

GRUNDY CEREMONY

Grundy Ceremony has been scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at City Cemetery. During the service, The Hon. Felix Grundy, his wife Ann & daughter Felicia and his slave Ambrose will be reburied in the Grundy Lot. Judge Grundy died in 1840 and his wife Ann in 1847 and Ambrose in 1875. In 1890, the Grundy's granddaughter Mrs. Ann Steger moved them to her lot in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Two years ago, the Grundy descendants sought Court approval to return them to their original burial places. Felicia Grundy Steger Porter, who died in 1889, had requested burial with her mother Ann Grundy and her request was honored in 1890. The monuments for Felix Grundy and the box tomb for Ann Grundy and her daughter Felicia have been re-set in the Grundy Lot at City Cemetery. Over the years, Ambrose's headstone and footstone were lost to time and weather and have been replaced with new markers. The public is invited to attend the Grundy Ceremony.

Felix Grundy is considered one of Tennessee's greatest criminal lawyers. It was said that he could "stand on a street corner and talk the cobblestones to life." Grundy served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in Kentucky before moving to Nashville in 1807. He served from Tennessee as a Congressman in the House of Representatives and the Senate. The Grundys were members of the Presbyterian Church (now called Downtown Presbyterian). Mrs. Grundy was instrumental in founding the first nondenominational Sunday classes which set the stage for all Nashville churches to start Sunday Schools. "Grundy Place," their home on a prominent hill in the city, was sold to President James K. Polk and renamed "Polk Place." Ambrose was born in 1770. He served Felix Grundy and continued to serve and live with Grundy descendants for the rest of his life until his death at 105 years. Felix Grundy left instructions that, when Ambrose died, he was to be buried in the family lot at City Cemetery. Thirty five years later, his request was honored and Ambrose was buried beside the Judge.

When Felix and Ann Grundy were removed from the Grundy Lot in City Cemetery, seventeen (17) family members were left behind: 3 Daughters, 10 Grandchildren and 3 Sons-in-law and 1 brother-in-law to their daughter Malvina. On October 20, 2018, the Ceremony at the Grundy Lot will celebrate the return of Felix & Ann Grundy and Ambrose Grundy.