

Memorial Park – Circle of Achievement Honorees

Winslow Forthman Burhans, Sr.

Mayor (1953-65). Promoted railroad overpasses that connected the west end of the city to the center city. Major urban renewal efforts in the west end and expansions of the city's electric and sewer capacity were completed in his terms. Also a Civil rights figure.

Peter Buys

Leader of the Hagerstown Municipal Band for almost 40 years. Protégé of John Philip Sousa. He was a composer and arranger and became one of the giants in "march" genre of music.

Henry Kyd Douglas

Officer on personal staff of Gen. Stonewall Jackson. Commanded troops that were the last to surrender their arms at Appomattox in 1865. Memoir of his service in the Civil War is one of the premier first-person accounts of service in the war. Served as Adjutant General of the MD National Guard (Major General)

Jesse Duncan Elliott

Commander of USS *Niagara* in the Battle of Lake Erie – received a gold medal from Congress in thanks for his leadership in that battle. Served as Commodore Barron's "second" in his duel with Commodore Stephen Decatur.

Maurice Edward Frock

Killed in action at Belleau Wood, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War I. Received two Silver Star Medals for heroism and the French Republic's Croix de Guerre Medal.

Jonathan Hager

Founder of Hagerstown.

William Thomas Hamilton

Governor of Maryland, United States Senator, and one of the party that negotiated with the Confederates to deal with the 1864 ransom.

Clara Holmes Jenness Hamilton

Developer of the Oak Hill area of the City. She was an early proponent of the “Garden City” principle of urban design, and the Oak Hill development reflects the use of those concepts in its design.

John V. Jamison, Sr. and Jr.

Founders of the Jamison Door Company – a large, long standing business in the Hagerstown economy.

Thomas Kennedy

Fought in the state legislature to overturn laws limiting public office holders to Christians. Soon thereafter, he was one of the founders and early editors of the *Hagerstown Mail* (forerunner of today's *Herald-Mail*)

Ammon H. Kreider and Lewis Reisner

In 1923, they started an aircraft company in Hagerstown, which was bought by Fairchild in 1929. The headquarters of that company was moved to Hagerstown in 1931.

William Preston Lane, Jr.

Attorney General of Maryland in the 1920s and Governor of Maryland in the late 1940s. Civil rights figure. The bridge over the Chesapeake Bay near Annapolis is named in his honor.

Florence MacMichael Myers McCoy

Television actress –long career as a character actress in television, from the 1950s to 1970s. Appeared in many well-known television series, including recurring roles in *Mr. Ed* (36 episodes), *The Andy Griffith Show*, *My Three Sons* and the *Donna Reed Show*. Also appeared on Broadway, in movies and on national radio.

Edward Mayberry Mobley

Sheriff of Washington County during John Brown raid of 1859. 1862 – Captain, Co. A, 7th Maryland Infantry. Conspicuous bravery at Battle of Weldon Railroad, rescuing his regimental flag from capture when the entire color guard was shot down. Wounded twice and promoted to major.

Mathias Moller

World renowned organ manufacturer and automobile manufacturer. Many of his large institutional organs are still in use today at prominent facilities and landmarks.

Anna Brugh Singer

Creator of the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts.

Ann Carroll Fitzhugh Smith

Noted abolitionist and suffragist. Through her advocacy, she worked directly with such luminaries as Frederick Douglass, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and others in both civil rights movements.

Mary Lemist Titcomb

First director of the Washington County Free Library, serving for over 30 years. Originator of the concept of the "bookmobile." Washington County Free Library's bookmobile was the first in the nation.

Jacob Francis Wheaton

First African-American in Maryland to vote after the Civil War.

William Othello Wilson

A member of the "Buffalo Soldiers", he earned the Medal of Honor in 1890 for heroism in action against Sioux and Cheyenne warriors at Drexel Mission, South Dakota. Last African-American to earn the Medal of Honor on U.S. soil.

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