

Greenwood Cemetery Tour

135 Tilden Ave.

Michigan City, Indiana

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Visiting Greenwood is another way to visit the past. The cemetery is full of the history of every town. Greenwood has beautiful landscape and winding roads. Come visit Michigan City past residents.

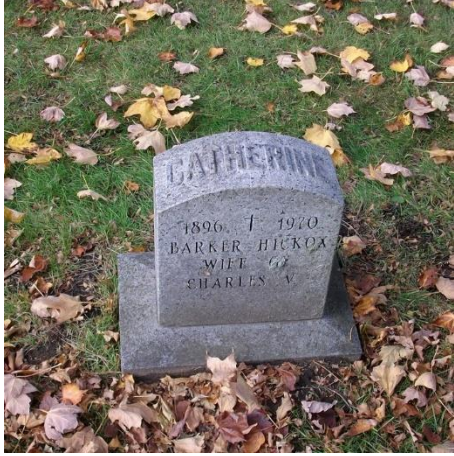
Greenwood Cemetery is actually four cemeteries in one: the public Greenwood cemetery, a Moslim cemetery, the Catholic Calvary cemetery in the southern section, and the Jewish cemetery in the northeast section



In 1865, the cemetery was moved to its present location and named for Jane Greenwood, the first person to be buried there. One of the most historic graves is that of Abijah Bigelow, a Revolutionary War veteran thought to be one of the original Minutemen. He died on Oct. 23, 1842, at the age of 92 and was buried in the original Greenwood Cemetery.

Most of the prominent families of Michigan City are buried here, including the Barker Family. It is interesting to see how the competition for social position and recognition is carried on even to the choice of tombstones.





The Barker Family and Monument is found in section nine. All of graves are marked with similar headstone. The Barker Monument has an obelisk that sits atop the grave marker.

Catherine Barker Hickox

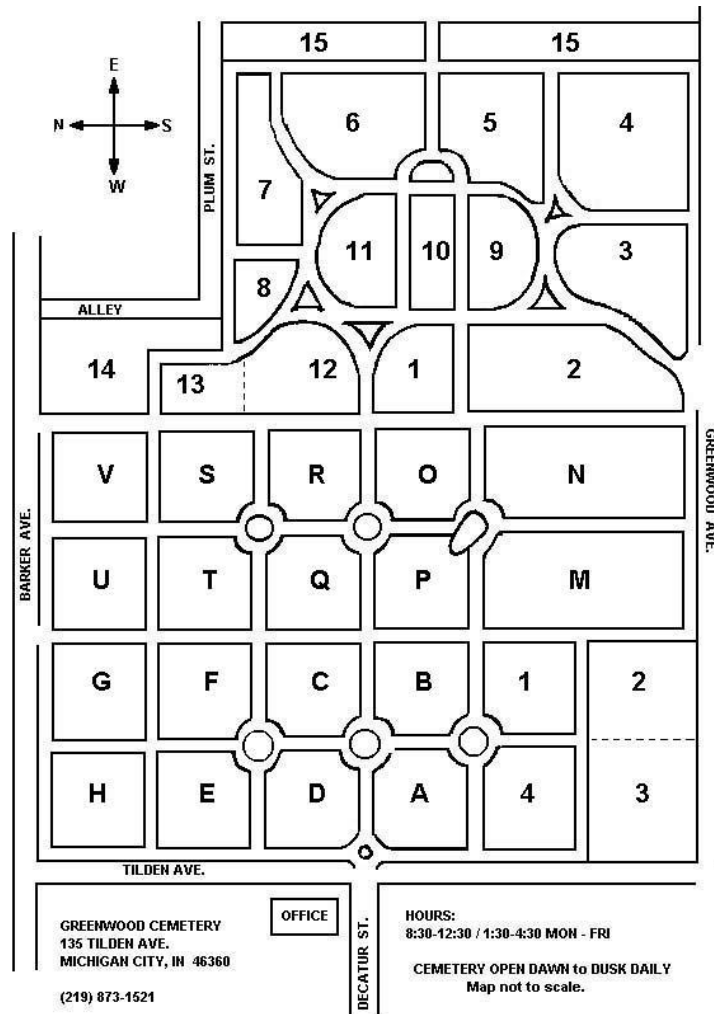
Daughter of John H. Barker &

Katherine Fitz-Gerald Barker

Born 1896-Died 1970

Wife of Charles V. Hickox

The Barkers monument and burial plot are located Section B



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Thank you Richard Blissmer for the new drawing of Greenwood



Catherine Barker Hickox
1896 – 1970

Catherine Barker Hickox will be fondly remembered as a woman who never forgot her friends and cherished her roles as wife, mother, and grandmother. Born to great wealth, she treated it with a sense of obligation and responsibility. She personally directed the distribution of large sums of money to charity. In 1924 she established the Barker Annuity Fund which provided pensions for former Haskell & Barker employees who were not eligible for benefits under the newly-established Pullman plan. When the purpose of the Annuity Fund had been fulfilled, the remaining balance was transferred to the Barker Welfare Foundation which had been founded in 1934. The Foundation has continued to be an effective instrument for giving and many of her family are actively involved.

Despite steadily declining health and almost total blindness during the last years of her life, Mrs. Hickox was concerned with plans for the restoration of the mansion and with the Center's future. Money was provided for restoration and arrangements were made for the return of original furnishings.

Mrs. Hickox died on November 18, 1970, at her home in New York. Her body was brought to the Barker Civic Center where members of her family gathered to greet old friends who called to pay their respects. On November 21 following a service at St. Mary's Catholic Church, she was buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Michigan City.

In the course of each year great numbers of people gather at the Center for meetings or for tours. Michigan City is fortunate to have this charming historic memorial, and the community is grateful to the donor, Catherine Barker Hickox, daughter of John H. Barker.