

The Campaign for Crown Hill, Phase Two: **The Roads to History**



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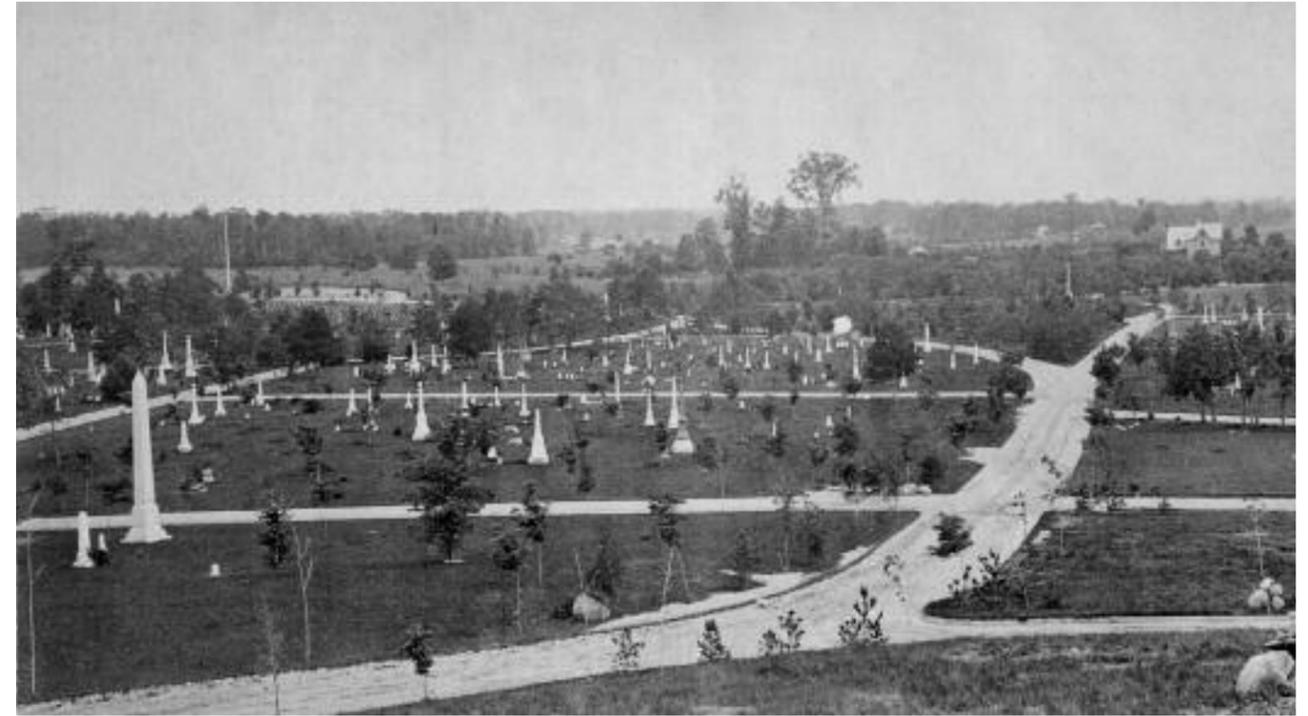
**If these roads could talk,
they would tell the stories
of more than 190,000
whose final resting place
is Crown Hill Cemetery,
the City on the Hill**



Crown Hill Cemetery contains over 25 miles of roads. Crown Hill began allowing automobiles onto its grounds on November 7, 1912, but the cemetery did not purchase a motorized vehicle for its own use until April 1918. It was not until February 7, 1933, that the last workhorse in the cemetery stables was sold.

The dirt pathways of the horse and buggy era gave way to crushed rock in the early 20th century, and later to today's paved surfaces. Many of Crown Hill's roads require repaving and maintenance. Every year, visitors and funeral processions take their toll on Crown Hill's pavement.

To help visitors locate some of Crown Hill's most famous landmarks, and to aid navigation between the North and South Grounds of the Cemetery, select roadways bear yellow and white guide-lines. These painted markings wear away and must be refreshed.



▲ General view from "Crown Hill," 1875. The West Entrance to the Cemetery is beyond the upper right, past the Superintendent's home. The National Cemetery appears at the upper left. (Photograph by D. R. Clark)

► Beyond the Badge Run and Walk, benefiting the Jason M. Baker Public Safety Scholarships. Held annually on September 10, this five-mile run (for individuals and fire/law enforcement teams), five-mile fun/fitness walk, and family stroll covers a scenic course which passes the Heroes of Public Safety section and monument and the Gothic Chapel, built in 1875. The run/walk route climbs up to "The Crown," Marion County's highest natural elevation at 842.21 feet.

► Cops Riding for COPS (Indiana Concerns of Police Survivors), August 31, 2006, in memory of Indiana State Trooper Gary Dudley and Lake County Sheriff's Department Chief Gary Martin.

◀ FACING PAGE: Funeral caissons and processions honor public safety officers killed in the line of duty.

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"Early Snow" Sue Allen, October 1981



The National Cemetery in Spring Marty Davis

Crown Hill is the nation's third largest non-governmental cemetery. It is a museum of state and local history, so designated in 1988—an outdoor museum with over 24,175,800 square feet of grounds and more than 200,000 square feet of indoor facilities. Within Crown Hill's 555 acres, more than 25 miles of roads link Indiana history from the Revolutionary War through the present day.