

# **Oakwood Cemetery, Oneida Twp. Eaton County, Michigan**

GPS Coordinates are Latitude: 42.75670, Longitude: -84.73330



Oakwood Cemetery is located in the City of Grand Ledge. From the main stop light in the center of town at Jefferson and Bridge Streets go north on Bridge Street .4 miles to Clinton Street which is at the Fire Station. Turn east (right) on Clinton and immediately turn north (left) on Halbert Street. Go two blocks to the main entrance of the cemetery at the intersection of Halbert and Morley Streets.



Oakwood Cemetery was founded by the Grand Ledge Burying Ground Association in 1856 when it purchased less than an acre of land from William and Ruth Simmons. At that time lots to receive six bodies sold for \$5. The property was turned over to the Village on April 4, 1879. The cemetery expanded with land largely acquired from Harrison & Harriet Halbert. The cemetery is now close to 20 acres.



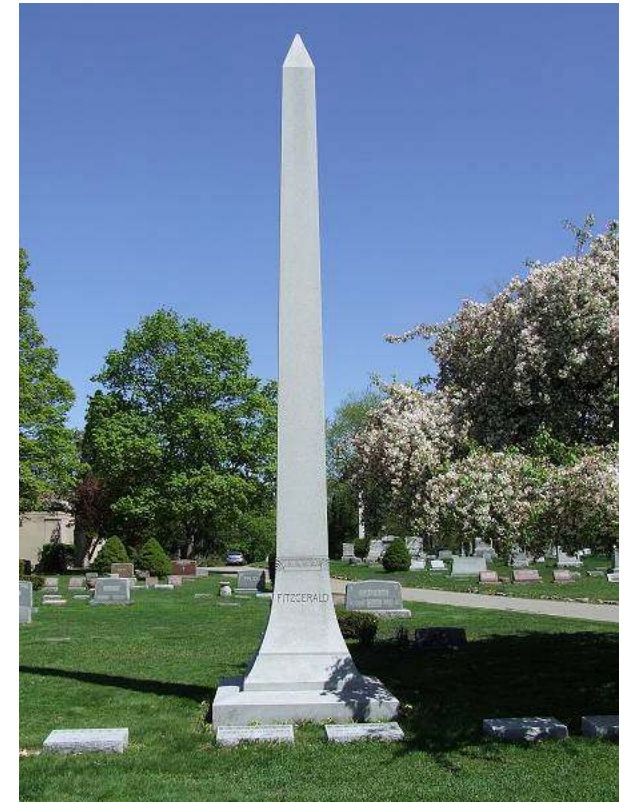


## Governor Fitzgerald Interred at Oakwood Cemetery

Frank D. Fitzgerald (January 27, 1885 – March 16, 1939) was elected Governor of Michigan in 1934 and again in 1938. He served as the 34<sup>th</sup> Governor (Jan 1, 1935 to Jan 1, 1937) and 36<sup>th</sup> Governor (Jan 1, 1939 to Mar 16, 1939). Frank D. Fitzgerald was a member of the Republican Party. He also served Michigan as Secretary of State from 1931 to 1934.

Governor Fitzgerald, son of John W. and Carrie G. (Foreman) Fitzgerald, was born and died in Grand Ledge. Frank D. Fitzgerald married Queena M. Warner on June 28, 1909. They were parents of one child, John Warner Fitzgerald.

The Fitzgerald family has a long history of serving the people of Michigan. Governor Fitzgerald's father, J. W., was a member of Michigan State House of Representatives from 1895–1896; his son, John Warner, was a Michigan State Senator from 1958 to 1963, on the Michigan Court of Appeals from 1964 to 1973, and served the Michigan Supreme Court from 1974 to 1983; his grandson, Frank M., was a member of the Michigan House of Representatives from 1987 to 1998. These men are all interred at Oakwood Cemetery.

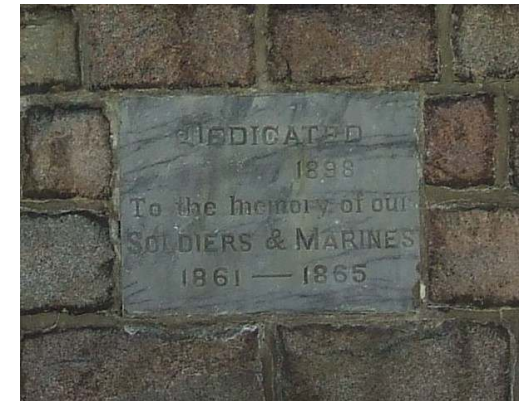


## Civil War Cannon



The Memorial Cannon in Oakwood Cemetery was donated to the Earl Halbert Post 108 of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1898. Civil War veterans from the Grand Ledge Post 108 dedicated this cannon in honor and memory of those who served and sacrificed during the American Civil War.

The United States Government donated Civil War cannons between 1872 and 1916 to Posts of the G.A.R. and other organizations to be used as memorials to veterans of the Civil War.





Veterans Memorial and Flags near Main Entrance





## Viet Nam Memorial Dedicated Memorial Day 2011





