847.

Additional interments include Michigan State Senator **Ebenezer Raynale** (1881); **Martha Baldwin**, for whom the Birmingham library is named (1913); *Birmingham Eccentric* publishers **George Mitchell** (1929) and **Almeron Whitehead** (1926); U.S. Congressman **Roland Trowbridge** (1881); **George Gough Booth** (1949) and **Ellen Scripps Booth** (1948), who established the Cranbrook Educational Community; and Pewabic Pottery founder **Mary Chase Stratton** (1961) and her husband **William Buck Stratton** (1938).



7. **BALDWIN** Family Plots -- Martha (called Mattie), social activist; founder of library in Birmingham & Greenwood Cemetery Association; Edwin, father of Martha, monument in shape of a tree trunk means head of family; Baldwin Avenue named for him.
8. **BENEDICT**, Henry M. -- sexton of Greenwood, appointed by Martha Baldwin; died hours after he became trapped between a newly dug grave & a cement vault.
9. **MCBRIDE**, James -- Henry Benedict was crushed in his newly dug grave.
10. **ALLEN**, Harry & Marion Clizbe -- First Mayor of the City of Birmingham & his wife; built house on site of first public school in Birmingham (now Birmingham Historical Museum)
11. **FREDERICKS**, Marshall -- Marker is *The Leaping Gazelle* by this artist, teacher, & sculpture of *Freedom of the Human Spirit* in Shain Park.
12. **WHITEHEAD**, Almeron & **MITCHELL**, George -- founders of *The Birmingham Eccentric*.
13. **BOOTH** Family Plot -- George G. & Ellen Scripts Booth, who established the Cranbrook Educational Community to promote arts; publishers; philanthropists; artists; engineers. The stone markings on each grave represent an important part of that family member's life; Bees are part of the family crest.

**Map of Downtown Birmingham  
Showing Historical Museum & Cemetery**



Greenwood Cemetery is on **Oak St.**, West of **North Old Woodward Avenue**. The Cemetery's main entrance gate is the east gate.

**Please do not park in the cemetery.**

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**Some of the Pioneers  
& Interesting Characters  
in Greenwood Cemetery:**

1. **UTTER, Polly & Cynthia Ann** -- first burials; first murder victims in Bloomfield Township; cemetery created for their burial.
2. **WILLETS, Elijah** -- tavern Owner; farmer; first land owner in Birmingham (Dec. 2, 1818)
3. **SWAN, Ziba** (original monument stolen) -- Doctor; provider of first half acre of land for cemetery (1825); associate judge on Circuit Court of Oakland County (1839-1847); Mason
4. **HAMILTON, Olive** -- wife of John Hamilton, second land owner in Birmingham; National Hotel founder; goods & people transporter
5. **DANIELS, John** -- American Revolutionary War Veteran; earliest person, by birth date, buried in cemetery
6. **HUNTER, John West** -- buried next to first wife Margaret (1856), second wife Sarah (1871), & youngest daughter Mary (1846); first settler to live in Birmingham (early 1819); farmer; businessman; foundry owner; Birmingham's first commuter.