



Auburn Heritage Association

Pine Hill Cemetery Lantern Tour

The marker noting the burial spot of **Mahala Shelton** is the only zinc or “white bronze” marker in the cemetery.

These markers were manufactured by the thousands by the Monumental Bronze Co. in Bridgeport, Connecticut, between 1875 and 1912. They were cast from pure zinc and were meant to remain unpainted. They cost several thousand dollars and they ranged in size from two to 15 feet tall. They were sold only from catalogs by door-to-door salesman. The term “white bronze” was used to make the markers sound more appealing.

Mahala Shelton died in 1878 at age 39. She was the wife of a local carpenter named **George Washington Shelton**, for whom **Shelton Mill Road** is named.

He is buried in the Farmville Baptist Church Cemetery at the intersection of North College and Farmville Road.