

The following are numbered to correspond with the map on the back. Also refer to the Range (R) and Site (S) grid numbers to help locate each gravesite.



An 1879 advertisement touting lager beer as a healthy, family-friendly beverage. Library of Congress.

1. **DANIEL RAPINE (died 1826)**, was Washington's second mayor, lived on Capitol Hill, and owned a bookstore that sold Washington Brewery beer—the first recorded retail outlet for beer in the city. R54/S6 – no headstone

2. **JAMES GREENLEAF (1765-1843)** was a major investor in Washington real estate and Dr. Cornelius Coningham's business partner for the Washington Brewery—the first brewery in the City of Washington. R49/S23

3. **CLEMENT T. COOTE (1784-1849)** was an English immigrant, the fourth operator of the Washington Brewery near Navy Yard, a city alderman, dry goods store owner, and justice of the peace. He closed the brewery in 1836. R54/S59  
*The National Capital Brewing Co. on Fourteenth Street, SE.*

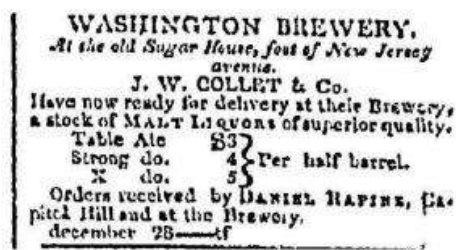


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4. **GEORGE ROTHWELL BROWN (died 1960)** A *Washington Post* columnist

and author of *Washington: A Not Too Serious History* (1930) that told the story of many bars, beer gardens, and saloons in the city. R45/S83

5. **JOHN W. COLLET (died 1814)** was the second owner of the Washington Brewery near the Navy Yard—and thus the second brewer in Washington. He died in September 1814, six weeks after the British raid on Washington during the War of 1812. R26/S20



John W. Collet's advertisement for the Washington Brewery in the *National Intelligencer* on January 18, 1812 showed price of beer and where to find it – including at Daniel Rapine's Capitol Hill bookstore.

6. **WILLIAM ZANNER (died 1911)** owned first a brewery, then a beer bottling operation in Southwest. R12/S114

7. **HATTIE BERKLEY (died 1895)**, thirteen years old, was riding a bicycle on April 4, 1895 when she collided with a National Capital Brewing delivery wagon at Ninth and Pennsylvania Avenue, SE. She fractured her skull and soon died. R3/S115

8. **GEORGE WILSON (died November 15, 1910)** ran the Arlington Brewery near Georgetown 1873-1874. He moved to Washington from Massachusetts during the Civil War. R138/S181

9. The remains of **HENRY SHOENBORN (1833-1896)**, a Beckert son-in-law and business partner to brewer Herman Richter, were placed in the Public Vault briefly after his death, then relocated to Oak Hill Cemetery in Georgetown. PUBLIC VAULT

10. **WILLIAM A. GUNTON (died 1854)** was born in England, ran a drugstore at Pennsylvania and Ninth Street, and brewed beer at the Washington Brewery with his brother Thomas from 1826-1832. R51/S155

11. **THOMAS GUNTON (died 1853)** was born in England and brewed beer at the Washington Brewery with his brother William from 1826-1832. R51/S165

12. **WILLIAM SEATON (1785-1866)** was a former mayor of Washington whose downtown mansion was torn down by restaurateur Edward Abner to build a beer garden. R57/S165

13. **FRANCIS FROMMEL (died 1866)** operated a Civil War-era brewery at 504 D Street, SE from 1864 until his death two years later. R82/S187-no headstone

14. **GEORGE (1810-1859) and THERESA BECKERT (1813-1889)** ran Beckert's Park restaurant, brewery, and beer garden on Capitol Hill, where the Safeway now stands of 14<sup>th</sup> Street, SE. George may have been the first to brew lager in Washington. Much of the Beckert family is buried in the surrounding plot. R82/S220 and S219



Brewer and restaurant owner George Beckert and his wife Theresa. A German immigrant, George opened Beckert's Park on Capitol Hill in the 1850s and brewed lager to sell in his adjacent beer garden. After her husband's death, Theresa sold the brewery to her two sons-in-law but took over the family restaurant and ran it for years.

15. **HERMAN RICHTER'S (died 1874)** white obelisk is just inches away from Theresa Beckert's grave; he was one of the two Beckert sons-in-law who took over the family brewery after George Beckert died in 1859. R82/S217

16. **JACOB ROTH (died 1888)** ran a Capitol Hill brewery at 318 First Street, NE. R83/S228-no headstone

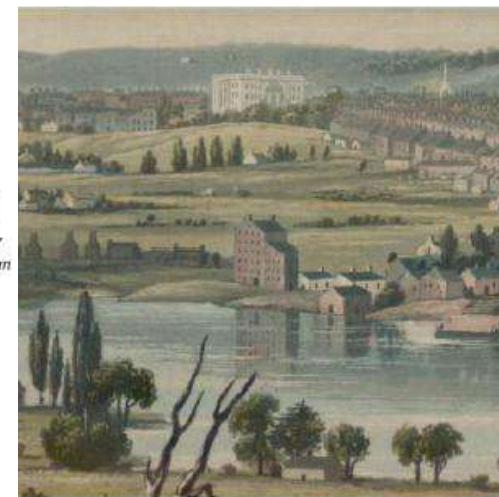
17. **MOSES T. BRIDWELL (died 1892)** was a beer bottler in Southwest. Until 1890, federal law prevented brewers from bottling on premises, so most outsourced it to bottling plants. R98/S226



A March 1873 brewers' advertisement for Beck beer, the lager brewed over winter. The Bock (billy goats in German) are routing the cold-water temperance men while upstanding beer drinkers cheer them on. Library of Congress.

18. **WILLIAM SYNDOR (died 1872)** was a driver for Whitney & Lander's Brewery and was conducting his daily rounds on July 5 when he died from the heat. R91/S251

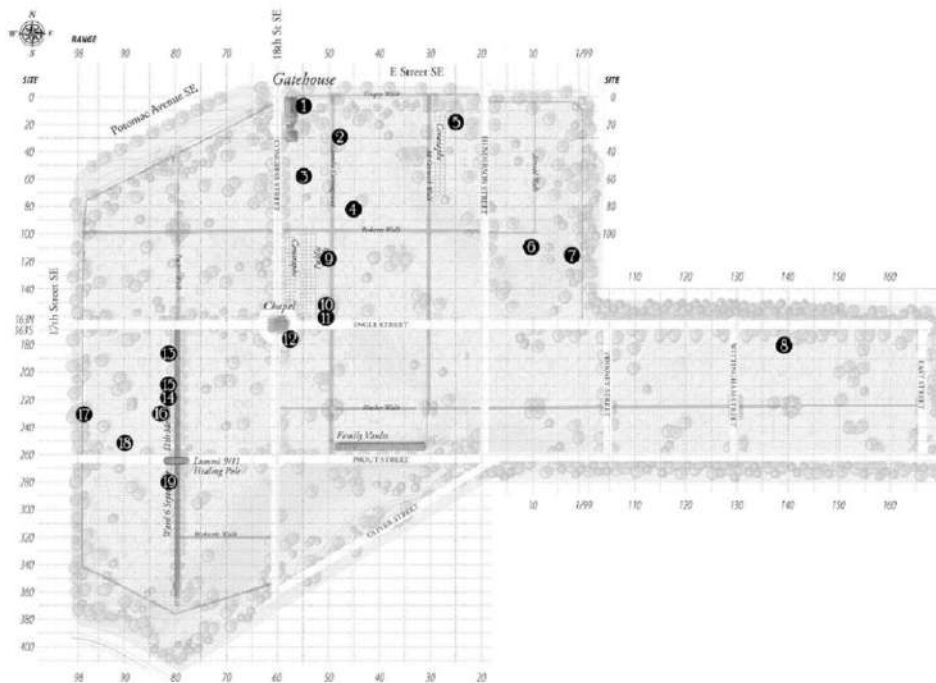
19. **EDWIN RYTHOR (died January 20, 1875)** purchased the Arlington Brewery at K Street and 27<sup>th</sup> Street, NW with a business partner in 1874, and briefly ran it until his death less than a year later. R82/S280



The oldest known image of a brewery in Washington is from George Cooke's 1833 painting, "City of Washington from Beyond the Navy Yard." The Washington brewery is the tall brick building on the Anacostia River. Clement Coote owned the brewery at the time. Library of Congress

**A WORD OF CAUTION:** The centuries have made many grave markers and sites unstable. Please be careful near grave markers and watch where you step: depressions and sink holes lie hidden in grass, and footstones and corner markers can trip the unwary.

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## Walking Tour

### Brewers Tour

History comes to life in Congressional Cemetery. The creak and clang of the wrought iron gate signals your arrival into the early decades of our national heritage. Surrounding you are the men and women who shaped the new capital and gave substance to the new nation: congressmen and tradesmen, diplomats and domestics, explorers and architects, soldiers and musicians. And brewers. Brewers were once the second-largest employer in Washington after the federal government. Early brewers were often English immigrants who focused on producing ale. The Washington Brewery, which operated near Navy Yard from 1805 to 1836, had numerous owners. Brewing grew dramatically after the 1850s once German immigrants settled in Washington and introduced lager, a more palatable beer for Washington's hot, humid summers. George Beckert was one of the first to produce lager locally. Local Prohibition in 1917 shut down two major breweries on Capitol Hill: the Washington Brewery (where Stuart-Hobson Middle School now stands), and the National Capital Brewing Company on 14<sup>th</sup> Street, SE. This latter site was home to a long series of breweries, starting with Beckert's Park in the 1850s. During Prohibition, it became an ice cream factory, then was torn down in the 1960s. It's now the Safeway, just three blocks from here. Along with Prospect Hill Cemetery, Congressional Cemetery today has the lion's share of historic Washington brewers.

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