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Live Oak Cemetery

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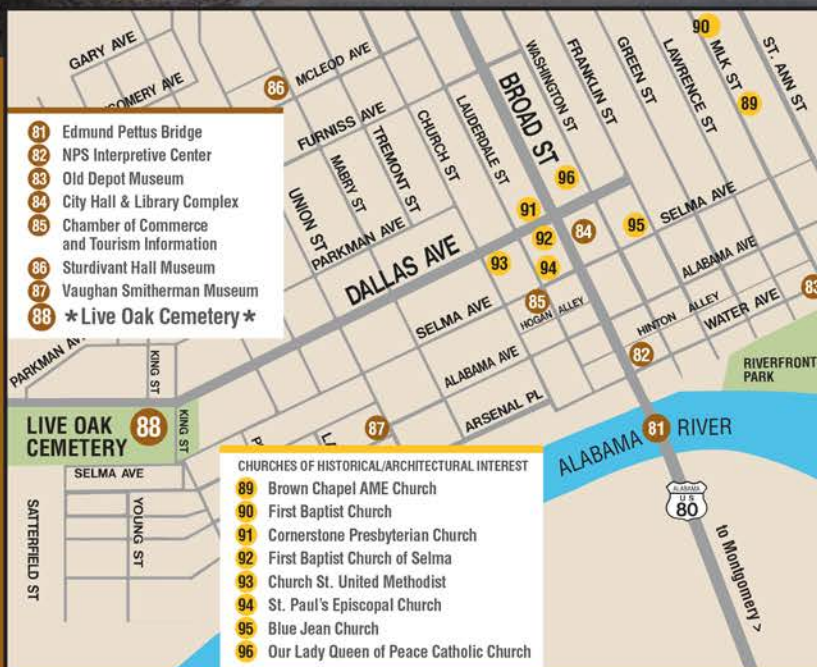
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**Live Oak Cemetery is located at
170 Dallas Ave., Selma, AL 36701
Open Dawn To Dusk**



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DO NOT touch, sit or climb on grave markers.
They can topple over and cause serious injury or death.

21 Clara Weaver Parrish
Mar 16, 1861 - Nov 11, 1925; aged 64 yrs

Parrish is best known for her paintings and stained glass window designs. After the death of her



husband, William Peck Parrish in 1901, Clara traveled, studied and exhibited in France, Italy and England. She also worked for Tiffany Studios and designed the windows for New York's St. Michael's Church in 1895 followed by windows in Alabama churches in Uniontown, Tuscaloosa and Selma. She was inducted into the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame in 1983.

22 Robert Woodward Barnwell
Dec. 27, 1849 - July 24, 1902; aged 52 yrs



Barnwell became the third Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Alabama. He served St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Selma for twenty years and in 1900 was elected Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Alabama.

23 Confederate Memorial Circle

This circle is owned and maintained by Selma Chapter 53 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. There are over 195 Confederate soldiers buried within this circle. Some are buried in individual graves but there are many interred in two mass graves within the circle.

24 Spring House

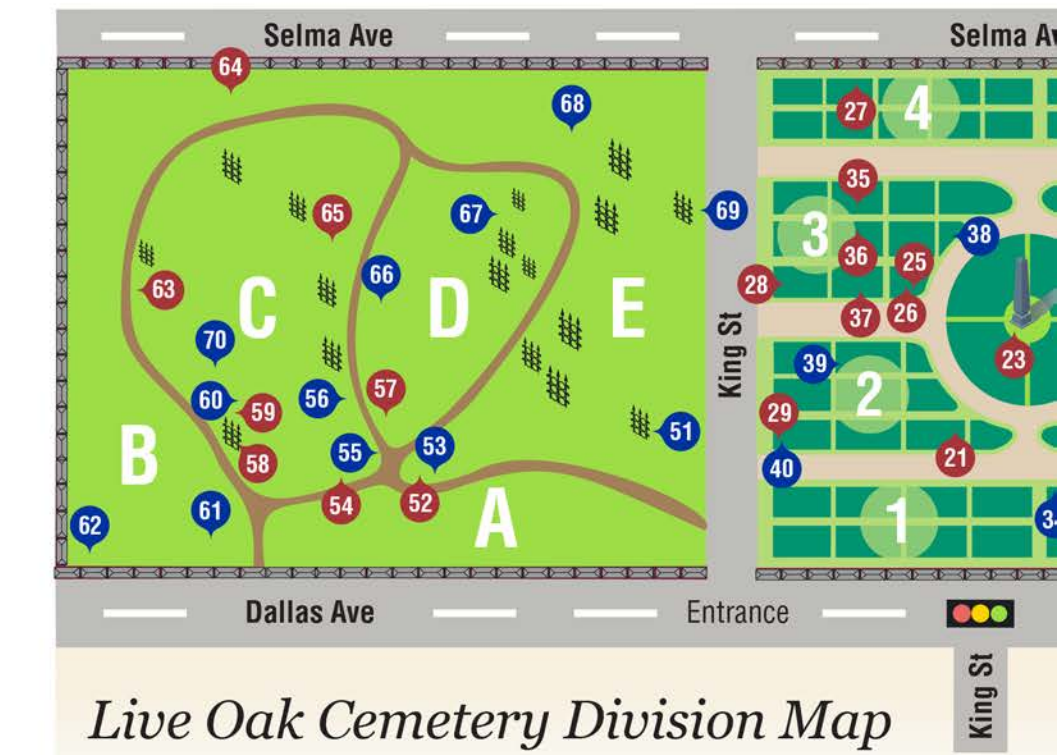


The small building on the edge of Confederate Memorial Circle is known as the "Spring House." This name came from the practice of having band concerts and Memorial Day programs there each Spring during the late 1800s.

25 Elodie Todd Dawson
Apr 1, 1840 - Nov 15, 1877; aged 37 yrs



Elodie Todd Dawson was the half-sister of Mary Todd Lincoln, the wife of President Abraham Lincoln. She had 17 full or half siblings. She spearheaded the effort to build the Confederate Monument in what is now Confederate Memorial Circle. After his wife's



Live Oak Cemetery Division Map

death, Nathaniel H.R. Dawson ordered the sculpture of his wife from Italy, but when it arrived he was dissatisfied with her hair so he sent the statue back to Italy for a rework.

26 Nathaniel H.R. Dawson
Feb 14, 1829 - Feb 1, 1895; aged 65 yrs

After the Civil War, he became the first Alabamian appointed as U.S. Commissioner of Education. He procured and planted 80 magnolia and 80 live oak trees for the cemetery in 1879.



The larger trees in the cemetery are from that original planting 140+ years ago.

27 1st Lt Bruce Kilpatrick Craig
Apr 8, 1914 - Jun 2, 1941; aged 27 yrs

Craig was born in Selma. In 1941 Craig Air Force Base was named in his honor but was closed in 1977. He was killed while acting as a civilian flight test engineer on an acceptance flight with the Consolidated Aircraft Company, when the British LB-30 Liberator he was in crashed into San Diego Bay on 2 June 1941. Three other crew members also perished.



28 George Oscar Baker
Feb 29, 1828 - Oct 16, 1891; aged 63 yrs

Baker and his wife had seven daughters and three sons. Baker was a mining engineer with interests in coal and gold mines, but is most famous for developing uses for cottonseed oil. He founded Central Oil Mill. He served as school board president, bank director, and supported construction of Selma's Academy of Music and Hotel Albert.



29 William Rufus DeVane King
Apr 7, 1786 - Apr 18, 1853; aged 67 yrs

King was a Diplomat, US Representative, Senator, and Vice-President of the United States, which was the highest political office of any Alabamian in American history. He was elected Vice President and died six weeks later.



Additional videos are being added to our website frequently.



Dallas Ave

- 00 = Point of Interest
- = Walking Trails
- = Unpaved Drive
- = Paved Street
- = Fenced Burial Plot

White Letters & Numbers
Old Section = A-E circa 1829
Newer Section = 1-16 circa 1877

30 Kathleen Moore Mallory
 Jan 24, 1879 - Jun 17, 1954 aged 75 yrs
 She was a teacher by trade. Between 1907 and 1912, she served in the city, state, and national Women's Missionary Union, becoming Executive Secretary until 1948 when she retired. Her 36 year tenure made her the longest serving executive the WMU has ever had. Her forward thinking regarding women's involvement, interracial work, and her financial insight helped grow WMU membership from 200,000 to 806,000 despite the depression.



31 Frances Etheridge Hogg
 Nov 24, 1886 - Apr 27, 1932; aged 45 yrs
 She achieved the rank of Colonel and Chief Nurse, of U.S. Army Nurse Corps. Col. Hogg was over the Army Nurses Corps. in France during WWI. She died at age 45 while on duty at the government hospital in North Carolina.



- 32 Mattie O Blunt Keith** See Video
- 33 Dr Courtney J Clark** See Video
- 34 Eddy Gilmore** See Video

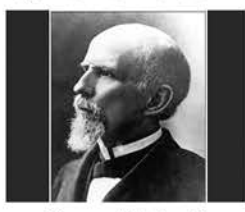
35 Catesby ap Roger Jones
 Apr 15, 1821 - Jun 20, 1877; aged 56 yrs
 Jones commanded the Ironclad vessel "Merrimac" versus the Monitor in the historic first battle of these two ironclads. Jones was sent to Selma in 1863 to command the naval ordinance works where he helped perfect the design of the famous Brooke Cannon, considered to be the superior rifled gun during the Civil War.



36 Hattie H. Hooker Wilkins
 Jul 28, 1875 - Dec 29, 1949; aged 74 yrs
 She was an American progressive era suffragist and women's rights activist. Wilkins was a founding member of the Alabama Equal Suffrage Association and the Alabama League of Women Voters. In 1923 she became the first woman elected to a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives.



- 37 Jonathan Haralson**
 Oct 18, 1830 - Jul 11, 1912; aged 81 yrs
 During the War Between the States he was an agent of the Niter and Mining Bureau of the Confederate States. In 1892 he was elected Associate Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court and was re-elected to this position until his retirement in 1908. Haralson was a trustee of Howard College, Dallas Academy, and the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Alabama. He served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1889 to 1898.
- 38 George Henry Craig** See Video
- 39 Samuel F. "Sam" Hobbs** See Video
- 40 John Tyler Morgan** See Video



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Old Section

- 51 Rev. Arthur Small** See Video
- 52 Seashell grave cover**
 The Seashell grave cover consists of seashells cemented on the mound over the grave to create a protective grave cover. This practice is reported as common across the Gulf Coast states but this is the only known example in Selma. This is the grave of 10 year old Cora Adelaide Wyatt who died Apr 28, 1871.
- 53 John Parkman** See Video
- 54 Cast Iron Grave Cover**
 Invented by Joseph R. Abrams, a civil engineer who resided in Greenville, AL. In 1873 he patented his idea for an improved cast iron grave-cover. This is the only known cast iron grave cover in the Selma area.



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Other Attractions



82

Selma Interpretive Center
Monday - Saturday
9 am - 4:30 pm
2 Broad St
Selma, AL 36701



83

Old Depot Museum
Monday - Friday
10 am - 4 pm
4 Martin Luther King St.
Selma, AL 36703



86

Sturdivant Hall Museum
Tuesday - Saturday
10 am - 4 pm
713 Mabry St
Selma, AL 36701



87

Vaughan Smitherman Museum
Check for hours
109 Union St
Selma, AL 36701



Old Cahawba Archaeological Park
Site of Alabama's first state capital - 20 minute drive from Selma
Park Grounds:
Open 7 days a week - 9 am - 5 pm
Visitor Center:
Open Thu - Mon - 10 am - 5 pm

55 **George Washington Gayle** See Video

56 **John M Strong** See Video

57 **Edmund Winston Pettus**
Jul 6, 1821 - Jul 27, 1907; aged 86 yrs

During the Mexican-American War in 1847-49, Pettus served as a lieutenant with the Alabama



Volunteers. Pettus also fought in the War Between the States from 1861-1864. In 1896, at the age of 75, he was elected to

represent Alabama in the U. S. Senate from 1897 to 1907. Pettus died while still in office. The Edmund Pettus Bridge was named in his honor when built in 1940 and later became a landmark of the American civil rights movement of 1965.

58 **William Joseph Hardee**
Oct 12, 1815 - Nov 6, 1873; aged 58 yrs

Hardee graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1838 and spent his career in the military. He served in the Second Seminole War and in the Mexican-American War. At the request of Secretary of War, Jefferson Davis,



Hardee published Hardee's Tactics, which became the best-known drill manual of the Civil War and was used by the North and the South.

“Walking is man’s best medicine”
Hippocrates

59 **Rose Pettus Weaver**
Jan 29, 1873 - Jul 16, 1954; aged 81 yrs

Weaver honed her skills as a sculptor, excelling at carving wood in the Beaux-Arts style. Her



exceptional talent is evident in the intricate panels she carved for a staircase in her family's Selma home.

Rose was just one of a multi-generational family of women artists that began in Selma. She is a sister to Selma artist Clara Weaver Parrish.

60 **Ann Weaver Norton** See Video

61 **George Peacock** See Video

62 **Wm. Benjamin Craig** See Video

63 **Benjamin Sterling Turner**
Mar 17, 1825 - Mar 21, 1894; aged 69 yrs

Turner was born into slavery. When Dr. James T. Gee went off to fight during the Civil War, he left



Turner, his trusted servant and friend, to run his hotel that is now known as the St James Hotel. Turner also engaged in business pursuits of

his own and set up a livery stable in Selma. At the end of the Civil War he became a free man, and quickly made himself the richest black man in Dallas County. He was elected in 1871 as Alabama's first African American congressman.

64 **Stacked Rocks Grave Marker**



65 **William Woodson Hendree**
Nov 6, 1851 - Jul 16, 1872; aged 20 yrs

Known as the “Boy Poet of Selma”, the poetry that William wrote was hidden from his parents until



after his death. He hid them from his father because he did not think his father would approve or think he was making anything

of himself. His mother's dying wish was to have the poetry published so his father published a book of his beautiful poems, which have been a source of pleasure to those who have had the good fortune to read them. The family is buried together in a tomb in Live Oak Cemetery.

66 **Phillip Weaver** See Video

67 **Albert G. Mabry, MD** See Video

68 **John W. Lapsley** See Video

69 **Jones-Featherston Plot** See Video

70 **Sophia P. Kingston** See Video



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