CIVIL WAR HISTORY AT
ALBANY RURAL CEMETERY

INCORPORATED APRIL 2, 1841

LEGEND

Secondary Roads
Main Roads
Numbered Sections for Burial Locations
Woodland
Water Bodies

President Chester Arthur’s Grave

1. Von Steinwehr
2. Weed
3. Glazier
4. Corning
5. Swinburne
6. Dawson
7. Bryan
8. Rice
9. Pratt
10. Worden
11. King
12. Harris
13. Sprague
14. Pohiman
15. Morris
16. Benedict
17. Arthur
18. Cochrane
19. Civil War Plot
20. Winslow
21. Berry
22. Burden

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11. Corp. Robert H. King (1845-1865); lot 15, sec 18
Navy landsman assigned to Pickett Boat #1 commanded by Commander William Cushing. Awarded the Medal of Honor for successfully sinking the ironclad CSS Albemarle. Died shortly after being released from a Confederate prison.

12. Ira Harris (1802-1875); lot 3, sec 18
Judge; NY Assemblyman (1845-46); NY State Senator (1847); US Senator (1861-1867); close friend of Abraham Lincoln, President of Union College, founder and President of the University of Rochester, one of the founders and one of 3 members of the first faculty of Albany Law School. His daughter was in the box at Ford's Theater with the Lincolns when Lincoln was shot. One of the original founders and Trustee of Albany Rural Cemetery he drafted and proposed the Board resolutions dedicating the plot for General Philip Schuyler. His grandson, Henry Riggs Rathbone was a Congressman from Illinois in 1923.

Adjudant General of NY, Lieutenant US Marine Corps later Colonel US Army; served in the war against Seminole Indians (1836-1846); Served in Texas and Florida; he was assigned to the 7th US Infantry Civil War; Military Governor of Florida and head of the Freedman's Bureau after the Civil War 1866-1868.

14. Lt. William Henry Pohlman (1842-1863); lot 2, sec 6
59th NY, fought at Chantilly, Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, died of wounds received at Gettysburg, age 22. His uncle was Rev. William Pohlman who presided at the dedication of the Albany Rural Cemetery.

15. Col. Lewis O. Morris (1824-1864); lot 1, sec 9
Served in the Mexican War, fought Indians in Florida and Texas, led troops in the capture of Ft. Macon, NC, fought at Spottsylvania with the 7th NY Heavy Artillery (Albany Unit), died at Cold Harbor, VA, June 4, 1864. His great-grandfather was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

162nd NY. Attorney, Assemblyman, Albany City Attorney. Captured at Williamsburg he spent months in a Confederate prison, released, led an attack on Port Hudson, killed in action at Pleasant Hill, LA while commanding the 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, 19th Army Corps, in the Red River Campaign. (Medallion of Gen. Benedict's father is on the Benedict plot executed by Erastus Dow Palmer.)

17. Brig. Gen. Chester Alan Arthur (1829-1866); lot 8, sec 24
Quartermaster General of New York State during the Civil War, he was also responsible for defense of New York Harbor, President of the United States.

18. Brig. Gen. John Cochrane (1818-1898); lot 15, sec 53
65th NY. Lawyer, 2 term Congressman, NY Attorney General. One of two Brig. Generals who went to see Lincoln to tell him that General BURNSIDE was incompetent after BURNSIDE's disastrous attack at Fredericksburg. He was nominated by the Radical Democrat Party to run for Vice-President of the US with John Fremont against incumbent Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson (1864) and Democratic nominee George McClellan. Fremont withdrew before the election.

19. Civil War Plot
On June 7, 1862, the Trustees of Albany Rural donated a section to honor and inter Albany County soldiers killed in action. The Trustees resolution read: “...a sufficient and suitable piece of ground be set apart to inter the remains of officers and soldiers of the Oddloe who have fallen or may fall in endeavoring to suppress the present Rebellion." The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Monument at Albany Rural contains the names of 648 Albany County residents who were “Killed in Action.” The bronze plates on the monument were cast from a melted down Civil War cannon.

20. John Flack Winslow (1810-1892); lot 1, sec 71
Managed Albany Ironworks in partnership with Erastus Corning. He met with President Abraham Lincoln and Secretary of the Navy Gideon Wells to convince them to build the first Union iron-clad ship, the USS Monitor.

21. Samuel O. “One Armed” Berry (1829-1873); lot 19, sec 98
Partner of Marcellus Jerome Clarke otherwise known as “Sue Mundy,” Confederate soldiers but later guerrillas, murderers and thieves. Their gangs included Bill Marion, William Quantrill, James Younger and Frank James. They terrorized the residents of the State of Kentucky during the Civil War, robbing, killing and raping many people. Berry alone was convicted of 12 counts of murder and 6 counts of robbery although these were probably a small portion of his crimes. His sentence to be hanged was commuted to 10 years at hard labor at Albany County Jail where he died after serving 7 years.

22. Henry Burden (1791-1871); lot 4, sec 61
Iron mill owner, invented machines to make horseshoes, hook-headed railroad spikes, and rolling iron into cylinders. His horseshoe machine could make sixty shoes in 1 minute; previously it took 2 men 1 full day to make 60 horseshoes. His horseshoe machine was considered critical during the Civil War.