

Mayors of Nashville. **Not Buried at City Cemetery**

James Condon. Term 1820-1821. 8th Mayor
Died in Davidson County on August 30, 1837
Burial Site: Probable burial site in 1837 at Condon farm.

Obituary. *Daily Republican Banner*. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1837

"Died. At his residence in Davidson County, on Wednesday morning the 30th ultimo, in the 70th year of his age, Mr. James Condon, a native of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, but for nearly thirty years a resident of Tennessee; and for more than half the time a citizen of Nashville. The writer of the notice has lived in the strictest habit of intimacy with the deceased ever since Mr. C. came to Tennessee, and can truly say Mr. C. came as near fulfilling the golden rules given by the Savior of the world as any man he ever knew, of 'doing to others as he would they should do to him.' Peace to his manes."

Marriage. 1st Barbara Rains on 8 Nov. 1811. Davidson County
She died in August 1824 (cholera) *Nashville Whig*. Aug. 30, 1824
Marriage 2nd. Ann P. Chewning on 9 Nov. 1825. Davidson County
She died 6 Sept. 1844. Buried Spring Hill Cemetery.
Tombstone recorded in Davidson County Cemetery Survey, 2004.

Will. Davidson County Will Book 11. Pages 241-242.
Written May 22, 1834. Recorded July 27, 1838.

[*Transcribed in part*] Location of residence on his farm

1st I give & bequeath to my wife Ann P... the sum of forty dollars per annum during her natural life to be paid yearly out of the proceeds arising from the Estate bequeathed to my four children hereinafter named...

2nd I give & bequeath of my son James Condon, the one undivided half of my farm or tract of land situate in said county of Davidson and being the same on which I now reside... lying on the West side of a lane passing through my said farm... being also the part on which my dwelling house now stands...

6th I give & bequeath the free use & occupancy of one acre of land on my ground and on which stands the building usually known & distinguished by the name of the Sulphur Springs school house. To the use of the public or the surrounding neighborhood for the term of twenty years from date hereof.

7th. I give and bequeath in like manner the lot of ground at present occupied by the Cumberland Presbyterian church; as a camp meeting ground for the term of seven years from the date hereof...

1908 Tombstone Survey of Sections & Lots. 1908 Tombstone Inscriptions. 1909 Alphabetical List of the Dead.

No tombstones were identified for James Condon (died 1837)
or Barbara Condon (died 1824).

When lists were drawn up for *Mayors buried at City Cemetery*, confusion may have been the result of misidentification. In 1908 Survey, tombstones with inscriptions were recorded for James W. Condon (died 1852) and for his wife Catherine A. Condon (died 1855) in Section 11 WP Lot 28.

The exact location of the burial site for Mayor James Condon is unknown. His 1837 obituary stated that he "died at his residence in Davidson County." This statement would indicate that he was not living in the Town of Nashville. In 1837 those living in town would have, in the main, been buried at the City Cemetery. Checking out obituaries in the 1837

newspapers, on the City Cemetery web site, the locations for deaths are described in various ways: "... in this city, in the vicinity, in Nashville, at the residence of, in Davidson county, in the county..."

The Mayor and his first wife Barbara could have been buried on their farm which was identified in his will & left to his son James.

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