

Historical Marker - L1986 - Riverside Cemetery / Riverside Cemetery (Marker ID#:L1986)



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Riverside Cemetery

The first burial in this cemetery occurred in 1837, the year Michigan became a state. The previous year, land developer Jesse Crowell had purchased a one and one-half-acre parcel; he later cleared it for burials. In 1842 Crowell sold the land to the Albion Cemetery Corporation for two dollars. The cemetery was enlarged in 1853, 1885, and 1914, resulting in a total of forty-six acres. Reflecting Albion's ethnically diverse population, the cemetery has areas known as "the Russian Section," "German Hill," and a section for African American World War I veterans. A private Catholic cemetery contains the remains of people from Italy, Lithuania, and Poland.

Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1996 **Erected Date:** 1997

Marker Location

Address: 1301 S Superior

City: Albion

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Calhoun

Township: Albion

Lat: 42.23489000 / **Long:** -84.75336900

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Originally known as Albion Cemetery and Albion Burying Ground, this cemetery was named Riverside in 1886 by the city council. In addition to a unique array of tombstones, the cemetery includes impressive mausolea, an office, a receiving vault and a fishpond. Riverside Cemetery contains the remains of Albion pioneers and veterans as well as distinguished and notorious citizens. Those interred here include Washington Gardner (1845-1928), who served in the U.S. Congress and as Michigan's secretary of state; and Michigan State Senator Warren G. Hooper (1905-1945), who was shot gangland style before he could appear before a grand jury and testify regarding corruption.