

# GROVE STREET CEMETERY

– Established prior to 1833 –

The first known interment here dates coincidentally to Danville's incorporation in 1833, when Grove Street Cemetery was well outside of the City limits. In antebellum days, the cemetery and the high ridge along Grove Street were known simply as



“The Grove” for its dense oak, hickory, and chestnut forest whose remnants are the massive oaks remaining in the cemetery and in the yard of the Sutherlin Mansion, now the Danville Museum of Fine Arts & History.

Many of the families buried there parallel the names of many of the early thoroughfares, Cabell, Chambers, Craghead, Dame, Patton, Robertson, Ross, and Wilson.

There were likely burials before 1833, but no records exist. A few gravesites have been moved here since the last official interment in 1920.

Since 1937, the Garden Club of Danville, in cooperation with the City's Department of Public Works, has made this cemetery a continuing project of preservation and beautification. The granite wall was built in 1939.