

The 6th Annual Green Hill Cemetery Tour

PRESENTED BY:

THE TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

A tour of Green Hill Cemetery featuring local history and some of Waynesville's most fascinating, influential, and eccentric historic figures.

Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 4 PM*

Green Hill Cemetery - Off South Main Street

Shuttle available from American Legion starting at 3:15 PM

*In case of rain, the event will be automatically rescheduled for the following Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 4 PM.

Stephen Shelton - Portrayed by Mike McLean

Rising to the rank of 1st Lieutenant during the Civil War, Shelton saw action in some of the war's bloodiest battles. After making the long trek home when the war ended, he served three terms as Haywood County Sheriff, constructed the Shelton House, and oversaw the construction of the First Methodist Church.

D. M. Killian - Portrayed by Chip Killian

After joining the Confederacy at the age of 19, Daniel Killian came to Waynesville after the War and started the town's first industrial centers along Richland Creek, including a Woolen Mill, Wagon Factory, Ice Plant, and Laundry. Credited with producing North Carolina's first electricity west of Asheville, he helped bring Waynesville into the industrial age.

The Art of W.O. Wolfe - Presented by Ann Melton

W.O. Wolfe, father of author Thomas Wolfe, was a successful stonecutter and monument dealer who came to Asheville in 1880. Several of his works adorn graves throughout the cemetery.

The History of Green Hill Cemetery - Presented by Lorna Sterling

The cemetery was established around 1826 on a hill overlooking Waynesville. Burials increased as the town went through several periods of rapid growth, especially following the Civil War, and the cemetery expanded rapidly beyond its original hilltop site. The history of the town is inextricably linked to the cemetery. The cemetery was listed on The National Register of Historic Places in 2017.

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