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The History of Delaware and Oak Grove Cemetery

Oak Grove Cemetery is a wealth of history in a park-like setting in the middle of the City of Delaware. It provides a glimpse into Delaware's past and the people who lived here. We invite you to visit Oak Grove and bring this map. ***Try to locate the markers for each of the people below and answer the questions. Each question number corresponds with the location number on the cemetery map.***

1. How many people are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery and what was the land used for before it became a cemetery? (Hint: Read the bronze sign at the cemetery entrance.)

2. Can you find a big tree that is not a real tree in the cemetery? It is carved from Indiana limestone. The owner of this monument, **Frederick P. Vergon**, was a world famous orchardist, builder of Greenwood Lake and nationally recognized authority on raising short-horn cattle. (Look closely at the tree and list the things you can find in and on and around the tree.)

3. He was Delaware's first doctor, first druggist, first Delaware County Recorder. **Answer: Dr. Reuben Lamb**

4. Here, many soldiers of the Civil War, Spanish American War and World War I are buried, including 14 unknown black Civil War "Buffalo" Soldiers. What is the name of the section? (Note- The "G.A.R." on the marker stands for Grand Army Republic) **Answer: Soldier's Circle**

5. Rutherford B. Hayes was born in Delaware and his parents are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, but he is not. He is named after his father, who died before he was born. Can you find his parent's marker? What is his mother's name? **Answer: Sophia**

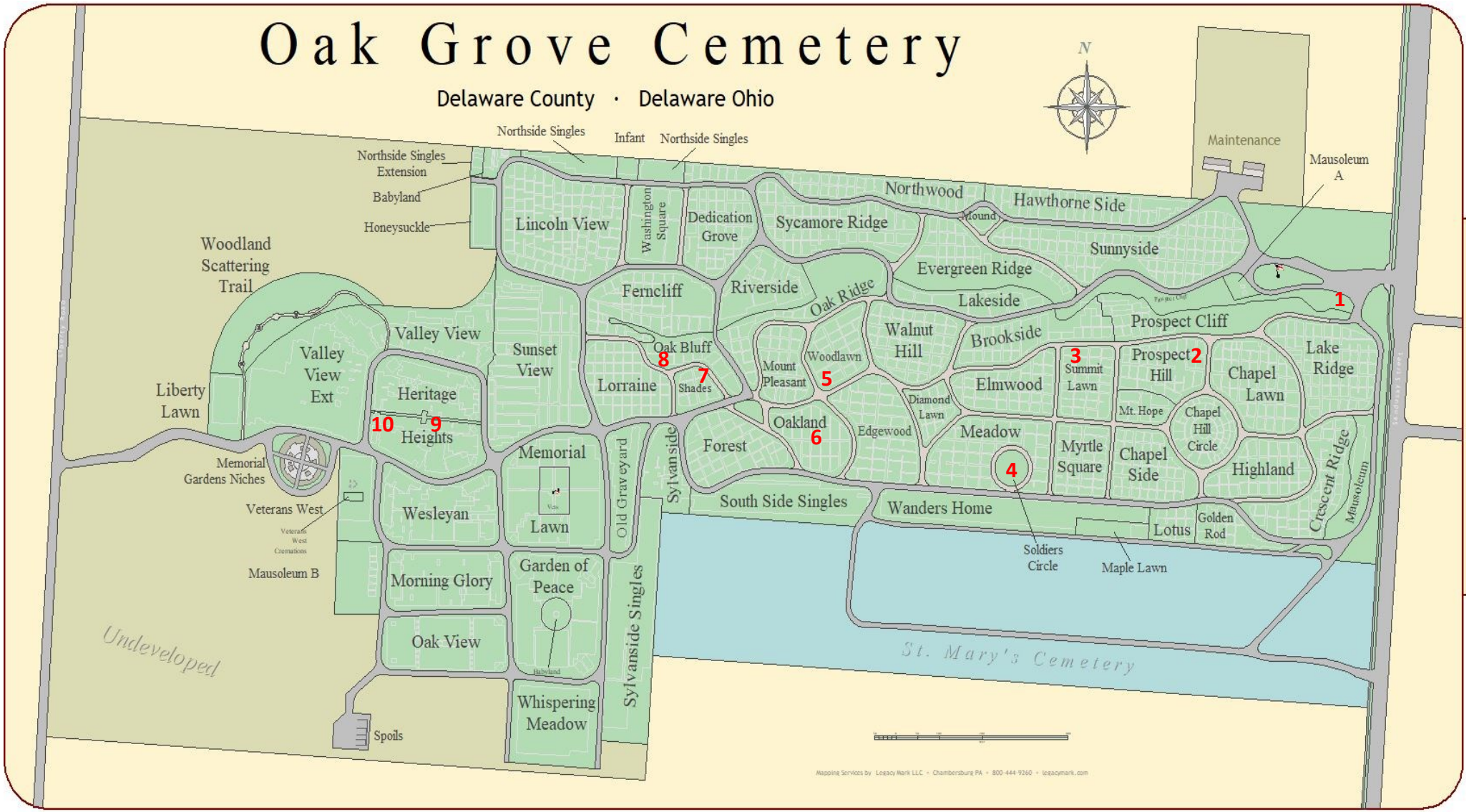
6. He was an Ohio Wesleyan University teacher and professor of mathematics and astronomy for 50 years. Perkins Observatory in Delaware is named for him. **Answer: Hiram Mills Perkins**

7. She was the only contestant to win the title "Miss America" twice. She was crowned Miss America in 1922 and 1923. She was also runner up in 1924. At the time contestants were allowed to enter the contest year after year. **Answer: Mary Katherine Campbell Townley**

8. He was an attorney, U.S. Congressman, Ohio Governor, U.S. Senator and Presidential candidate. **Frank B. Willis** School was named after him.

9. **John "Jack" Dempsey** was Chairman of Grief Brothers Corporation and known as "Mr. Anonymous" because of his generous and anonymous gifts to many causes. **Dempsey School** was named after him. (Fun fact: The location of Dempsey School is the original site of Grief Brothers Corporation.)

10. He is the founder of the "Hamburger Inn" in Delaware. **Answer: Glenn O. Hudson, Sr.**



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