



Norwegian painter **MARTIN SYVERTSEN** took 4 years to paint the fresco murals on the ceiling in the 180-foot Great Hall, which tells the story of Christianity. Syvertsen's payment for his work included a daily ration of buttermilk and a weekly bottle of scotch.

When Pasadena Pioneer **LEVI W. GIDDINGS** lost his daughter, Laura, he buried her on private property belonging to a friend, Colonel Jabez Banbury.

When Banbury sold his land in 1882, the fate of Laura's grave became an imperative matter. So Giddings established Mt. View Cemetery on his own property in 1882, rendering this mortuary, crematory, and cemetery one of the oldest in the LA region.



# MOUNTAIN VIEW MAUSOLEUM

Born in 1878 in Irving, IL, Cecil E. Bryan worked under the pre-eminent architect Frank Lloyd Wright and over his long career became known as the master of mausoleums, designing over 80 of them. Designed in the Spanish Revival style, Mt. View Mausoleum was constructed in 1923 for \$500,000 and features 64 different Italian marbles and vivid glass windows by Judson Studios. Bryan considered Mt. View Mausoleum his "crown jewel" and he rests under the rose window at the far end of the Great Hall & Mural Gallery.



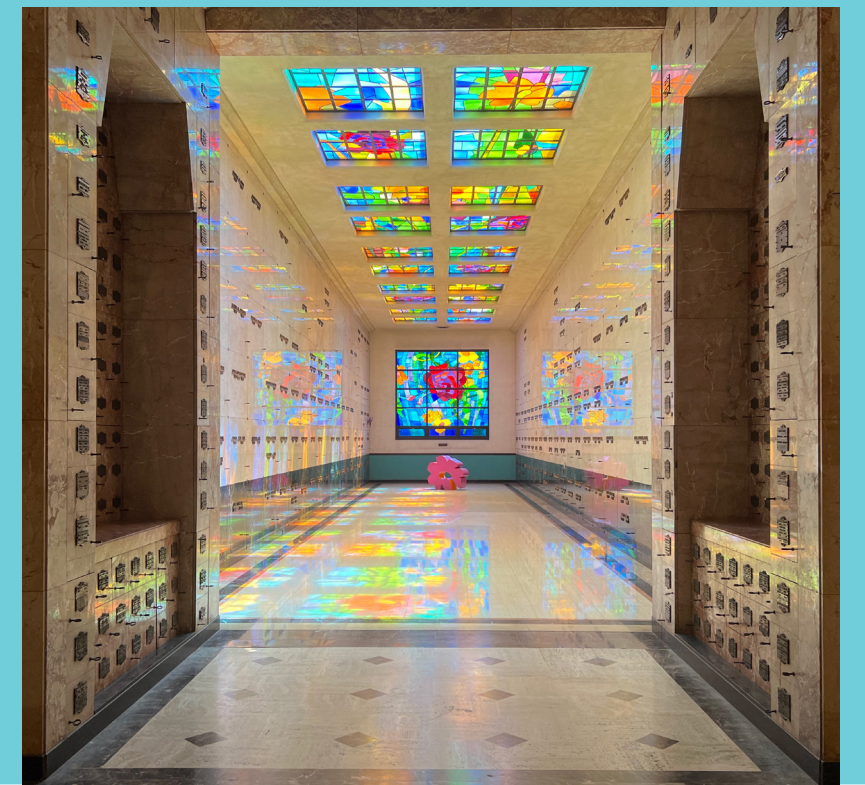
**CECIL E. BRYAN**



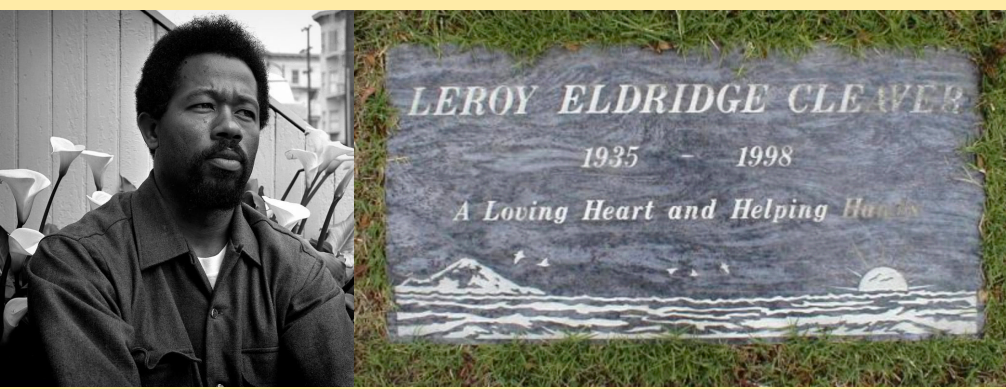
There are a number of Giddings' interred at Mountain View. All are related to **JOSHUA REED GIDDINGS** (d. 1938), the well-known anti slavery statesman from Ohio, who was greatly instrumental in the formation of the Underground RR.

**JENNIE HOLLINGSWORTH GIDDINGS** (1857-1955) came to Pasadena with her parents from Iowa when she was only eighteen years old. She married Joshua Giddings in Pasadena, where they raised four daughters and two sons. Her children also raised their families in Pasadena.

Jennie's granddaughter, **JAE CARMICHAEL** was an artist who created watercolors, sculptures, murals, oil paintings, and independent films. She was a founding director of Pacific Asia Museum. Carmichael also designed New Radiance Hall and one of her sculptures still sits under the rose window.



The urn for TV's original Superman, **George Reeves**, is in the Pasadena Mausoleum, which is often locked (ask nicely and they may open it). It is immediately to the left of the foyer, in a columbarium with niche.

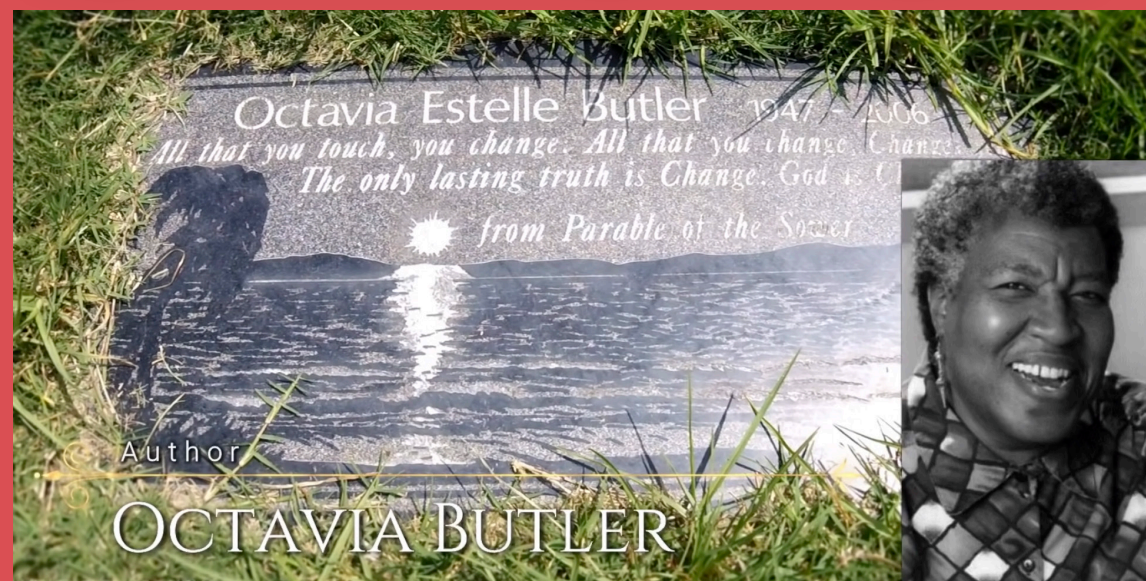


"Ah, what sights and sounds and pain lie beneath that mist. And we had thought that our hard climb out of that cruel valley led to some cool, green and peaceful, sunlit place—but it's all jungle here, a wild and savage wilderness that's overrun with ruins." (Eldridge Cleaver, *Soul on Ice*). Cleaver was born in Wabbaseka, Jefferson County, AK in 1935 and died at the age of 62 in Pomona, CA. Location: Sunrise Terrace, Lot 4601, Grave 8.

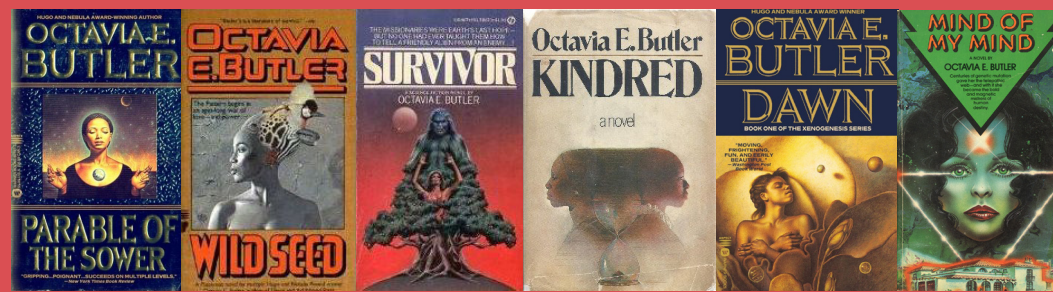


Martinus Sieveking was a Dutch composer, concert pianist, and a painter. Known as the Flying Dutchman, Sieveking was considered one of the greatest pianists of his generation. He was also known for his good looks, body building, and his large hands, allowing him an incredible reach. Sieveking became a pop star before the age of pop. Location: right across from G. Reeves.

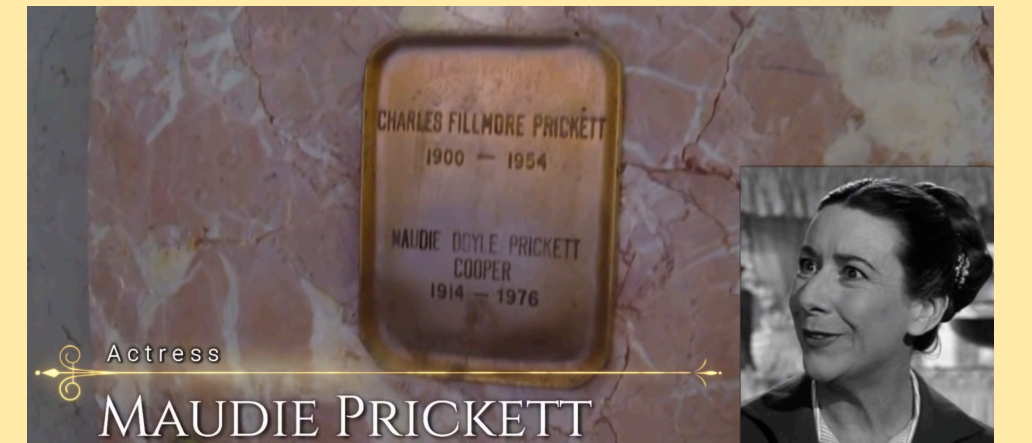
**"First, forget inspiration. Habit is more dependable. Habit will sustain you whether you're inspired or not. Habit will help you finish and polish your stories. Inspiration won't. Habit is persistence in practice."**



Location: Eagles View, Lot 4517, Grave 6.



Born in 1900, **Charles Francis Richter** was an American seismologist and physicist. Richter is most famous as the creator of the Richter magnitude scale, which, until the development of the moment magnitude scale in 1979, quantified the size of earthquakes. Location: Mt. Meadows, Plot 3853.



**Maudie Prickett**, a character actress, had recurring roles in TV shows such as *Hazel*, *Bewitched*, the *Andy Griffith Show*, *The Jack Benny Program*, and *The Adventures of Superman* with George Reeves. Location: near the Cloister Garden.



**Ted Husing**, radio broadcaster known for pioneering play-by-play on radio and then television. Popular nationwide, known for his commanding and rapid-fire voice. Location: Vista del Monte crypts.