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### **Our Buried Presidents**

Would the readers like to know where deceased Presidents of the United States are buried? As I looked over an old scrap book dated 1883, I found a reference to many of these facts and that took me on to look up those who came later and were not listed, so I am giving you the completed list today through James A. Garfield and hope that the readers will appreciate it.

The body of George Washington is resting in a brick vault at Mt. Vernon, in a marble coffin. Martha is beside him.

John Adams was buried in a vault beneath the Unitarian Church at Quincy. The tomb is blocks of rough-faced granite.

John Quincy Adams lies in the same vault beside his father. In the church above, on either side of the pulpit, are tablets of clouded marble, each surmounted by a bust and inscribed with the highest office in the gift of the American people.

Thomas Jefferson lies in a small unpretentious private cemetery, of 100 feet square, near Monticello.

James Madison's remains rest in a beautiful spot on the old Madison estate, near Orange, Va.

James Monroe's body reposes in Hollywood Cemetery, in Virginia, on an eminence, commanding a beautiful view of Richmond and the James River. Above the body is a huge block of polished Virginia marble, supporting a coffin shaped block of granite, on which are brass plates, suitably inscribed. The whole is surrounded by a sort of gothic temple — four pillars supporting a peaked roof, to which something of the appearance of a bird cage is imparted by filling in the interstices with iron gratings.

Andrew Jackson was buried in the corner of the garden at Hermitage, his family home, eleven miles from Nashville. The tomb is eighteen feet in diameter, surrounded by fluted columns and surmounted by an urn. The tomb is surrounded by magnolia trees. Other members of the family are also buried there as well as a faithful, colored man servant.

Martin Van Buren was buried at Kinderhook. The monument is a plain granite shaft fifteen feet high.

William Henry Harrison was buried at North Bend, fifteen miles from Cincinnati.

John Tyler's body rests within ten yards of that of James Monroe in Hollywood Cemetery. It is marked by no monument, but it is surrounded by magnolias and flowers.

James K. Polk lies in a private garden of the family residence in Nashville, Tenn. It is marked by a limestone monument, with doric columns.

Zachary Taylor was buried in Cave Hill cemetery, Louisville. The body was subsequently to be removed to Frankfort, where a suitable monument was to be erected, commemorative of his distinguished services.

Millard Fillmore's remains lie in the beautiful Forest Lawn cemetery of Buffalo, and his grave is surrounded by a lofty shaft of Scotch granite.

Franklin Pierce was buried in the Concord, N.H. cemetery, and his grave is marked by a marble monument.

James Buchanan's remains lie in the Woodward Hill Cemetery at Lancaster, Pa., in a vault of masonry. The monument is composed of a single block of Italian marble.

Abraham Lincoln rests in Oak Ridge cemetery, Springfield, Ill., enclosed in a sarcophagus of white marble. The monument is a great pile of marble, granite and bronze.

Andrew Johnson's grave is on a cone-shaped eminence, half a mile from Greenville, Tenn. The monument is of marble, beautifully ornamented.

The body of James A. Garfield has been placed in a tomb at Cleveland, Ohio.