

**Driving Tour Notable Women of Woodland
(and a few men)**

Woodland Cemetery established 1848

Block 22

1. **Frances Elizabeth Cooper Hubbell** (1840-1924) Monument Block Lot 79
Entertained suffrage conference at Terrace Hill in 1897 - Socialite
2. **Minnie Christina Elisabeth Lawson Fleur** (1880-1930) lot 170
elected Polk Co Auditor, raised funds for the Gold Star Monument at the Capitol

Block 11

3. **Orchard Place monument**
*Story of the formation of the orphanage after a child was abandoned on the steps of the Benedict Home and the continued fundraising by the DMWClub. **Mrs. Benedict** Benedict (Home and Friendless Children) buried elsewhere and Elizabeth Day Mann another founder is buried in Glendale Cemetery)*
4. **Mary B. Muffly** 1842-1922 Block 11 Lot 1. WCTU, Crocker Relief Corp of GAR. Train wreck survivor

Block 21

5. **Annie Savery** Monument Lot 25, Early suffrage activist, owner of the Savery Hotel with her husband. *A friend of Amelia Bloomer, she was pushed from Suffrage leadership as a result of her support of Victoria Woodhall.* <https://vimeo.com/535321885>

Block 12

6. **Infants** on west along road *Point out infants and markers funded by Gerald LaBlanc and the DAR*

Block 19

7. **Governor Cummins** *Supported women suffrage with wife and sister-in-law, both DMWC presidents. Cover the 50 year struggle for an Iowa constitutional amendment.*
8. **Ida Cummins** Lot 57 (1853-1918) **Cora Cummins** 57 (1858-1948)
9. **Grace Cramer** Lot 71 (1872-1924) *Wife of Frank – as a couple they founded and ran the Sunbeam Rescue Mission , a social service and religious mission in downtown Des Moines “little mother”*
10. **Delia Ann Webster** (1817-1904) Block 19 Lot 10 *Abolitionist first woman in US to be jailed as a conductor on the underground railroad in Ohio. Moved to IA age 83 to live with niece. Show headstone on tablet.* <https://vimeo.com/711417509>
<https://vimeo.com/535071069>

Block 18

11. **Mary Sipp Orwig** (1839-1907) Lot 21 *(Suffragist on a national level with Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.*
12. **Mary Helen Baylies Peters** (1850-1940) Lot 4 *Women’s Relief Corp, WCTU, Home for the Aged, DMWC President.* <https://vimeo.com/535259697>

Block 17

18. **Ellen J Cilley Ward** (Mrs. Byron C.) Block 17 lot 70 *Founder of the YWCA and supporter of Sunbeam Rescue Mission. Active Plymouth Church social reform.*
13. **Alice Carey Wilson Weitz** (1871-1957) Responsible for the building of HSP Auditorium for Hoyt Sherman Place Monument Lot 71. *Spearheaded the funding and building of the HSP theater which opened in 1923. Celebrating its 100th anniversary. Club brought many notables to DSM. Built to have seats for all 1400 members.*
14. **Rebecca Ann McMeekin Nourse** 55 (1827-1907) On hill - *Important early suffragist*
15. **Captain John Collins** 00102 (1794-1857) *owned a shipping line, purchased old master paintings in Europe which were displayed at the Met in NYC, reburied at Woodland in family plot.*
16. **Sarah A "Aunt Becky" Graham Palmer Young** 1830- 1908 Block 17 Lot 134 (has QR) *Was a nurse during the civil war and a strong advocate for wounded soldiers. Wrote about her army life in The Story of Aunt Becky's Army-Life <https://vimeo.com/709932376>*
17. **Calista Halsey Patchin** 00135 (1845-1920) *First woman reporter at Washington Post in DC, writer, novelist and artist, journalist, spearheaded the first Des Moines Art Gallery at Hoyt Sherman Place*

Block 14

19. **Eliza Cox Mitchell** (Mrs. WF) 1854-1914 Block 14 Lot 29– *negotiated the lease of HSP for DMWC clubhouse. Spearheaded the formation of Iowa General Federation of Women's Clubs. As member of library board, won a critical fight about library flooring.*
20. **Alice Cheek** 1852-1910, Block 14 Lot 193 – *Active member of the Women's Relief Corps of the Grand Army of the Republic. Aided Civil War Veterans, she sang at over 2500 veterans' funerals. <https://vimeo.com/710094957>*
21. **Elizabeth "Eliza" Heaton Hunter** 1842-1906 *Suffragist, Political equity club WCTU. **Mary Bonnet Ankeny Hunter**, 1870-1954. Suffragist, League of Women Voters, Club Woman, responsible for Women's Suffrage memorial/ fund raising, choose artist.. Block 14 Lot 234 <https://vimeo.com/536435445>*

Block 15

22. **Jenny (1811-1909) and Henry (1818-1903) Bell** Lot 18 *Freedom Seekers, Jordan House, Suffragist, Community leaders. <https://vimeo.com/712190678> <https://vimeo.com/711403190>*
23. **Alice Alvinia Crawford Baily-Gorst** (1854-1938) 64 *Active suffragist, club woman and wife of Coggeshall attorney: William Henry Baily (1850-1910) 64 lot 64*
24. **Ellen S, Hoare Plumly** 1846-1918 Block 15 Lot 164 *Songbird of the Grand Army of the Republic <https://vimeo.com/710183952>*

25. **Dr Esther Eliza Poore Allen**, 1819-1881 Block 15 Lot 311. *Civil war nurse, became a doctor. Women's Relief Corp (founder) aux of the GAR.*

Block 20

26. **Mrs AY Rawson** (Mary Louise Scott Rawson 1839-1900) Block 20 Lot 1 *Sunbeam Rescue Mission, Friendless Children.*

Block 9

27. **Mary J. Coggeshall** (1836-1911) 97 (mention Grace Ballantyne) *City suffrage law suit along with others from Political Equity Club. Delayed city building, won in Iowa Supreme court.* <https://vimeo.com/535329028>

28. **Kate Sibley Fowler** 1857-1923 Block 9 sec 74 *Ran for school board before women suffrage.*

29. **Martha Crosby Frisbie** 00105 (1840-1931) *Educator and club member, abolitionist, religious leader, Frisbie School, Frisbie Park*

30. **Sara Adelia Hackleman Mills Clapp** 16 (chair) (1835-1906) *Civil war work, raised \$ for fatherless families of men killed in Civil War – grave restored, Suffragist. Restored plot.*

31. **Maria Orwig** 04 (1828-1909) *Early suffragist and charter member of DMWC, supporter of Annie Savery in suffragists political battle.* <https://vimeo.com/710183566>

32. **Sarah Elvira Moulton Sherman** (Monument Lot 8) (1837-1887) died at age 49 *Sister in law of Wm T. Sherman, private person, skull stolen from Monument*
<https://vimeo.com/535330081>

Block 6

33. **Mrs. Annice Baldwin Tracy**, (1835-1899) *founded an early Des Moines hospital and Tracy Home* Block 6 Lot 141 *is a monument for her father and mother and for her husband and daughters: V.D. Tracy and Libbie and Gertrude Tracy aged 7 and 5 years. The girls have a double bed memorial. Annice has a marker, but she is buried in the GAR Grand Army of the Republic section.*

Block 10

34. **Elizabeth N Collins Coskery** (1865-1938) Block 10 lot 206 *DMWC president, passed down the paintings, Margaret Louise Coskery* 00206 (1888-1975) *Daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Collins. Donated important paintings to Des Moines Women's Club.*

35. **Susan Ankeny Brown** Block 10 Lot 197. *Founder of art league, Brown hotel (fish collection) DAR, Pres of DMWC, the 4th Ankeny daughter, DSM Votes for Women league, Brown hotel Stuffed fish collection, (family never lived in Ankeny)*

36. **Cora Bussey Hillis** 00248 (1858-1924) *Fought for and funded the first Des Moines City Plan funded by DSM Women's Club– child advocate, founded the first Child Welfare Research Station.*

Emanuel Cemetery

37. **Irma Shloss Mannheimer** Emanuel Lot 145 (1890-1974) *Demonstrated business skills as Des Moines Women's Club president. Managed the new theater and the demands of being a very popular venue. With husband a founder of DMARC Des Moines Area Religious Council.*

38. **Rose Frankel Rosenfield** Emanuel OLD Lot 54 (1873-1960) *Suffragist, financially supported the 1916 Iowa suffrage amendment vote. Her brown velvet dress in the Iowa State University fabric museum. Frankel Clothing.*

St. Ambrose

39. **Ellen Kean Flynn** St. Ambrose Block 9 Lot 19 (1842-1922) *Was an ardent anti-suffragist who was converted on a trip to California and made a very public statement in favor when she returned to Iowa.*

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