



INGLEWOOD PARK CEMETERY (1905)

Inglewood Park Cemetery Association was formed in 1905 by a group of businessmen pooling their resources to address a pressing need. Cemetery land was provided by Archie Freeman, son of Inglewood's founder Daniel Freeman. The first interment occurred on July 20, 1906.

The Centinela Valley was a sparsely settled area of farms and small homes at that time. Funeral processions arrived on horse-drawn flat carts. When the trolley arrived, mourners and coffins went to the cemetery in specially designed funeral cars.

Affordable crypt entombment came to the Cemetery in 1913. Tombs were considered a privilege of the wealthy at the time. Inglewood Park Cemetery was noted for building California's first community mausoleum, and provided crypts at a reasonable price.

Many Centinela Valley and the South Bay region settlers are entombed in Inglewood Mausoleum, alongside veterans of the U.S. Civil War. Inglewood Mausoleum was the first of many structures added to over the years. The new Sunset Mission Mausoleum, provides 30,000 interment spaces. It is the largest in the nation. The Cemetery continues to build for the future.

720 East Florence Avenue
Inglewood, California



Inglewood Park Cemetery has a resident stained glass artist, and maintains publicly accessible artworks above ground and in underground mausoleum vaults.

About 400,000 people are currently interred in the Cemetery, including politicians, entertainers and athletes. The Cemetery Park is a cultural landmark and mediation on Inglewood history.



Some Notable Interments:

Fletcher Bowron
Tom Bradley
Frank Shaw

Los Angeles Mayors

John Downey Works

US Senator

Edgar Bergen
Frances Bergen
Elmer Booth
Hoot Gibson
Betty Grable

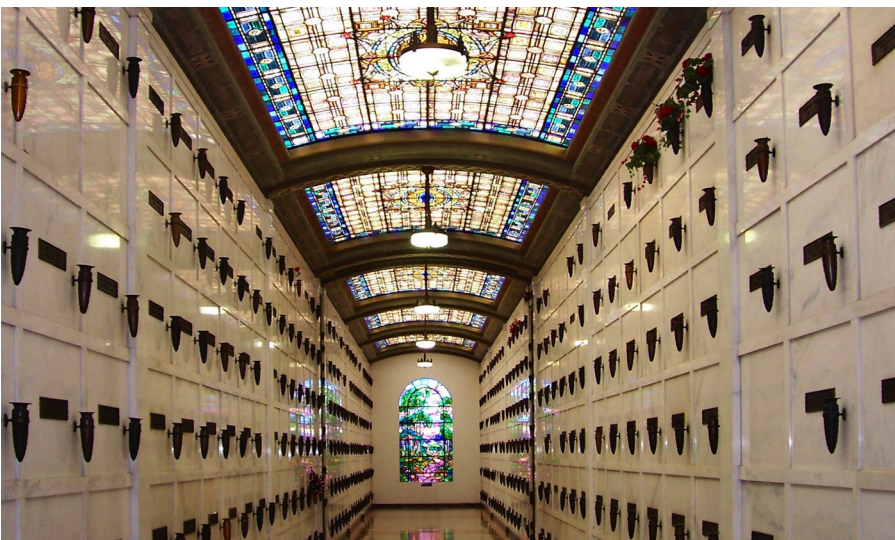
Allen 'Rockey' Lane
Cesar Romero
William 'Buckwheat' Thomas

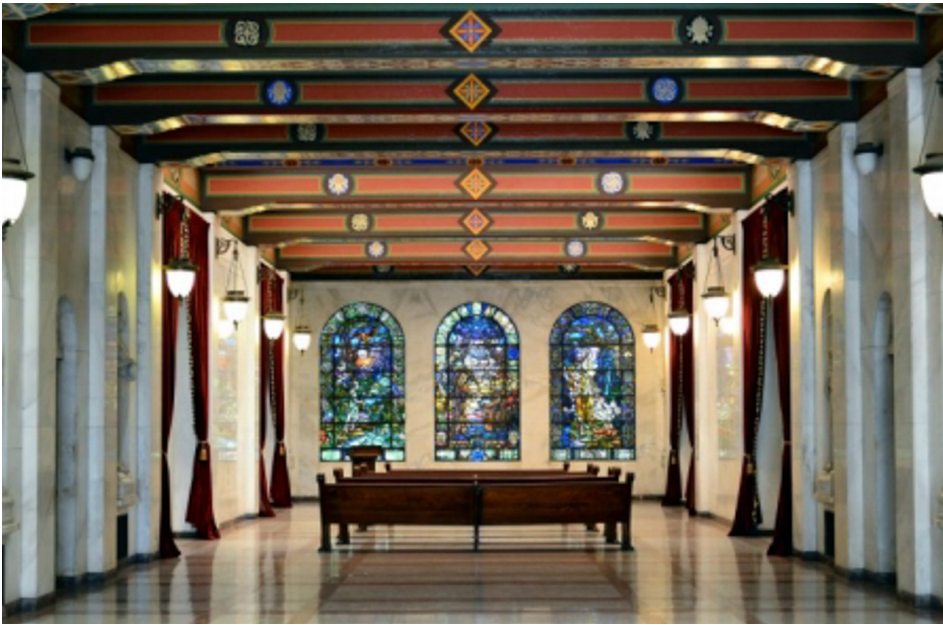
Actors

Ray Charles
Ella Fitzgerald
Etta James
"Big Mama" Thorton

Singers

Gypsy Rose Lee
 Burlesque Queen





Johnnie Cochran
Robert Kardashian
Lawyers

Paul Williams
Architect

Caesar Cardini
Creator of the Caesar Salad

Jim Jeffries
Sugar Ray Robinson
Boxers

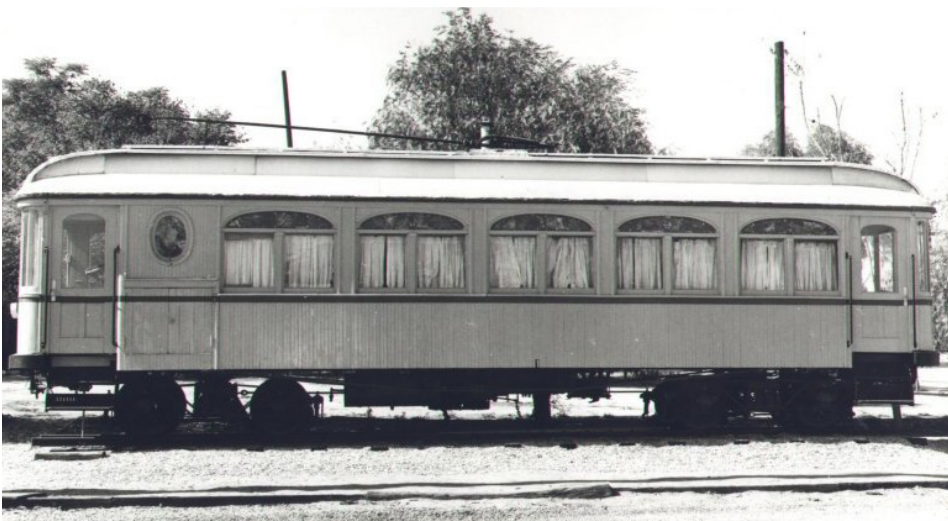
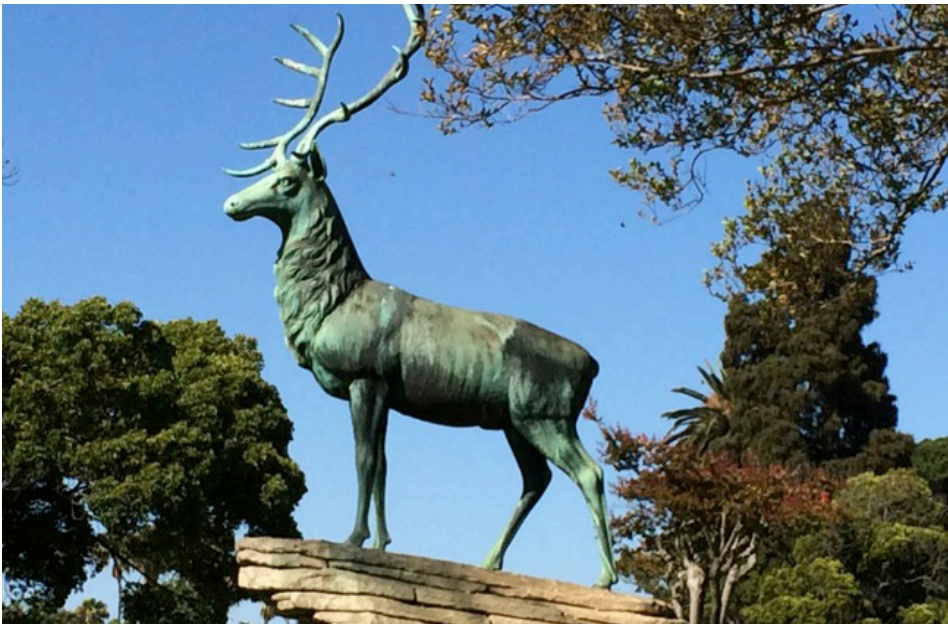
Flo Hyman
Olympic Volleyball Player



Ricky Bell
National Football League
Player

Lyman Bostock
Curt Flood
Jim Gilliam
Fred McMullin
Major League Baseball Players





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