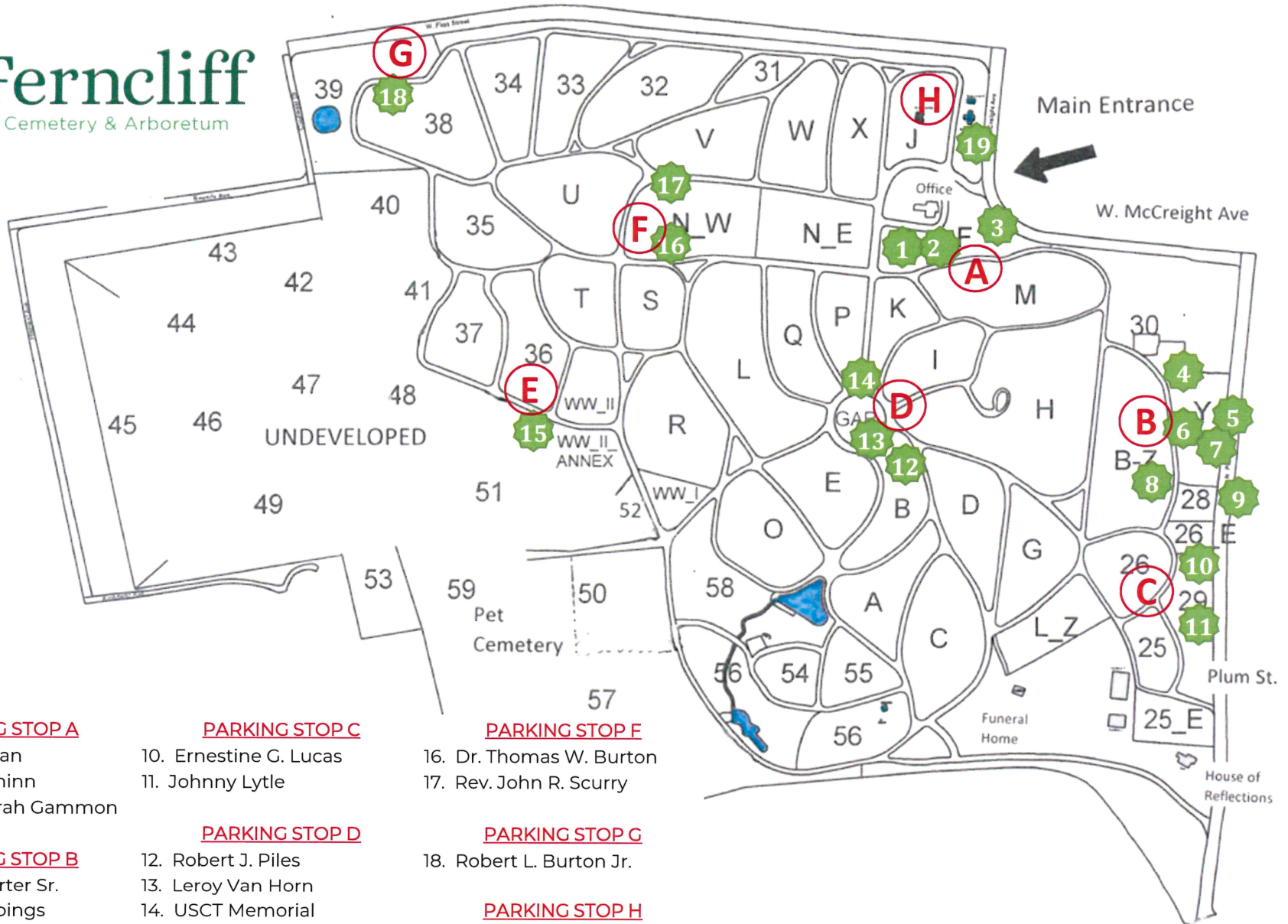


# TRAILBLAZER TOUR – Prominent African Americans at Ferncliff



**Ferncliff**  
Cemetery & Arboretum



**PARKING STOP A**

1. George Durgan
2. Broadwell Chinn
3. George & Sarah Gammon

**PARKING STOP B**

4. Dennis L. Porter Sr.
5. Viola Tyler Goings
6. Davey Moore
7. Hattie Moseley
8. Sully Jaymes
9. Dorothy & Jerome Bacon

**PARKING STOP C**

10. Ernestine G. Lucas
11. Johnny Lytle

**PARKING STOP D**

12. Robert J. Piles
13. Leroy Van Horn
14. USCT Memorial

**PARKING STOP E**

15. Brooks Lawrence

**PARKING STOP F**

16. Dr. Thomas W. Burton
17. Rev. John R. Scurry

**PARKING STOP G**

18. Robert L. Burton Jr.

**PARKING STOP H**

19. Robert C. Henry

**TRAILBLAZER TOUR**  
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Stop #	Space	Name	Bio/Info	Sect.	Lot
A	1	George Durgans	Hotel porter who used his position to gain valuable intelligence for the Underground Railroad.	F	31
A	2	Broadwell Chinn	First African American to graduate from Springfield High School and from Wittenberg. Lawyer, musician, teacher.	F	90
A	3	George & Sarah Gammon	Activists in the Underground Railroad and owners of the Gammon House, a noted safehouse.	F	92
B	4	Dennis L. Porter Sr.	One of the city's leading black business men. Founder of the current day Porter-Qualls - Freeman Funeral Home, still located on S. Yellow Springs St.	Y	161
B	5	Viola Tyler Goings	Teacher and educator, founder of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. An annual celebration is held at her grave every year on Founder's Day and is well attended by members of the sorority.	Y	118
B	6	Davey Moore	World Featherweight Boxing Champion from 1957 – 1963. 1952 Olympian. Died from a blow received during a championship bout in 1963.	Y	56
B	7	Hattie Moseley	Civic activist and leader in the Civil Rights movement. She fought for desegregation of Springfield schools.	Y	57
B	8	Sully Jaymes	Lawyer and community activist, committed to securing equal rights under the law. One of the first board members of the Center St. YMCA.	Big Z	66
B	9	Dorothy & Jerome Bacon	Civil Rights pioneers; Dorothy was secretary of the NAACP and Democratic committewoman. She was a leader in the founding of Perrin Woods Elementary, the first desegregated school in Springfield.	28	64
C	10	Ernestine G. Lucas	Local teacher, community activist, author and geneologist of African American history.	29	34
C	11	Johnny Lytle	World-renowned musician.	29	94
D	12	Robert J. Piles	One of original members of the Underground Railroad, a barber by profession.	B	76
D	13	Leroy Van Horn	Civil War soldier, instrumental in the the founding of Flag Day.	GAR	South End
D	14	USCT Memorial	US Colored Troop Civil War Memorial	GAR	
E	15	Brooks Lawrence	Professional baseball player with the St. Louis Cardinals and Cincinnati Reds.	WWII Annex	West
F	16	Dr. Thomas W. Burton	First African American physician in Springfield, Ohio, the first to open a drugstore, and the first to operate a successful African American newspaper.	N-W	454
F	17	Rev. John R. Scurry	A leader in Springfield's Underground Railroad network, he published a series of letters in 1908 that detailed the rich, complex history of local connections to the Underground Railroad.	N-W	17
G	18	Robert L. Burton Jr.	Former mayor of Springfield, Professor of Accounting at Clark State, and heavily involved in community activities.	38	108
H	19	Robert C. Henry	First Black mayor in Ohio, active in charitable and civic organizations, founder of the R.C. Henry Funeral Home.	Maus. 1	East Face