

WOODLAWN

*An Oasis of Art, History, Beautiful Ecology
and a 'Hall Of Fame'*

MAP OF THE

WOODLAWN CEMETERY

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Founded 1863

Whenever you drive north on the Bronx River Parkway, as you pass Gun Hill Road, you see on your left the rolling hills and quiet beauty of The Woodlawn Cemetery. Founded in 1863 during the third year of the Civil War, Woodlawn was designed as a "rural cemetery", a product of the Romantic Era. Throughout the years it has managed to remain so, and has become an "oasis" of art, history, beautiful ecology with its own "Hall of Fame" in the midst of a growing city. Back in those days, funeral parties reached Woodlawn by the Harlem Railroad, which ran special trains to the station built for this purpose at East 233rd Street and Webster Avenue. Today, most everyone travels by car, and Woodlawn can be reached from the Bronx River Parkway, the Major Deegan Expressway, or by the Jerome Avenue subway which stops at the cemetery's Jerome Avenue entrance gate.

There is also a gate at Perry Avenue, not far from the Redoubt which Washington's forces built to cover the old Post Road after the Continental Army's retreat to White Plains in August of 1776, and after which Gun Hill Road was apparently named. (See under miscellaneous)

Great planning and expense went into the layout and design of the cemetery. As Edward Streeter wrote in "THE STORY OF THE WOODLAWN CEMETERY", "to pass through its great entrance gates into the tree shaded roads is like entering another world." It is a world of trees, shrubs and flowers. Because of this it has been for many years a natural bird sanctuary, both for migrant birds and for those that make it a permanent home. A familiar sight as one crosses the stone bridge over the narrow end of "Lake Woodlawn" is a flock of Canadian Geese and Mallard Ducks and over 190 different species of bird life spotted there at various times of the year. Woodlawn's trees have been listed as "the great trees of New York". In fact, Woodlawn had more trees listed in the "Great Tree Search" than any other organization in the metropolitan New York area including the Botanical Gardens in the Bronx and Brooklyn.

The most striking thing to visitors as they walk along the tree shaded paths is the number of famous names on the monuments and mausoleums; Joseph Pulitzer, Herman Melville, Fritz Kreisler, Jay Gould, F.W. Woolworth, James Cash Penny, Ralph Bunche, Victor Herbert, R.H. Macy, George M. Cohan, Vernon and Irene Castle, Duke Ellington, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Carrie Chapman Catt and Nellie Bly are just a small sampling.

Some, like O.H.P. Belmont constructed elaborate mausoleums, others like Fiorello H. LaGuardia, rest under simple stones. Some, like Bar Masterson have only their names on the marker, others have lengthy epitaphs, such as George Spencer Millet, who was fifteen years old: "Lost life by stab in falling on ink eraser, evading six young women trying to give him birthday kisses in office of Metropolitan Life Building." (1-5)

Woodlawn is also the resting place of Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, the first Admiral of the United States Navy with the rank of Admiral being created just for him. Joining him are four Confederate Generals including New York born Archibald Gracie, of Gracie Mansion fame. Five former mayors of the City of New York have also peopled Woodlawn making this their permanent resting place and a "Hall of Fame".

Today, modern Woodlawn continues to be a "rural cemetery" and to keep it so requires a work force of many employees. Woodlawn is the second oldest organization in Bronx County. However, in the decades since 1863, the original 400 acres have gradually been sold, now it is possible to estimate the number of years that will elapse before Woodlawn becomes "sold out". As a result, what is known as community mausoleums began to appear at Woodlawn and the Woodlawn Crematory came into being.

A community mausoleum is a building containing multiple crypts which may be sold to various purchasers, as compared to private mausoleums for single or family occupancy.

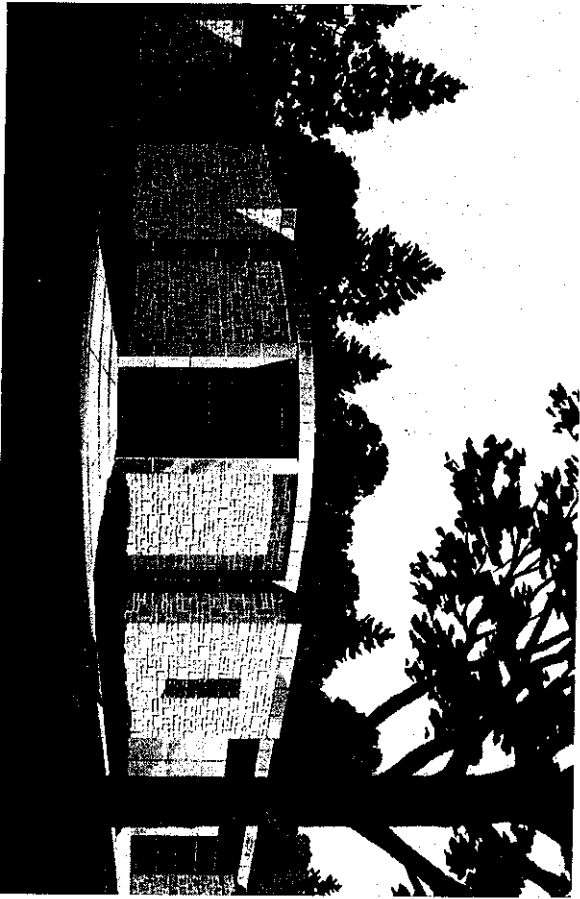
The foresight in planning the building program at Woodlawn will keep our cemetery open and viable for many years and will accommodate the needs of those families who opt for above-ground entombment and will fill the needs of every family who purchases at Woodlawn.

Along with the innovative thinking and foresight in taking care of the needs of so many families, Woodlawn realized that our cemetery is also for the living. Each year, on a monthly basis, our families, their friends, and community people come to participate in our ongoing "Schedule of Free Events"; concerts, walking and bus tours, theatre, outdoor concerts, our Tree Lighting Ceremony at holiday time and many other happenings.

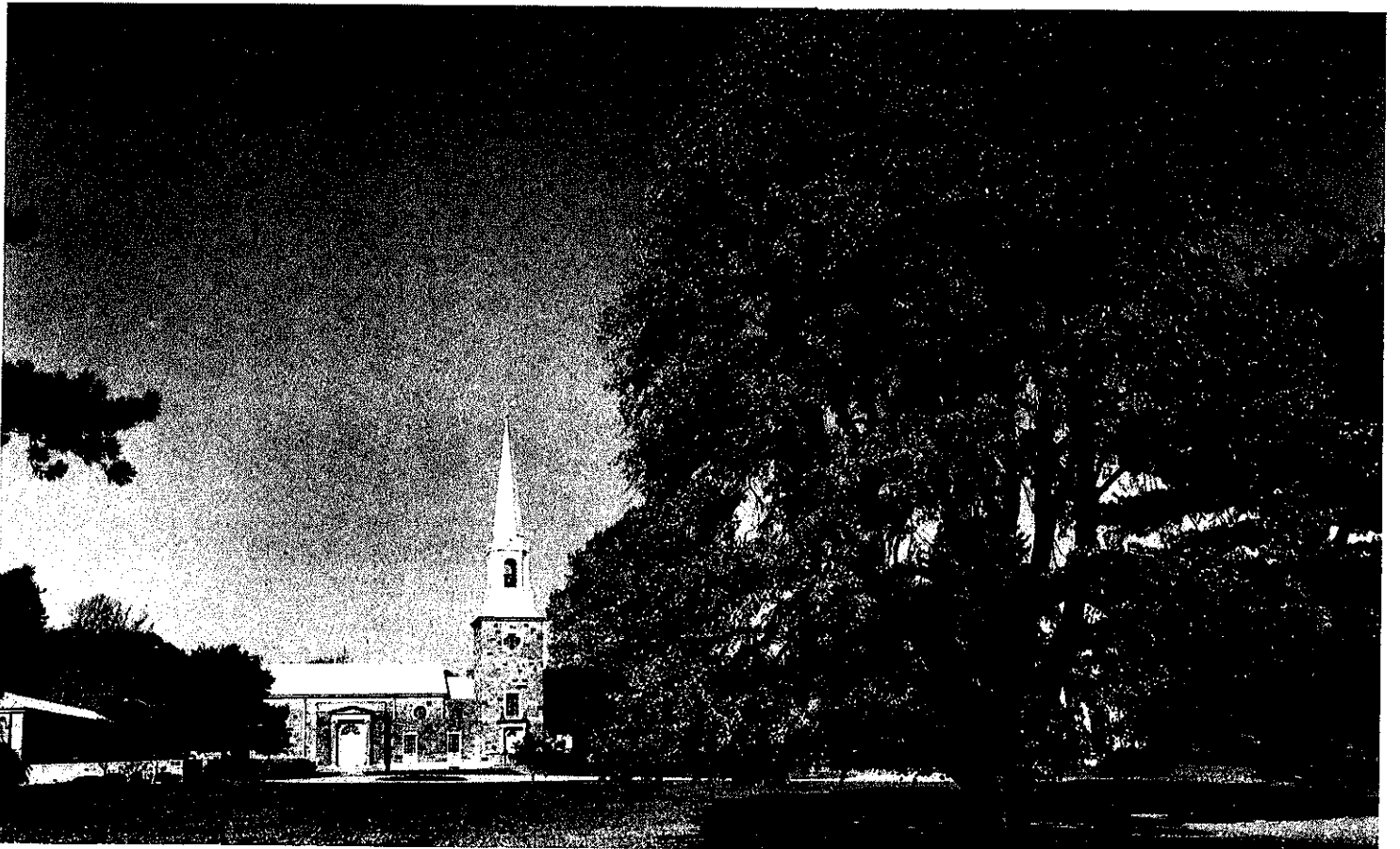
Woodlawn has been named as one of the top cultural organizations in Bronx County because we took a space, and never forgetting that it was a cemetery first and foremost, turned that space into a cultural resource for our Bronx Community.

This briefly is the story of The Woodlawn Cemetery. On January 14, 1865, there was only one interment. Today, over 300,000 persons have found their final resting place within its rolling-tree shaded areas.

As Woodlawn's founder, the Reverend Absalom Peters, envisioned it, "a cemetery is not merely a plot of land set apart for burial purposes, it is a place of such beauty that it becomes a perpetual memorial to those interred within its boundaries and a place for "alive" people to partake of the art, history, beautiful ecology and its varied "Hall of Fame".



Lotus Community Mausoleum and Columbarium



The Woolworth Chapel and Crematory

WOODLAWN'S FAMOUS

MILITARY "HALL OF FAME"

- 1-8 **CHapel Hill** LT. COMMANDER GEORGE WASHINGTON DELONG, U.S. NAVY (1844-1881). Arctic explorer who commanded a secret expedition called the "Jeannette Expedition" to the uninhabited polar regions of the North. He was forced to abandon his ship which was caught in a massive ice pack.
- H-7 **Aurora Hill** ADMIRAL DAVID GLASGLOW FARRAGUT, U.S. NAVY (1801-1876). Our country's first Admiral—the grades of Admiral and Vice Admiral were created for him. It was during the Civil War battle of Mobile Bay as he clung to his flagship "Hartford" that he uttered the famous, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!"
- H-7 **Catalpa** BRIGADIER GENERAL ARCHIBALD GRACE, JR. C.S.A. (1832-1864). A native New Yorker, killed in action fighting for the Confederacy, Grace Mansion, home of New York's mayors, bears the name of his family, who once lived there. Along with General Grace, several other Confederate Generals are interred at Woodlawn. Among them:
- I-6 **G-5** **I-5** **Elm** General Zachariah Deas (1819-1882), C.S.A.
Observatory General Lloyd Tilghman (1816-1863), C.S.A.
Fern General Mansfield Lovell (1822-1884), C.S.A.
- MUSICIANS / ENTERTAINERS "HALL OF FAME"**
- F-4 **Columbine** IRVING BERLIN (1888-1989). Famous American songwriter, whose hit songs include, God Bless America, White Christmas, There's No Business Like Show Business, and many, many others. He died at 101 years of age.
- I-2 **Butternut** GEORGE M. COHAN (1878-1942). The author of such popular and patriotic tunes as: Give My Regards To Broadway, You're a Grand Old Flag, Over There, Yankee Doodle Dandy, and many others.
- D-4 **Alpine Hill** MILES DEWEY DAVIS III (1926-1991). American Jazz Trumpeter and Bandleader, famous for his "mood" jazz tones. His best known albums include: "Miles Ahead", "Sketches of Spain" and "Birth of The Cool", which were arranged by fellow musician Gil Evans.
- D-4 **Wildrose** DUKE ELLINGTON (1897-1974). The works of this well known composer and bandleader, include: Mood Indigo, I Got It Bad, Solitude, Black and Tan Fantasy.
- C-1 **Costas** WILLIAM C. HANDY (1873-1958). Noted black composer and musician known as the "Father of The Blues".
- E-2 **Whitewood** VICTOR HERBERT (1859-1924). Famous cellist, conductor and composer. Composed such famous operettas as: Babes in Toyland, Kiss Me Again, Naughty Marietta, and many others.
- F-3 **Sassatras** AUGUSTUS D. JULLIARD (1836-1919). Established the Julliard Musical Foundation, which founded the Julliard School of Music.
- I-2 **Butternut** FRITZ KREISLER (1875-1962). This Austrian violinist, composer and arranger is probably one of the most famous and well loved violinists of all time.
- H-2 **Parkview** VERNON (1867-1918) and IRENE CASTLE (1893-1969). Like Scott and Zeida Fitzgerald, Vernon and Irene Castle were the darlings of their era. They introduced the Hesitation Waltz, going up instead of down on the downbeat and the Castle Walk. Irene, a fashion leader was the first woman to bob her hair and still retain her reputation.
- E-5 **Heather** MARIAN MILLER (1898-1936). Her name spelled the glamour of the musical stage. She was swept to fame and stardom as the star of the Ziegfeld show "Sally". She also appeared in Peter Pan and Sunny.
- H-3 **Hickory Knoll** ANTOINETTE (TONY) FERRY FRUEVAUFF (1888-1946). The annual "Tony" awards are named for this actress turned Broadway producer-director. She was also responsible for founding the Stage Door Canteens in World War II. She was an "angel" not just for investing in plays, but also for helping actors who were broke. She was married to a Colorado gas and oil man who founded Cities Service.
- J-1 **DEWEY (PINGMEAT) MARKHAM**. A black comedian who was best known for his skit called "Here Comes The Judge". Entombed in Van Cortlandt Mausoleum.

MERCHANT PRINCE "HALL OF FAME"

- G-2 **Fine** EW. WOOLWORTH (1852-1919). Rounded the well known chain of over 2000 five-and-ten cent stores. Granddaughter Barbara Hutton is entombed in the mausoleum.
- I-2 **Butternut** FRANKLIN SIMON (1865-1934). President of the Franklin Simon and Company Department Store.
- F-3 **Walnut** SAMUEL H. KRESS (1863-1955). American businessman and art collector. Founded S.H. Kress and Company, one of the largest chains of department stores in the United States.
- H-6 **Cowingrove** ROLAND H. MACY (1822-1877). Founder of R.H. Macy's, the world's largest department store.
- G-2 **Pine** JAMES CASH PENNEY (1875-1971). The founder of J.C. Penney and Company. He developed a one-room country store into a chain with over 1700 stores.
- F-3 **Walnut** FREDERICK A. CONSTABLE (d.1905). Founder of Arnold Constable Department Store.
- G-2 **CHARLES C. LOEHMANN** (d.1977). Founder and Chairman of "Loehmann's" the womens fashion discount store. Entombed in our Chapel Community Mausoleum.
- F-3 **Fairview** GEORGE A. HEARN (d.1913). Founder of Hearns Department store which had its beginnings from a small thread and needle shop on Canal Street.
- F-4 **Myosotis** STRAUS FAMILY, brothers Jessie Isidor, Percy S. and Herbert Nathan Straus are entombed in this mausoleum which was designed by John Gamble Rogers. Their father Isidor, is entombed directly in front of mausoleum where stamary is located. He died April 1912 at the sinking of the Titanic along with wife Ida. Her body was not recovered. He was entombed 2/28/1913. The Straus family are part of our Merchant Prince Hall of Fame, and were affiliated with Abraham & Straus and R.H. Macy and Co.
- FINANCE/BUSINESS "HALL OF FAME"**
- G-2 **Chestnut** HERMAN ARMOUR (1837-1901). Head of the meat packing company, Armour and Co. His mausoleum designed by James Renwick, who also designed the Smithsonian Castle in Washington, D.C. and St. Patrick's Cathedral.
- F-2 **Whitewood** JULES S. BACHE (1861-1944). Began his career as a cashier in the Leopold Cahn and Co. in 1880. Later headed the firm and changed the name to J.S. Bache and Co. This mausoleum is fashioned after the Temple of Isis at Phylae, Egypt.
- F-2 **Whitewood** OLIVER HAZARD FERRY BELMONT (1858-1908). ALVA SMITH VANDERBILT BELMONT (1856-1933). This mausoleum is an exact replica of the Chapel of St. Hubert at Chateau Amboise in France, designed by Leonardo daVinci. This design by Richard Morris Hunt. Oliver Belmont was a financier and horse fancier. The Belmont Racetrack has been named for his family.
- G-2 **Pine** JOHN W. "BET A MILLION" GATES (1855-1911). Organized Texaco, as well as the American Steel and Wire Co., which became United States Steel Corp. He made his fortune by introducing barbed wire to Texas.
- H-5 **Lakewood** JAY GOULD (1836-1892). A prominent financier. He controlled several railroads including the Erie and Union Pacific.
- H-2 **Parkview** JOHN H. HARBECK (d.1910). He and his brother William H. Harbeck, were well-known figures on Wall Street. They built the great stores in Brooklyn between Fulton and the Wall Street Ferry. This mausoleum is the most expensive and elaborate at Woodlawn.
- I-8 **Magnolia** COLLIS P. HUNTINGTON (1821-1900). The classic "rags to riches" story of a poor boy who made it. He became a great philanthropist and it was he who built the first railroad connecting the east and west.

POLITICAL "HALL OF FAME"

- E-4** **FORELLO HENRY LAGUARDIA** (Little Flower) (1882-1947). One of New York City's most colorful mayors. Four other former mayors of New York are interred at Woodlawn. They are: Thomas Gilroy, William L. Strong, William F. Havemeyer, and John Purroy Mitchell.
- I-4** **CHARLES EVANS HUGHES** (1862-1948). Chief Justice of US Supreme Court from 1930-41. He ran for the Presidency in 1916 against Woodrow Wilson.
- F-4** **RALPH BUNCHE** (1904-1971). First black man to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. He served as Under Secretary General of the United Nations as well as holding many other important positions.
- J-1** **ROBERT MOSES** (1881-1981). The master builder who played a large part in shaping the physical environment of New York State. He once held 12 positions simultaneously including that of NY Parks Commissioner, Head of the State Power Commission and Chairman of the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority.
- E-4** **VITO MARCANTONIO** (1902-1954). His entrance into politics was in 1920 at the age of 17 when he played a major role in organizing and leading a strike against post-war rent gouging. He and Fiorello LaGuardia lie close in death as they were close in life.

FAMOUS WOMEN "HALL OF FAME"

- F-2** **ALVA SMITH VANDERBILT BELMONT** (1856-1933). An active worker for the Suffragette Movement, she was the founder of the Political Equity Association. The Suffragette banner hangs inside her mausoleum. Married to Oliver Hazard Perry Belmont.
- D-2** **CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT** (1859-1947). President of the National Woman Suffrage Association. She fought for the right for women to vote.
- H-6** **ELIZABETH CADY STANTON** (1815-1902). A tireless worker for women's rights. She shocked many with her ideas that women should be equal to men.
- J-2** **MADAME C. J. WALKER** (1867-1919). Her birth name was Sarah Breedlove and her life story is the classic "rags to riches" one of a poor black woman born in a log cabin in Louisiana, and died a millionairess in a mansion after building a cosmetic empire. She never forgot her humble beginnings.

FAMOUS WRITERS, POETS, ETC. "HALL OF FAME"

- D-1** **NELLIE BLY** (1864-1922). Her birth name was Elizabeth Cochran, later Seaman. She was Joseph Pulitzer's star reporter at the newspaper, The World. She beat the record of Phileas Fogg, Jules Verne's fictional character of around the World in Eighty Days fame. She made the trip in 72 days, 6 hours, and 11 minutes. She opened the door for all women investigative reporters today.
- G-6** **CLARENCE DAW** (1874-1935). Author of the popular "Life with Father" and "Life with Mother" as well as other popular books.
- I-7** **HERMAN MELVILLE** (1819-1891). Author of the classic "Moby Dick". He has been recognized as one of the greatest writers and only gained fame after his death.
- H-6** **JOSEPH PULITZER** (1847-1911). Owner of the NEW YORK WORLD, EVENING WORLD and the ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH. He is known as the "Father of Journalism" because he established the first school of journalism at Columbia University and also the "Pulitzer Prize".
- B-3** **COUNTEE CULLEN** (1903-1946). A major American poet whose work echoes Cullen's idol, John Keats. Cullen was counted among Black Americans whose works inspired racial pride throughout the world.
- D-2** **WILLIAM (PAT) MASTERSON** (1853-1921). Legendary frontier U.S. Marshall and Peace Officer, hung up his guns, moved east to New York City where he became a sportswriter and editor of the Morning Telegraph. Ironically, he died very quietly while working at his desk.

ARTISTS, CARTOONISTS, SCULPTORS "HALL OF FAME"

- H-2** **JOSEPH STELLA** (1880-1946). American painter, his works include a huge mural CONEY ISLAND (drawings of miners and millhands in crayon and pastel) and the paintings, BROOKLYN BRIDGE and SPRING IN THE BRONX.

Artists, Cartoonists, Sculptors "Hall Of Fame" (Continued)

- H-7** **JAMES MONTGOMERY FLAGG** (1877-1960). His illustrations were seen in McCLOSKEY, COSMOPOLITAN, LIBERTY and the SATURDAY EVENING POST. He created the "Uncle Sam Wants You" recruiting poster used in two world wars.
- H-2** **GEORGE MCMANLOW** (1884-1954). He created several comic strip characters, but is most noted for "MAGGIE AND JEGGS" in the strip "Bringing Up Father".
- I-2** **BUD FISHER**, a.k.a. **HARRY CONWAY FISHER** (1884-1954). Creator of the cartoon characters called "MUTT AND JEFF". It became the first syndicated comic strip.
- J-5** **THOMAS NAST** (1840-1902). His cartoons and illustrations included the American image of Santa Claus and the animal symbols for the Democratic and Republican parties.
- D-3** **ALEXANDER ARCHIPENKO** (1887-1964). Innovator in translating the elements of cubist painting into sculptural form.

SPORTS "HALL OF FAME"

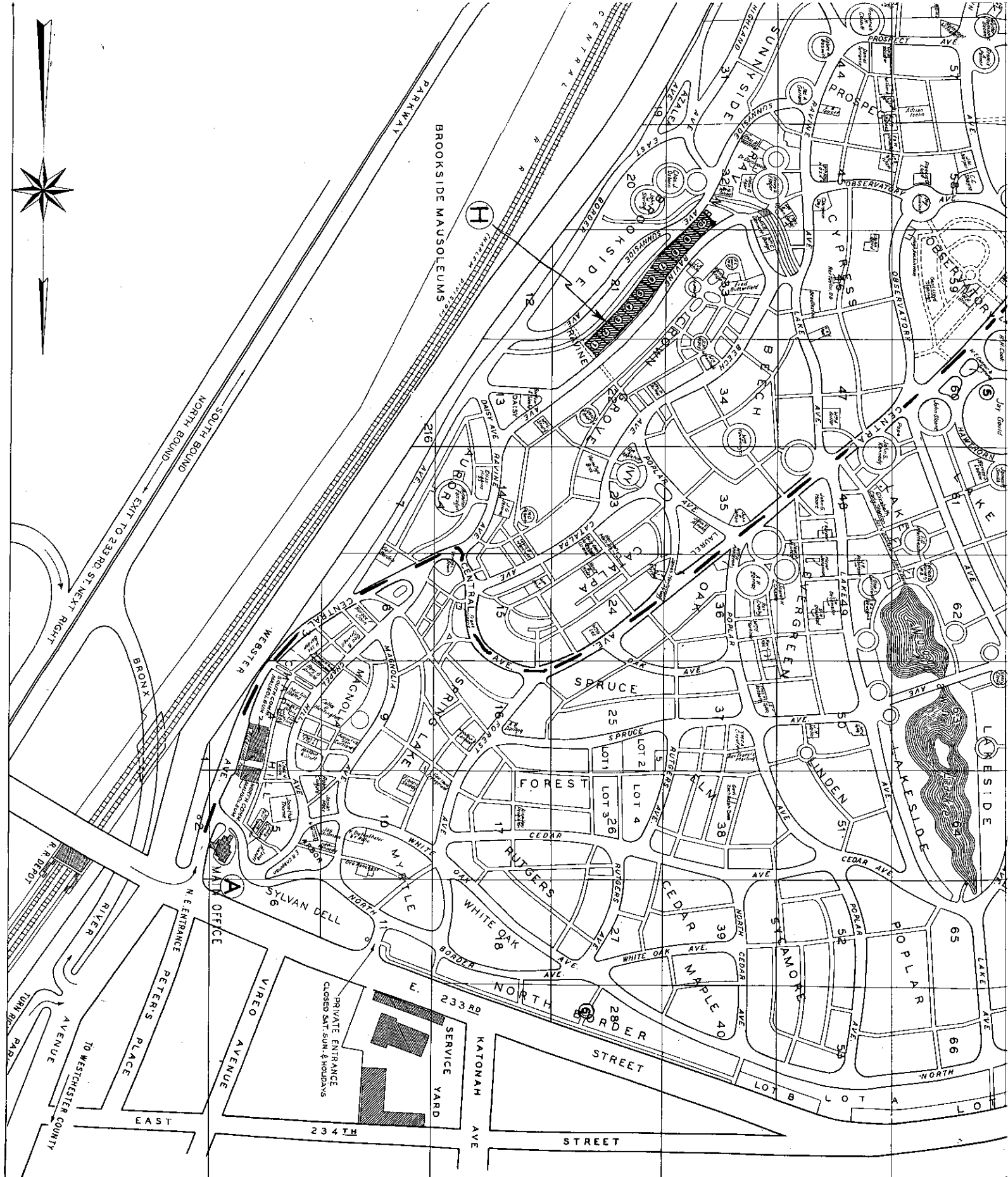
- J-4** **FRANKIE FRISCH** (1898-1973). The "Fordham Plaster" and baseball "Hall of Famer" was a hitter and fielder for the New York Giants and the St. Louis Cardinals.
- H-5** **JOHN REID** (1840-1916). "The Father of American Golf" a transplanted Scot from Dunfermline, Reid was the driving force in the founding of St. Andrews, the first permanent golf club in the United States.
- D-3** **JOHNNY MURPHY** (1908-1970). Pitcher for the New York Yankees, 1932-46. He was a general manager for the New York Mets.
- H-3** **VINCENT RICHARDS** (1903-1959). He played for four national professional tennis championship teams. Won five major tennis doubles titles and played for the U.S. on four Davis Cup teams.
- C-2** **STEPHEN AUGUST BAUER** (1894-1988). Won ten events for broad jumping in New York and the U.S.A. At the 1914 Olympic games held in Toronto, Canada, he successfully jumped 29 feet, 4 and 3/8 inches to win a gold medal. His record held until 1974 when Bruce Jarner jumped an additional 1/8 of an inch.

SCIENCE / INVENTOR "HALL OF FAME"

- E-2** **HIDEYO NOGUCHI** (1876-1928). Japanese Bacteriologist who discovered the causes of many diseases. While working on a cure for Yellow Fever he died of that dreaded disease. He was one of the first scientists asked to join the prestigious Rockefeller Institute, known today as Rockefeller University.
- F-5** **JOICHI TAKAMINE** (1854-1922). Japanese Chemist, an aristocrat who chose to live and work in America, earned recognition as the "Father of Modern Biotechnology" by developing the first commercial starch-digesting enzyme in 1886, and was the first scientist to isolate adrenalin in 1901. He donated the famous cherry trees which beautify Washington, D.C.
- H-8** **GAIL BORDEN** (1891-1984). Inventor most notable contributions in condensing and preserving foods, particularly milk. Prepared the first topographical map of Texas, helped write the Texas Constitution in 1836 and founded the first permanent newspaper in Texas.
- G-4** **MICHAEL IDVORSKY PUPIN** (1850-1933). Physicist, known for his work in electricity. Performed valuable research in x-rays and radio transmissions.

MISCELLANEOUS "HALL OF FAME"

- I-7** **REVEREND ABSALOM PETERS** (d. 1869). Theologian, poet and pioneer. Founding father of The Woodlawn Cemetery.
- G-6** **PHIBE ELIZABETH UNDERHILL** (d. 1865). Woodlawn was founded in 1863 but did not have an interment until 1865. Phibe Elizabeth Underhill was the first person to be interred at Woodlawn. Today there have been over 350,000 interments or entombments made in the 400 acres.
- B-3** **GUNHILL REDOUBT** Near our Ferry Avenue gate Washington's forces built this redoubt to cover the Old Post Road after the Continental Army's retreat to White Plains in 1776.



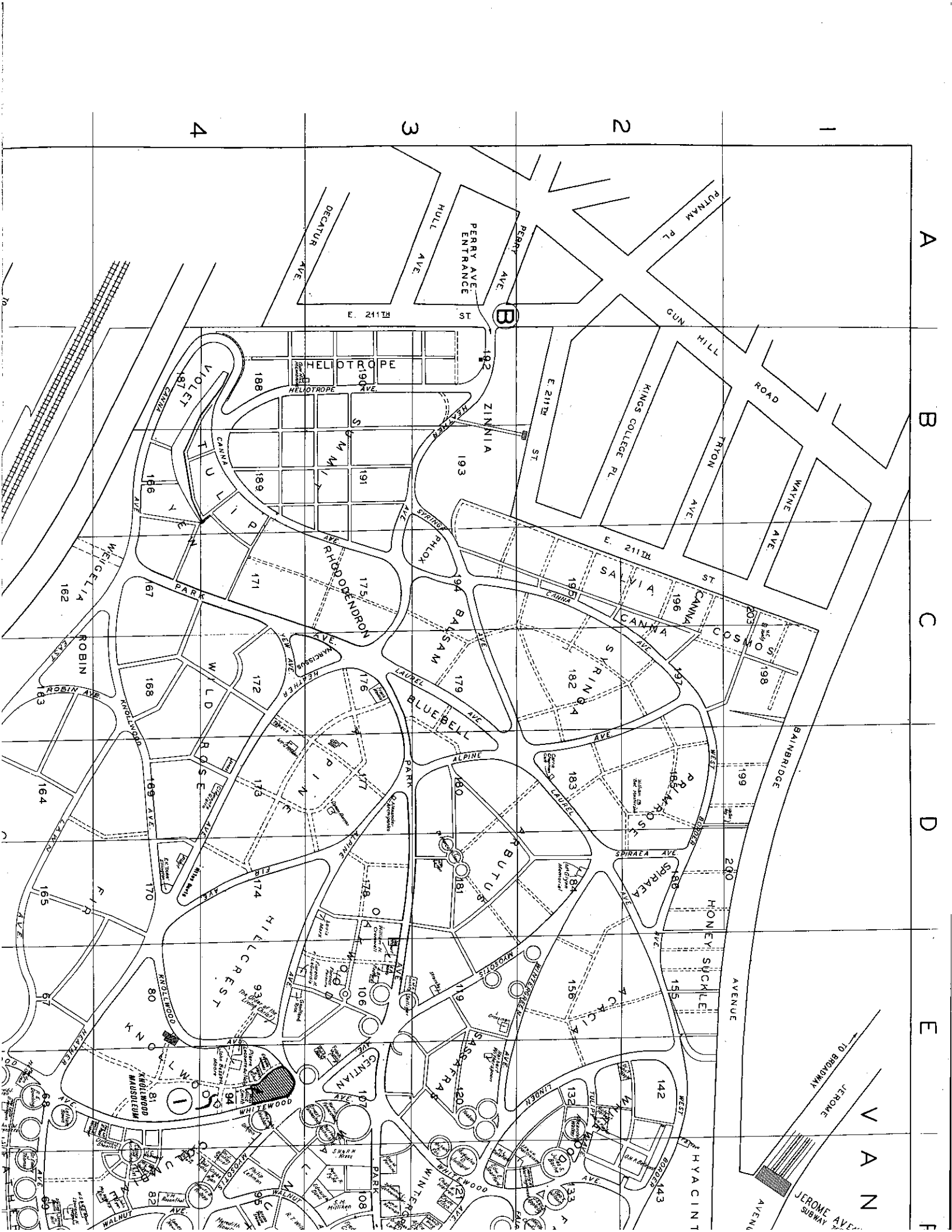
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