



## Cemetery History

The Kennesaw City Cemetery lies on the property of Camp McDonald, a former Confederate training ground for Georgia volunteers during the Civil War. The exact date that the cemetery was established is unclear, but the earliest known burial was in 1863.

It is thought that the Shumway family donated a tract of land for burial purposes prior to 1891 but record of this transaction hasn't been found. The cemetery on this land however, was evidently filling up by the turn of the century because the city purchased an additional 4 ½ acres in December 1900. An another ½ acre tract was acquired in 1903.

L.C. Chalker purchased a 1 ¼ acre tract of land next to the cemetery from Dr. J.W. Ellis in 1934 and he purchased another acre in 1948. Both were to be used for burials. The Chalker family deeded these portions of land to the city in the mid-1950's.

{History from [www.kennesaw-ga.gov](http://www.kennesaw-ga.gov)}

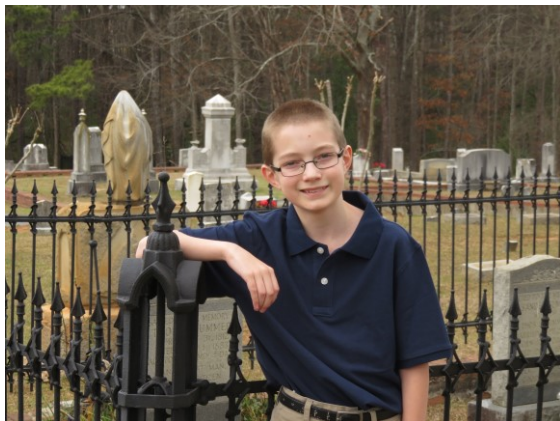
# Kennesaw City Cemetery Guided Walking Tour

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**Kennesaw City Cemetery  
Preservation Commission**

**Kennesaw Historical Society**



## Your Guide

Andrew Bramlett is 11 years old and is a life-long resident of Kennesaw. He has a love for history and tries to be involved in promoting Kennesaw and the history of our area. Currently Andrew is the Vice President of the Kennesaw Historical Society, an honorary member of the Cemetery Preservation Commission for the City of Kennesaw, a volunteer at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park and a special events volunteer with the Kennesaw Parks and Recreation department.

Andrew and his father, Lewis, have been doing research on some of the people buried at the Kennesaw City Cemetery and have put together the first of what they hope are several walking tours. This tour covers a broad mixture of people. The list includes a doctor, a preacher, several mayors, two postmasters, three railroad workers, a soldier, local businessmen, two teachers, etc.

Andrew will share brief stories about each of these people along the 30-minute tour. These individuals are just a few of the many fascinating people who have helped to make Kennesaw a wonderful place to live.

## On the tour:

### **SUMMERS FAMILY**

**WILLIAM E. MCCOLLUM**

**HARRY & NELLIE ROBERTS**

**GASPARD THEODORE CARRIE**

**JAMES GLENN LEWIS**

**JAMES A. SKELTON**

**DR. J.W. ELLIS**

**HELEN GARRETT ODOM**

**LUTHER C. CHALKER**

**SUSIE COX STEGALL**

**C.L. "HOSS" BOZEMAN**



## Support the Cemetery

The Kennesaw Cemetery Preservation Foundation, Inc. works in partnership with the Kennesaw Cemetery Preservation Commission to preserve and restore the cemetery - an historical and valuable resource located in the heart of downtown Kennesaw's Historic District.

The Kennesaw Cemetery is one of the most valuable historic resources of our community and remains a permanent reminder of our local heritage. Steps to aid in the preservation of Kennesaw's Historic Cemetery can not be successful without the help from individuals and businesses who have an interest in local culture and history and are committed to saving the physical remnants of the City's heritage.

The Kennesaw Cemetery Preservation Foundation, Inc. is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization, which means your donations made to the Foundation are fully tax-deductible.

To make a contribution to support the cemetery visit our website at [www.kennesawcemetery.org](http://www.kennesawcemetery.org)

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30 minute guided tour?

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