

**JAMES HOWARD RUSSELL
(1823-1895)**

It is said that James Howard Russell learned the art of marble cutting and carving while working in railroad construction, though he also was a Yreka butcher for a time before returning to Ashland in 1854. At the age of 31 on May 9, 1854 he wed Ann Haseltine Hill, who was 16 years old. He is credited with creating the earliest marble monuments in Jackson, Josephine, Double, Klamath and Lake Counties in Oregon and Shasta County in California. In 1865, Russell built a water-powered marble mill on Ashland Creek, using Oregon marble and local sandstone until trains could bring the softer Vermont marble to Southern Oregon beginning in 1886. In 1931, son James Buchanan Russell finished a headstone started by his parents in 1864 and this piece is one of several that mark the Russell Family plot.

JOHN GIBBS (1821-1853)

Gibbs was gravely injured at the Patrick Dunn homestead in 1853 at the start of the Rogue Indian War and was moved to Fort Wagner where he died three days later in the arms of his friend, James Russell. Gibbs was a partner with James H. Russell, and Major Hugh F. Barron in the construction of the Mountain House, located 8 miles south of Ashland, Oregon at the intersection of their donation land claims. Built in 1852 with the first lumber from the first sawmill in the Rogue Valley, the Mountain House was and still is the oldest framed formal residential building in Southern Oregon. Russell was the administrator of Gibbs' estate, which was probated in Jackson County in 1858. After Gibbs' death, Russell left for a time to establish a butcher shop in Yreka, California and Barron married and became sole owner of the partnership's properties. Between 1858 and 1885 the Mountain House served as an Oregon-California Trail stage coach stop and housed



travelers. An addition was made in 1887 and the building was significantly restored in 2002. Mountain House stayed in the Barron family until 1960 when it was sold to Adrian Barrats. The Mountain House stands today at 1148 Old Highway 99 and was a bed and breakfast for a time, now a private residence. The building was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2004.

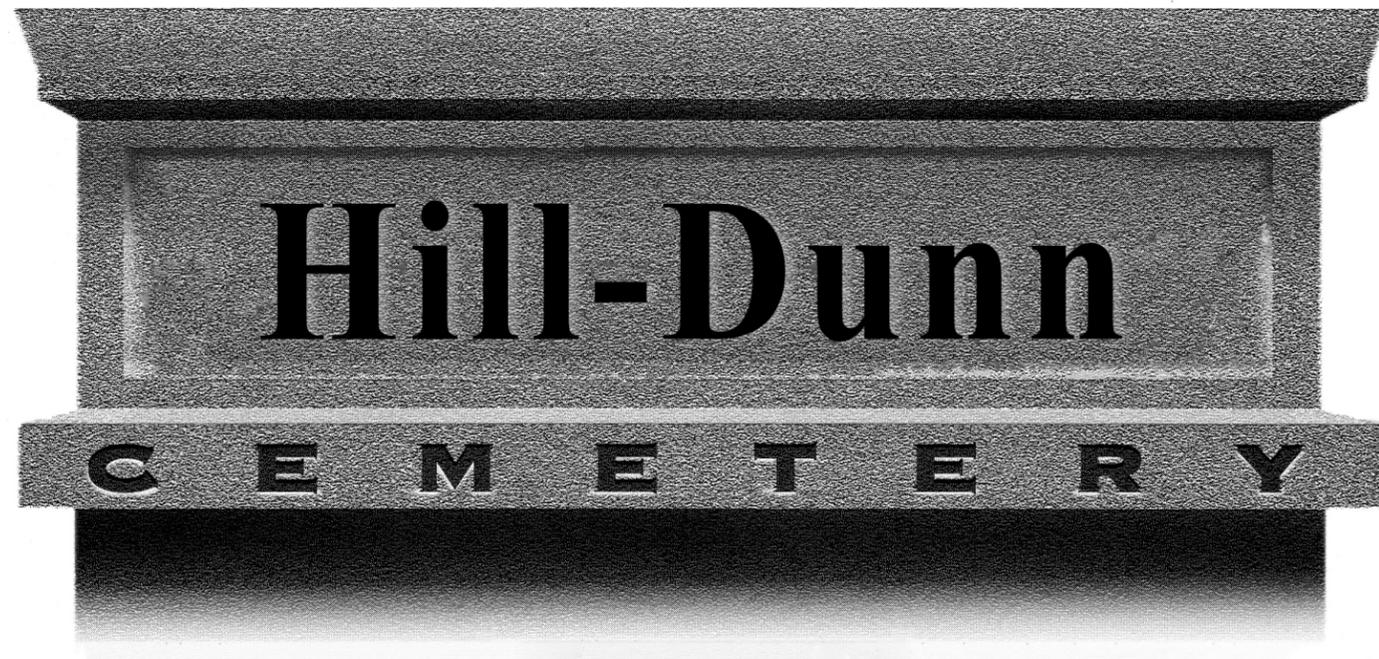
**ANDREW DOSIER (1843-1927)
LIVONIA DOSIER (1854-1936)**

The Dosiers' settled above Emigrant Creek in 1876 on land purchased from Michael Murphy at what is now 301 Buckhorn Road, Ashland. They named their first son Philander Dosier after Livonia's father, Philander Powell, who kept a journal of his journey west and first bought property here in 1866. Two of the Dosier sons, Philander and Hugh used the Dozier spelling while George preferred Dosier. Andrew Dosier passed the land to his first son, Philander, whose descendant LaVeta Dosier Howell and her husband Richard still lived on the property in 1976 when the property was named a Century Farm. Many Dosiers or Doziers and their descendants with the names of Howell, Gibson, Bilderback, Walker, Baer, and others still live in the Rogue Valley.

**UNKNOWN VETERANS
KILLED IN THE ROGUE
INDIAN WARS (1853-1854)**

Isham was the first burial in what would become known as the Hill-Dunn Cemetery, and was soon followed by at least 17 others killed in battle. The bodies were prepared for burial by Elizabeth Ann Fine Hill. Her husband, Isaac, "would make a rude casket and neighbors dig the graves with solemn brother love."

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The Hill-Dunn Cemetery is located on top of a rise overlooking Emigrant Lake. The cemetery was first established in 1853 when Isaac and Elizabeth Hill gave the land as a free burial ground during the Rogue Indian Wars making a final resting place for their nephew, Isham Keith. Martha Louise Hill Gillette fell heir to part of the ground in 1864, and reserved 2 acres to honor the desire of her parents," selling the remainder of the property to David Chapman. Ann

Russell noted in a memoir that in 1923, a half acre of the cemetery was restored and fenced in by herself, Domingo Perozzi, and Edgar B. Barron and the cemetery dedeed to the public school director, who was George Washington Dunn, son of Patrick Dunn. There are no Dunn family members buried in the Hill-Dunn Cemetery.

Emigrant Lake was enlarged in 1958 by the Bureau of Reclamation to provide increased irrigation to the lower Rogue Valley. The larger dam caused the relocation of some

156 graves to higher ground, what is now the cemetery's current location. Ironically, the engineer responsible for the design and execution of the reburial plan was Bureau engineer Frank E. Ross, grandson of John E. Ross, an officer in the Rogue Indian Wars who established a donation land claim in Central Point on what is now Ross Lane.

The Hill-Dun Cemetery is administered by the Hill Cemetery Association and the cemetery has no funding, no perpetual support, and no available plots.



**Hill-Dunn Cemetery
Hwy 66, Past Emigrant Lake
Emigrant Dam Access Road
Ashland, Oregon**

ISAAC WILLIAM HILL
(1805-1864) ELIZABETH
ANN FINE HILL (1806-1879)

Isaac Hill first laid eyes on the Rogue Valley in 1850 on his way from the mouth of the Columbia to the gold fields of California. Three years later, in 1853, he established a donation land claim on what is now Emigrant Lake and settled his wife, Elizabeth Ann Fine Hill and their children in a crude, one-room cabin. His land holdings quickly grew to 640 adjoining acres. The three Hill daughters were prime for marriage: Martha Louise at 22, Mary Minerva at 17, and Ann Haseltine just 15. Martha Louise married Almon Virgil Gillette in 1855; Mary Minerva married Patrick Dunn in 1854; Ann Haseltine married James Russell in 1854. Their marriages consolidated the families' political power, property, and wealth, bringing forth many descendants.

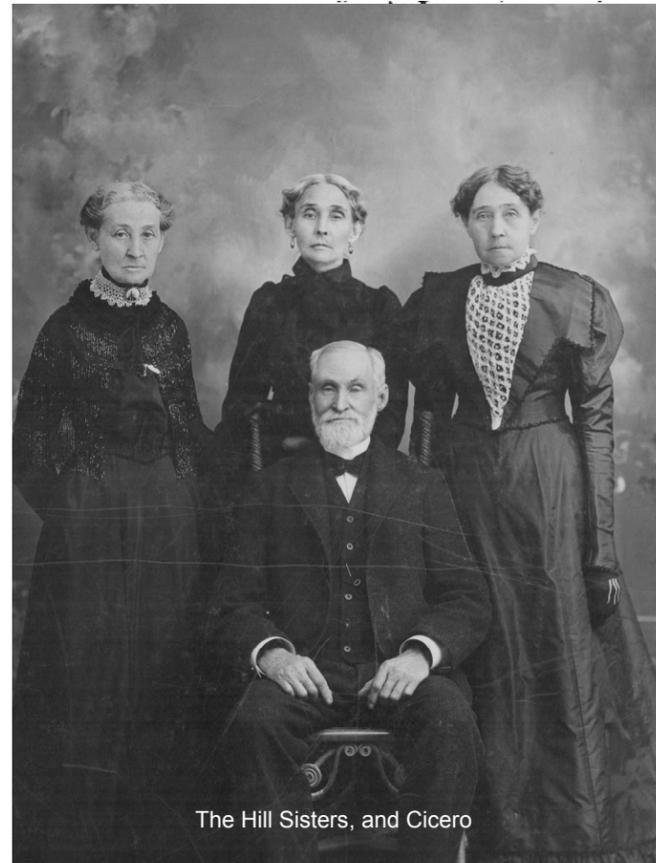
ISHAM KEITH (1834-1853)

Isham Keith was just 19 years old in 1853 when he was killed at the battle of Evans Creek under the command of Col. John E. Ross in what would become known as the Rogue Indian Wars. His mother, Mary L. Keith, called upon her brother Isaac Hill to bury her son. The original sandstone vault was made by Mr. Goff of Yreka, California and is said to be the first grave marked with cut stone in three counties of Southern Oregon. The sandstone has deteriorated so the inscription is no longer legible but a new marble marker was placed in 1958 that shows the inscription: "Sacred to the memory of Isham Keith, son of Alexander and Mary L. Keith. Born September 13 A.D. 1834, He fell in the battle fought with the Rogue Indians on Evans Creek, August 17, 1853. This tomb is erected over his silent and vaulted chamber by his mother Mary

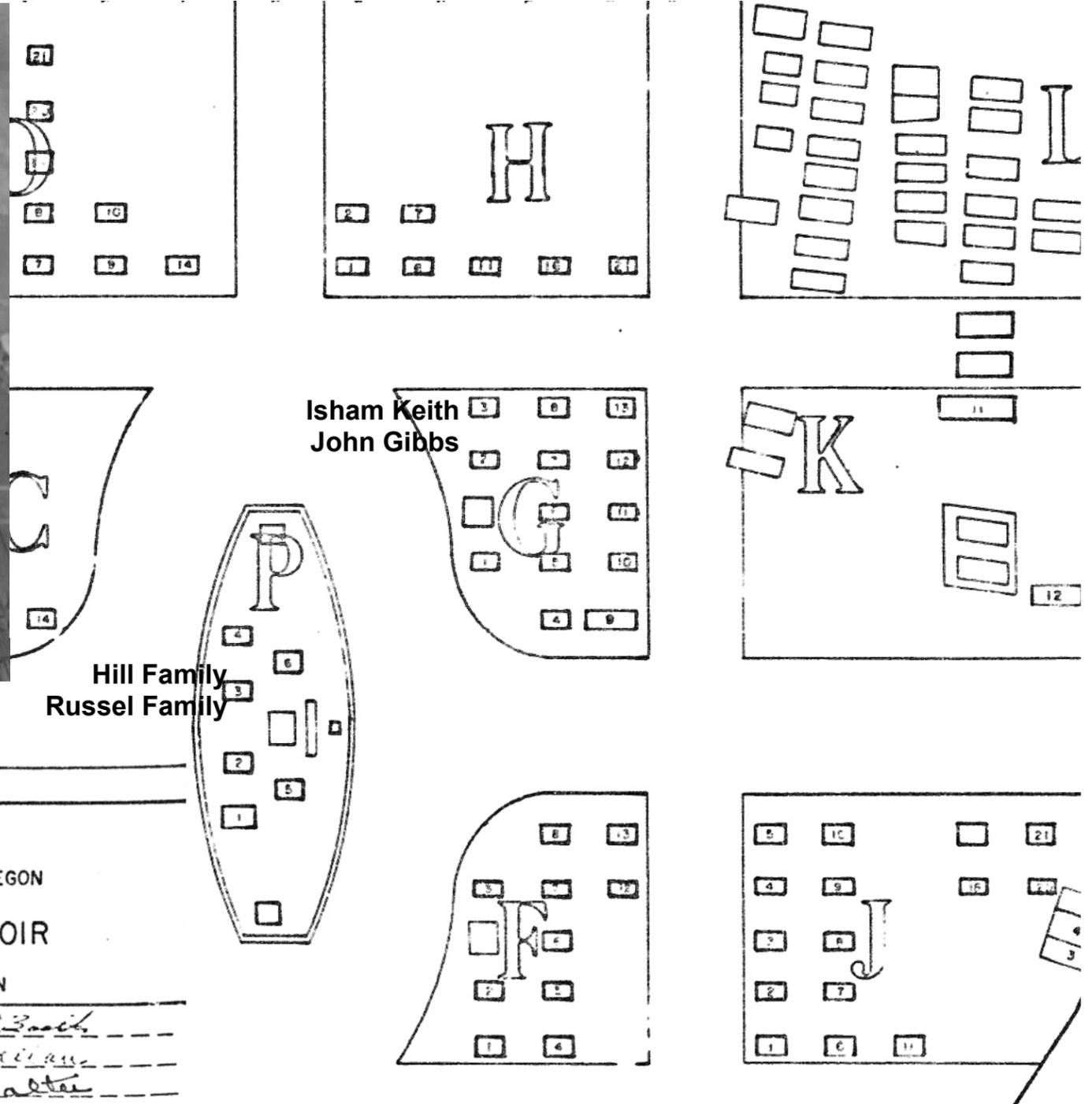
L. Kelly who feels his death like the rose feels the blighted frost. Fearlessly he stood upon that bloody field, bravely until his mournful doom was sealed. He faced the savage foe, the earthly hopes all wither at thy tomb. The fatal shot left naught for me but gloom my son that laid thee low."

ANN HASELTINE HILL
RUSSELL (1838-1930)

Ann Russell is perhaps the best-known resident of the Hill-Dunn Cemetery. She was a daughter of pioneer settler Isaac Hill and a gifted artist in her own right. Ann learned the marble cutting and carving trade from her husband, James Howard Russell and continued his work after James' death in 1895. Russell was an ardent temperance supporter, and the temperance bow and clasped hands are characteristic of her work, which can be found in cemeteries throughout Jackson and Josephine counties. Russell is remembered not only because of her skill and productivity, but also because of her long life, dying at the age of 92, and because she kept written diaries and journals that described her life and times. The diaries can be found in the Southern Oregon University archives.



The Hill Sisters, and Cicero



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CAMP WHITE, OREGON SEPTEMBER 16, 1958

NAME	NO.	LOT	NO.
ANDERSON, EVA	6	D	7
BURNS, LILY	8	A	22
BURNS, CHAS.	7	A	21
BUCK, S.	155	I	8
BELL, NANCY	154	I	7
BLANTON, JOHN	153	I	6
CROMWELL, IVA, A	60	C	12
CROMWELL, CHAS. W.	62	C	13
CHAPMAN, CHILD OF TOM	97	D	4
CLARK, ALICE	77	C	6
CUNNINGHAM,	5R	G	10
CONDRE,	52	D	8
COLCLOUGH, COL. J.W.	19	G	8
DYER, HUBERT	148	J	10
DYER, HANNAH	146	J	8
GRUBB, J.M.	149	D	6
G O'UTY, ANGELINE	100	H	2
GILLETTE, ELIZ. I.	66	F	6
GILLETTE, CHAS. H.	67	F	7
GILLETTE, ELINOR E.	72	F	12
GILLETTE, GEO. V.	73	F	13
GIBBS, JOHN	28	G	12
HARRIS, CHAS. A.	65	F	5
HOWARD, GRACE	121	E	10
HOWARD, JONNIE	120	E	9
HOWARD, ZENAS	133	E	3
HOWARD, FRANK	119	E	8
HOWARD, TOM	118	E	7
HOWELL, NELSON H.	91	C	7
HAMILTON, ROBERT T.	54	D	9
HAMILTON, MRS. R. T.	53	D	10
HILL, ELIZABETH	36	P	6
HILL, ISAAC	35	P	5
HOWARD, FANNY	134	E	4
JARVIS,	110	N	8
JARVIS,	111	N	8
JARVIS,	112	N	8
JARVIS,	113	N	8
JARVIS, ROSCOE	122	N	17
KEENE, GRANVILLE	29	G	13
LACY, BEVERLY M. (BABY)	75	D	1
LACY, EMILY (BABY)	76	D	2
LATHROP, RAY N.	99	H	1
LETTEKIN, ADAM	17	C	4
GILLETTE, LITTLE FRANK F.	39	F	4
MC'CONNEL, CAROLINE	71	F	3
NIMS, HAZEL	70	F	1
MC'CONNEL, CAPT. GEO. F.	69	F	2
MC'COY, AMY B. BABY	114	E	21
MAINARD,	106	E	22

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