

George Washington Campbell  
February 9, 1768 – February 17, 1848  
Harriot Stoddert Campbell  
April 12, 1789 – July 17, 1849

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George Washington Campbell was born in Sutherlandshire, Scotland on February 9, 1768. He was the son of Dr. Archibald and Elizabeth McKay Campbell. The family left Scotland and settled in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina in 1772.

In 1794, George W. Campbell graduated from the College of New Jersey (now Princeton). He was admitted to the bar in North Carolina and commenced the practice of law in Knoxville in 1798. Beginning his political career, with the support of Andrew Jackson, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1803. His career included Justice of Tennessee Supreme Court, U.S. Senator and Secretary of the Treasury under President Madison.

In 1818 Campbell was appointed Minister to Russia by President Monroe. The family accompanied him to St. Petersburg, Russia. In 1820, saddened by the death of three of their children to Typhus, he resigned and the family returned to live in Nashville. One daughter Lizinka, born in Russia, had survived. She would become the wife of Confederate General Richard Ewell. The Ewells are buried in the Campbell lot at City Cemetery.

Of greatest importance to the history of Tennessee, George W. Campbell sold a tract of land called "Campbell's Hill" to the City of Nashville, on December 11, 1843, for \$30,000. Then the City offered this tract to the State for the permanent site for the State Capitol. The offer was accepted and the cornerstone of the new State Capitol building was laid on July 4, 1845. Less than three years later, Campbell died of pneumonia in Nashville on February 17, 1848.

Harriot Stoddert was born on April 12, 1789, in Georgetown District of Columbia. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca Lowndes Stoddert. He served as the first Secretary of the Navy under President John Adams. On July 18, 1812, Harriot married George Washington Campbell. One year after her husband's death, while on route from Nashville to Virginia Springs, she died of Cholera in Guyandotte, Virginia, on July 17, 1849. The family of George Washington Campbell is buried in the Campbell lot in City Cemetery,

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