

**Notable Episcopalians
at Bellefontaine Cemetery**
(updated 4/30/2015)

Block 21, Lot 1327 - The Hawks Family

The Rt. Rev. Cicero Stephens Hawks (born New Berne, North Carolina 1812—died St. Louis, Missouri 1868)



Bishop Hawks was elected the first bishop of the new Diocese of Missouri in 1844. In addition to his Episcopal duties, for the first 10 years, he was also rector of Christ Church until the Diocese was finally able to provide a separate salary for its bishop. During his episcopate he oversaw the founding of more than 28 congregations across the State of Missouri and led us through the devastating time of cholera epidemics and the turbulent years of the Civil War.

Also buried in this lot is his first wife, Ann Jones Hawks, who he had known since childhood. She died July 1, 1855, and was apparently buried elsewhere before being moved to Bellefontaine in 1864.

Their daughter, Isabella, age 13, is also buried here. (1851-1864)

Bishop Hawks married a second time to Ada Leonard, daughter of Judge Abiel Leonard of Fayette, Howard County, Missouri in 1864.

The Bishop and Ada Hawks had three children: Abiel Leonard, born in 1865; Mary Everett, born in 1866; and Jeanette born in 1868 who was born one month after the death of her father. Abiel died in St. Joseph, Missouri in 1870 and is buried at Bellefontaine near his father.

Ada Hawks survived her husband. She moved to St. Joseph to be near her sister. In 1880, she married Mr. Charles Darby. She died in 1936 and is buried in Mount Mora Cemetery in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Block 68, Lot 570 - The Robertson Family

The Rt. Rev. Charles Franklin Robertson (born New York City, New York 1835—died St. Louis, Missouri 1886)

Bishop Robertson was the second Bishop of Missouri. He spent much of his time on the road (or rather, on a boat or on the train) and by the time of his death, there were more than 80 congregations across the Diocese which covered the whole State of Missouri. He was responsible for the establishment of the Parochial Trust



Fund (today's COEDMO) to hold title to church property. He brought the Sisters of the Good Shepherd to St. Louis to take charge of St. Luke's Hospital, and All Saints' Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri was established during his episcopate. The Sisters of the Good Shepherd established a school for girls that lasted more than 40 years and provided young women with a classical education. Bishop Robertson founded the first Diocesan newspaper in 1870 and it was published until the 1930's, giving us an invaluable resource for church and diocesan history.

Also buried in this lot is his wife, Rebecca Duane Robertson. She was apparently a woman of great ability in her own right and often the subject of entries in the Bishop's personal journal. She was the first president of the Missouri Woman's Auxiliary and active in helping to establish some of the Church's social agencies of the day. She also single-handedly raised \$30,000 to help pay off the debts of Christ Church in 1872 to save the building we know as the Cathedral today from foreclosure. She survived the Bishop by many years, and died in St. Louis in 1917.

Albert Robertson was just an infant when Bishop Robertson returned east to bring his family to St. Louis in 1869. Baby Albert died during the trip west, and the Bishop held him in his arms until they reached St. Louis, where he was buried at Bellefontaine.

Other children of the Bishop's, who are buried in this family lot include his son James (1931), his son-in-law Henry Chase (1916, husband of Frances Robertson) and grand-daughter Jane Scott Robertson (1910, daughter of his son Charles).

Harriet Constable Duane, Rebecca Robertson's mother (1794-1875), is also buried in the lot. Her stone carries inscriptions for Frances Constable Robertson Chase (1872-1955 - the Bishop's daughter), and Frances Robertson Jones (1953-1955) who may be Frances' grand-daughter. Neither Frances appears on the lot card, so these two inscriptions may be just memorials.

An interesting note about daughter Frances: When she was born, she simply didn't wait for the doctor to arrive and was delivered by her father. The doctor congratulated the Bishop on his excellent work! Surely, Rebecca deserves some of the credit!



Block 283, Lot 4218 - The Tuttle Family

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Sylvester Tuttle (born Windham, New York 1837—died St. Louis, Missouri 1923)

Bishop Tuttle was the third Bishop of Missouri. In 1866, he was elected Missionary Bishop of Montana, with jurisdiction in Idaho and Utah. He was not yet 30 years old as required by Canon Law. Three months after his 30th birthday he was consecrated. He would spend the next 19 years in the West before he was called to Missouri in 1886.

Covering the entire State of Missouri had become an impossible task for one bishop, and in 1890 the Diocese was divided, creating the Diocese of West Missouri. Bishop Tuttle's episcopate was one of mission and missionary work. While some congregations had closed, more than 30 new ones would be established. In 1903, following the death of Presiding Bishop Clark, Bishop Tuttle became Presiding Bishop, based on his seniority in the House of Bishops, serving through seven General Conventions and two Lambeth Conferences. He would hold both positions until his death in 1923.

Harriet Foote Tuttle (born Roxbury, Connecticut 1841—died St. Louis, Missouri 1899), was the daughter of the rector of Daniel Tuttle's first Church in Morris, New York. They married in 1865, just 2 years before he was called to be a Missionary Bishop. They would have four children during their years in the West.

Other family members also buried in this lot:

Minerva Tuttle Foote (1815-1905), Harriet Tuttle's mother
Herbert Tuttle (1869-1917), the Bishop's son
Daniel Tuttle II (1900-1921), George and Grace Tuttle's son, age 20, a student at Yale
George Marvine Tuttle (1866-1926), the Bishop's son
Sarah Kathrine White (born New York 1852, died St. Louis, Missouri 1937), Harriet Tuttle's sister who moved to St. Louis in 1899 after the death of Harriet Tuttle, and who had been the Bishop's housekeeper and his secretary in his later years
Grace Wallace Tuttle, (1870-1944), George's wife
Wallace Tuttle (1907-1991), George and Grace's son
Lois Bader Tuttle

(Note: Bishop and Mrs. Tuttle had twins, Howard and Katherine, born in January 1873 in Salt Lake City. Both died as infants, Howard by accidental poisoning and Katherine of whooping cough. They are buried in Mt. Olivette Cemetery in Salt Lake City. Because their grave marker has become badly worn, the Diocese of Utah has recently installed a bronze plaque in front of the marker to preserve the memory of the children.)



Block 30, Lot 1432 & 2198

Sister Catherine Minard and the Sisterhood of the Good Shepherd

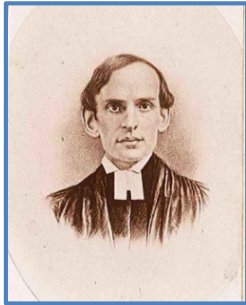
This is actually two lots—one originally set aside for members of Sister Catherine's family, and the other for members of the Order.

In 1872, the Sisterhood of the Good Shepherd, and Sister Catherine Minard, their superior, were asked by Bishop Robertson to come to Missouri from Baltimore to take over management of St. Luke's Hospital and the Orphans Home. In 1874-1875, they opened School of



the Good Shepherd for young women. In 1886, following the death of Bishop Robertson, the name of the School was changed to Bishop Robertson Hall.

Sister Catherine (born St. Louis, Missouri 1837—died Jefferson, Kentucky 1917) was the only surviving daughter of the Rev. Peter Minard, the priest who came to Missouri with Bishop Kemper when he became Missionary Bishop in 1835.



The Rev. Mr. Minard (born Connecticut c. 1800—died St. Louis, Missouri 1846) served Christ Church, and then founded the second Episcopal Church in St. Louis – St. Paul's at 5th and Wash. He died of consumption in 1846 and was buried at Christ Church Cemetery.

The Rev. Mr. Minard's first wife, Elizabeth, had died in Connecticut before he came to St. Louis. His second wife, Julia, died in 1840, as did their daughter Frances. Both Julia and Frances were originally buried in the City Grave Yard and then moved to Christ Church Cemetery when that cemetery opened.

Henrietta Chalwill Minard (1844-1845) was the daughter of Peter and his third wife, widow Mary Doan Minard.

Mary Doan Minard's Will provided funds for the relocation of members of the Minard family from Christ Church Cemetery to Bellefontaine. The location of Mary Doan Minard's burial is unknown, but may be with her own or her first husband's family.

In addition to Sister Catherine, several members of the Sisterhood are buried in this lot:

Sister Oden - Virginia West (born MD c. 1831 - died St. Louis, MO 1883)
Sister Louise - Sarah L. Jones (born MD c. 1819 – died St. Louis, MO 1886)
Sister Marie - Marie Gavin (died 1896)
Sister Mary - Mary James (born England c. 1830 – died St. Louis, MO 1901)
Sister Josephine - Josephine Ringold (born MD 1839 – died St. Louis, MO 1906)
Sister Susan - Susan Browne (born MD c. 1838 - died St. Louis, MO 1911)
Sister Miriam - Susan Ellis (born Jackson, MS 1852 – died St. Louis, MO 1936)
Annie Jones was a resident associate (1882)

Sister Cornelia (Mrs. L. C. Gavin) and Sister Caroline (Caroline Foster) died before the Sisterhood came to St. Louis and their remains may have been reinterred here from a cemetery in Baltimore.

When Bishop Robertson Hall closed in 1915, Sister Catherine retired to Kentucky. Sister Rutger went to work for the Church of the Redeemer. Sister Miriam moved to Baden in North St. Louis to devote her time to Prince of Peace Mission, which had been organized by several of the sisters in 1911. She was known as the Angel of Baden, providing care for

the people of the community as well as for the Mission. She was the last surviving member of the Sisterhood. She died in 1936.

The Rev. Franklin Weddell (1930) and his wife, Flora, (1954) are buried in this lot because of their close association with Sister Miriam. He was special missionary in the Diocese with responsibility for several missions, including Prince of Peace.

Sister Rutgar (Mary R. Graham). Block 108, Lot 804. After her death on February 19, 1928, she was buried with her family at Bellefontaine.

Block 44, Lot 821 - Episcopal Home for Children

"St. John's Church Association for the Relief of orphans and destitute persons" was established on January 30, 1843, by the women of the congregation. It quickly broadened its support to include board members from all St. Louis episcopal churches in this new venture for the care of abandoned children.



There are 29 children buried in this lot at Bellefontaine. The first burial took place in 1876 for Helen Wallace, 21 days old, who died of convulsions. Many of these children were less than 1 year old and, while we don't know why they were wards of the Orphans Home, we might assume that many were left by parents who were unable to care for sick children. The diseases of these children were many and included meningitis, syphilis, and a myriad of lung infections.

The final burial in this lot was in 1888. In 1952 when Wesleyan Cemetery at Hanley and Olive was closed and remains removed, three sets of unidentified remains from the Orphans Home lot there were moved to Bellefontaine and reinterred together in front of the monument. Wesleyan officials originally believed that 20 children had been buried there, but these were the only remains that could be located.

Block 80, Lot 1013 – Episcopal Home for Children

The Orphans Home purchased an earlier lot at Bellefontaine, probably soon after the Cemetery opened. There is no central monument and no markers to indicate graves, but more than 60 children are buried here.

Block 39, Lot 5605 - The Thompson Lot

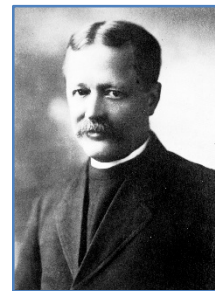
Frank Clement Thompson (born St. Louis 1864—died St. Louis 1941) and his wife, Mattie Henry Thompson, (born St. Louis 1866—died St. Louis 1939) were long-time Episcopalians and members of Emmanuel Church, Webster Groves.

Mr. Thompson was an industrialist and President of Carondelet Foundry. He was a director of the Dorris Motor Car Company and one of the first directors of the newly chartered Southwest Bank. Generous with both time and money, their names often appear on lists of donors to public causes. The theatre-style seating for Schuyler Hall in the new Bishop Tuttle Memorial was their gift to the Cathedral. Mr. Thompson served as a member of the Diocesan Board of Missions, a trustee of the Permanent Fund for the Support of the Episcopate and as an alternate deputy to General Convention. Mrs. Thompson was an active member and Emmanuel representative to the Woman's Auxiliary and her name often appears in the newspaper in conjunction with art and literary events. The Thompsons had no children. Mrs. Thompson pre-deceased her husband. After his death, funds were left to Emmanuel Church for the construction of Thompson Chapel, their gift to their parish. The remainder of their estate, both real estate and monetary, was given to the Bishop of Missouri, establishing a permanent fund titled the "Frank C. and Mattie H. Thompson Memorial Trust," to be used at the bishop's discretion. Their lovely Tudor style home, Arbor Lodge at 522 Big Bend in Webster Groves, served as Thompson House, our diocesan retreat center for many years.

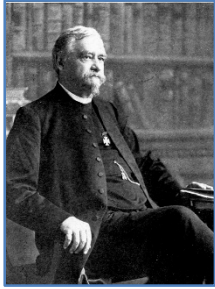


Other Notable Episcopalians to look for at Bellefontaine:

The Rev. Carroll M. Davis. Block 25, Lot 2559—died March 2, 1932. Dean of Christ Church Cathedral. Originally from California, he came to Missouri from California to serve as Diocesan Missionary, caring for many of the mission churches. In 1890 he became senior assistant at the Cathedral, and dean in 1896. He served in many capacities in the Diocese including Standing Committee and clerical deputy to General Convention where he was elected Secretary of the House of Deputies. In WWI, he served in France as a chaplain for the Red Cross. In the 1920's he moved to New York to become domestic secretary to the Department of Missions of the National Council. Dean Davis is buried here with his wife, Maude Reber Davis, and their four children, all of whom died in infancy.



The Rev. Stephen Gassaway. Block 65, Lot 66. Rector of St. George's Church. The Rev. Mr. Gassaway was killed in an explosion of the White Cloud riverboat on the St. Louis riverfront on February 16, 1859. He is buried in the John O'Fallon lot, though there is no marker for him, and the location of the exact burial within the lot is an estimation according to cemetery records.



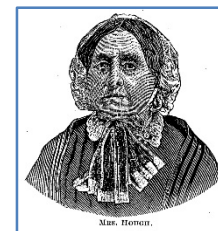
The Rev. Patrick Gibson Robert D.D. Block 220, Lot 4631. Rector of Church of the Holy Communion. The Rev. Dr. Robert died September 26, 1904 at the age of 77. Originally from Virginia, he came to Missouri in 1869 from Christ Church, Little Rock, Arkansas in 1869. He served many years on the Standing Committee, three times as clerical deputy to General Convention, and was well known throughout St. Louis. His wife, Elizabeth (Bessie or Betty), is buried next to him, and several of their children are buried in the same lot.

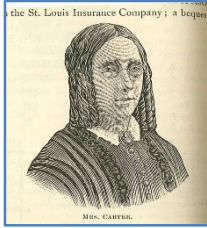
The Rev. Arthur Brittain. Block 4, Lot 5504. Rector of St. John's Church. The Rev. Mr. Brittain died November 20, 1918. During his years as rector of the parish he discovered that boys who were over age 12 were too old to remain in the Orphans Home, and many were forced to live on the streets. He began taking them into his home. This was not the best solution, and with the help of Julia Upshaw, he became one of the founding members of a residence hall where the boys could live until they finished school and could take care of themselves. Originally named Griswold Hall, the name was changed after his death to Brittain Hall.



Malvern Clopton M.D. Block 96, Lot 5429. Dr. Clopton died April 21, 1947. He was a professor of clinical surgery at Washington University School of Medicine and Chief of Staff at St. Luke's Hospital. He was a life-long Episcopalian, and close friend of Bishop Scarlett. His challenge gift of \$100,000 to the Diocese in the early 1930's, remained anonymous until after his death. Today, this is the James Theodore Walker Trust, named in memory of his stepson. The trust continues to provide funds for the support of the Diocese. He and his second wife provided the funds to build Grace Church in Clarksville, Missouri. He is buried here with his first wife, Lily Lambert Walker Clopton, and his stepson.

Emmeline E. Hough. Block 51, Lot 661. Mrs. Hough was an early member of Christ Church, and one of the earliest first directresses (or chairman/president) of the Orphans Home, serving from 1844 to 1849. She died April 29, 1885, and is buried with her husband Daniel Hough and other members of the family.





Rebecca A. Carter: Block 65, Lot 1926. Mrs. Carter died March 9, 1873. The Carters may also have been early members of Christ Church. Mrs. Carter was the beloved First Directress of the Orphans Home, following Mrs. Hough in the position and serving for more than 26 years. She did not live to see the results of years of hard work and dedication — completion of the new orphanage building on Grand Avenue in 1874. She is buried here with her husband Walker R. Carter and near her parents Henry M. and Mary Shreve.

Sarah Hitchcock Shepley. Block 60, Lot 156. Mrs. Shepley died March 14, 1957. She served for many years as an officer of the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary, including several terms as president. In 1936, she organized the City Mission Society at the request of Diocesan Council, to serve as a support organization for the Mission to City Institutions. She served as president for the next 17 years, organizing membership and raising funds to support the work of the City Mission staff. She is buried here with her husband John F. Shepley.