Hollywood Cemetery was formally dedicated on 25 June 1849. Designed by architect and landscape designer John Notman, Hollywood was modeled after the rural cemeteries popular during the mid-nineteenth century. In addition to providing a place for burials, these cemeteries were designed for the living to enjoy a natural, park-like setting. When James Monroe was reinterred there on 5 July 1858, the prestige of Hollywood was established. More than eighteen thousand Civil War soldiers and officers were buried there, solidifying Hollywood's place of importance in the hearts of Virginians. Other notables buried at Hollywood Cemetery include Jefferson Davis, Ellen Glasgow, and John Tyler. Hollywood continues as an active cemetery, frequented by tourists and locals alike who come to visit ancestral and notable gravesites, to admire the extensive examples of mortuary art and decorative cast iron, and to enjoy the lovely grounds and picturesque views.

ARCHIVAL AND MANUSCRIPTS MATERIAL


Plans, sections and elevations (five items) of the Mortuary Chapel at Hollywood Cemetery drawn 1897–1898 by M. J. Dimmock, architect.


This collection consists of the business records of the Hollywood Cemetery Company of Richmond, Virginia. These records include a list of original subscribers, copies of deeds to the property, plats, board of directors' minutes, correspondence with John Notman, registers of interments, and card indices to burials. Originals held by Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, and Hollywood Cemetery Company, Richmond.


Twelve volumes containing names and addresses of customers, prices charged, as well as sketches of the cemetery monuments, head-, corner-, and date stones, including specifications and inscriptions. Many of the entries indicate monuments placed in Hollywood Cemetery. Partial index available online at the Library of Virginia Web site.


Partial plan of Hollywood Cemetery and the Clarke Springs property.
This unpublished guide is available at all reference desks. See Richmond City section for a complete listing of available records of interments of Hollywood Cemetery.

MAP COLLECTION

_Copy of map distributed by Hollywood Cemetery detailing lots and sections._

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IMAGES

Various images, including postcards and photographs, are available for research in the Picture Collection. 
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