

Historic Churches and Cemeteries Tour

DAY ONE

Tour time 2 ½ hours.

This tour begins at Adaland Mansion in Philippi, WV. The tour is focused on the churches and cemeteries that were part of the life of the Robinson and Modisett families. A tour brochure for both day tours is available at Adaland or the Covered Bridge B and B.

First Stop- Mary's Chapel Church and Cemetery

When leaving Adaland turn left on WV 76 and drive one mile to WV 119 North. Turn left and proceed 1 ½ miles. The cemetery and church are on the left side of the road at the top of a steep hill. Watch for the sign. Park in front of the church. The building was dedicated in 1924 on land donated by Mary Woodford. The original building burned in 1922 while services were being conducted. In the graveyard are monuments for Augustus Modisett, Nancy Modisett, and Eva Modisett Glasscock. The oldest grave appears to be 1835.

Second Stop- Pleasant Creek United Methodist Church and Cemetery

When leaving Mary's Chapel turn right on US 119 North. Proceed 3 miles to the Pleasant Creek Hunting Area sign. Turn right and proceed 1 mile to the church located on a knoll. Turn left onto the rock based road that goes around the church. The first meeting house church in this area was built in 1800 by Jedediah Sayre.

Third Stop- Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church-Mother's Day Shrine Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Station

Stay on US 119 North to Main Street in Grafton. At the intersection, turn left over the bridge to the light. Proceed north on Main Street. The Shrine is located on the left side of Main Street across from the B and O Railroad Terminal. The Terminal has been restored and is open for tours. Check at the Shrine for days and hours. The first Mother's Day Service was held in the Shrine on May 10, 1908 at the request of Anna Jarvis, founder of Mother's Day.

Fourth Stop- Bluemont Municipal Cemetery in Grafton, WV

From the Mother's Day Shrine on Main Street, turn left up the hill on Bridge Street and proceed to Haislip Street. Turn right and proceed to the end of the street. Turn left on Cemetery Drive to the graveyard. This 60 acre cemetery is the burial site for approximately 12,000 persons. Several prominent persons are buried here including Judge Ira E. Robinson, who owned Adaland from 1920 to 1950 and his wife, Ada and two children.

Fifth Stop- Return to Adaland

When leaving Bluemont, go right on Haislip Street and turn left on Luzader Street or Bridge Street to Main Street. At Main Street, turn right onto US 119 to return to Adaland. A listing of grave markers for Mary's Chapel and Pleasant Creek Cemetery can be found at Adaland or at the Philippi Public Library. A listing of graves for Bluemont is available at the Grafton City Office on Main Street.