

## APPENDIX C: CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF LAFAYETTE CEMETERY NO. 1 SEXTONS

*The dates and names listed below were determined based on directories, newspaper listings, and the records of the Louisiana State Board of Health. Some dates overlap – documents show that sextonship at Lafayette Cemetery No. 1 was frequently shared by a primary sexton and an assistant.*

1832- B.S. Quinman  
1844

1844 H.G. Hicks<sup>1</sup>  
-1861

1851 “Mr. Hicks”<sup>2</sup>

1855 Phil Harty<sup>3</sup>

1857 Phil Harty<sup>4</sup>

1858 P. Harty<sup>5</sup>

1860 Phil Harty<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Louisiana State Board of Health, *Biennial Report of the Louisiana State Board of Health, 1883-84*, 40.  
[http://books.google.com/books?id=Jkx7g8bqaa4C&pg=PR329&lpg=PR329&dq=Hicks+cemetery+sexton+%22New+Orleans%22&source=bl&ots=ZnAVrT1cZS&sig=6Fvhlb0Hqmm3UdqyRJ5hcW\\_Ft8&hl=en&sa=X&ei=VgH2UPLED5Lw8ATYyIHgDg&ved=0CFMQ6AEwBw#v=onepage&q=Hicks%20cemetery%20sexton%20%22New%20Orleans%22&f=false](http://books.google.com/books?id=Jkx7g8bqaa4C&pg=PR329&lpg=PR329&dq=Hicks+cemetery+sexton+%22New+Orleans%22&source=bl&ots=ZnAVrT1cZS&sig=6Fvhlb0Hqmm3UdqyRJ5hcW_Ft8&hl=en&sa=X&ei=VgH2UPLED5Lw8ATYyIHgDg&ved=0CFMQ6AEwBw#v=onepage&q=Hicks%20cemetery%20sexton%20%22New%20Orleans%22&f=false)

<sup>2</sup> J.C. Edmonds, M.D. “Sanitary Conditions of New Orleans,” in *Southern Medical Reports*, ed. Erasmus Darwin Fenner (B.M. Norman, 1851), p. 213. (Article page 204-246) (Google eBook)  
<http://books.google.com/books?id=6NhXAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA213&dq=Lafayette+Cemetery+1+sexton&hl=en&sa=X&ei=wKHxUJiUDJCy9gTu7YHIDQ&ved=0CEgQ6AEwAw#v=onepage&q=Lafayette%20Cemetery%201%20sexton&f=false>

<sup>3</sup> *Daily Picayune*, February 15, 1855, page 6. This page also discusses the decision to prohibit further interments in Lafayette Cemetery I. The resolution to prohibit further burials was turned down: “Your committee would also state that the ordinance now-before the Board, which has passed the honorable the [sic] Board of Aldermen, does not prevent the burial of the dead in Lafayette Cemetery, as it was not deemed objectionable. They therefore submit the following resolution for your approval. *Resolved*, That the resolution No. 1,857, approved on the 24<sup>th</sup> November, 1854, prohibiting the burial of the dead on the square of ground comprised within Washington, Sixth, Prytania and Plaquemine Streets, in Fourth District, be, and the same is hereby, repealed’ and that the owners of lots and vaults, also the City of New Orleans, be placed in the same position as previous to the passage of said resolution.”

A similar resolution was passed by the New Orleans Board of Assistant Aldermen in June of 1853 (*Daily Picayune*, June 8, 1853, page 2): “Resolution instructing the Sexton of the Lafayette Cemetery not to sell any more vaults in that cemetery until further instructions from the Common Council.”

<sup>4</sup> Mygatt & Co.’s Directory for New Orleans, 1857, W.H. Rainey Compiler. L. Pessou & B. Simon Lithographers, 23 Royal Street, New Orleans, 1857, 49.

<sup>5</sup> *Gardner’s New Orleans Directory for the Year 1859* (New Orleans: Bulletin Book and Job Printing Establishment, 1858), 377

<sup>6</sup> *Gardner’s New Orleans Directory for 1860* (New Orleans: Bulletin Book and Job Printing Establishment, 1859), xvi.

- 1861 Philip Harty<sup>7</sup>
- 1862 Olivier Rice<sup>8</sup>
- 1863 D.F. Simpson<sup>9</sup>
- 1862- D.F. Simpson<sup>10</sup>  
1865
- 1865- James Hagan<sup>11</sup>  
1867
- 1867 James Hagan<sup>12</sup>
- 1867- J.F. Callico<sup>13</sup>  
1869
- 1868 “Mr. Simpson”<sup>14</sup>
- 1869- Jim Tracey<sup>15</sup>  
1871
- 1871- J.F. Callico<sup>16</sup>  
1874
- 1872 J.F. Callico<sup>17</sup>
- 1873 J.F. Callico<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> Louisiana State Board of Health, *Biennial Report of the Louisiana State Board of Health, 1883-84*, 40.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, 40.

<sup>9</sup> Department of Finance, City of New Orleans, Louisiana, *Annual Report of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Finance, City of New Orleans, Louisiana*, Issue 2 (City of New Orleans: 1864), 46-47. (Google eBook) <http://books.google.com/books?id=DAstQAAMAAJ&pg=PA46&dq=Lafayette+Cemetery+1+sexton&hl=en&sa=X&ei=wKHxUJiUDJCy9gTu7YHIDQ&ved=0CD0Q6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q=Lafayette%20Cemetery%201%20sexton&f=false>

<sup>10</sup> Louisiana State Board of Health, *Biennial Report of the Louisiana State Board of Health, 1883-84*, 40.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, 40.

<sup>12</sup> *Grahams Crescent City Directory for 1867* (New Orleans: A. Graham, 1866), 571.

<sup>13</sup> Louisiana State Board of Health, *Biennial Report of the Louisiana State Board of Health, 1883-84*, 40.

<sup>14</sup> *Daily Picayune*, July 14, 1868, page 2. This article discusses a scam played on a poor woman who believed the con artist to be a medium who could speak to Diety. Part of the scam was that she had her mark buy a “tomb and lot” in Lafayette I for the price of \$1000. This is also an instance in which it is clear that someone purchased an already-constructed tomb. Newspaper clipping in Newspaper Research folder.

<sup>15</sup> Louisiana State Board of Health, *Biennial Report of the Louisiana State Board of Health, 1883-84*, 40.

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, 40.

<sup>17</sup> *Edwards Annual Directory...in the City of New Orleans for 1872* (New Orleans: Southern Publishing Company, 1872), 86.

<sup>18</sup> *Edwards Annual Directory for New Orleans 1873* (New Orleans: Southern Publishing Company, 1873), 90.

1874- Cornelius Donovan<sup>19</sup>  
1876

1875 Joseph F. Callico<sup>20</sup>

1876 Cornelius Donovan<sup>21</sup>

1876- Dennis Irvin<sup>22</sup>  
1878

1877 Cornelius Donovan<sup>23</sup>

1878 Patrick Gallagher<sup>24</sup>

1878- P. Gallagher<sup>25</sup>  
1879

1879 John Barrett<sup>26</sup>

1880 J.F. Birchmeier<sup>27</sup>

1882 J.F. Birchmeier<sup>28</sup>

1883 J.F. Birchmeier<sup>29</sup>

1886 H.J. McDonald<sup>30</sup>

1887 H.J. McDonald<sup>31</sup>

1888 H.J. McDonald<sup>32</sup>

1889 H.J. McDonald<sup>33</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> Louisiana State Board of Health, *Biennial Report of the Louisiana State Board of Health, 1883-84*, 40.

<sup>20</sup> *Soard's New Orleans City Directory for 1875* (New Orleans: Soards Publishers, 1875), 179.

<sup>21</sup> *Soard's New Orleans Directory for 1876* (New Orleans: Soards Publishing Company, 1876), 415.

<sup>22</sup> Louisiana State Board of Health, *Biennial Report of the Louisiana State Board of Health, 1883-84*, 40.

<sup>23</sup> *Soard's New Orleans Directory for 1877* (New Orleans: L. Soards & Co., 1877), 399.

<sup>24</sup> *Soard's New Orleans City Directory for 1878* (New Orleans: L. Soards & Co., 1878), 417.

<sup>25</sup> Louisiana State Board of Health, *Biennial Report of the Louisiana State Board of Health, 1883-84*, 40.

<sup>26</sup> *Soard's New Orleans City Directory for 1879* (New Orleans: L. Soard's Publishing Co., 1879), 410.

<sup>27</sup> *Soard's New Orleans City Directory for 1880* (New Orleans: L. Soard's Publishing Co., 1880), 456.

<sup>28</sup> *Soard's New Orleans City Directory for 1882* (New Orleans: L. Soards & Co. Publishing, 1882), 142.

<sup>29</sup> *Soards' New Orleans Directory for 1883* (New Orleans: L. Soards & Co. Publishing, 1883), 452.

<sup>30</sup> *Soards' New Orleans Directory for 1886* (New Orleans: L. Soards & Co. Printers, 1886), 488.

<sup>31</sup> *Soards' New Orleans Directory for 1887* (New Orleans: L. Soards & Co. Publishers, 1887), 516.

<sup>32</sup> *Soards' New Orleans Directory for 1888* (New Orleans: L. Soards, Publisher, 1888), 503.

<sup>33</sup> *Soards' New Orleans Directory for 1889* (New Orleans: L. Soards, Publisher, 1889), 535.

- 1890 H.J. McDonald<sup>34</sup>
- 1891 H.J. McDonald<sup>35</sup>
- 1892 H.J. McDonald<sup>36</sup>
- 1893 Hugh J. McDonald<sup>37</sup>
- 1894 Hugh J. McDonald<sup>38</sup>
- 1895 H.J. McDonald<sup>39</sup>
- 1896 H.J. McDonald [Hugh McDonald died in 1895, this is his son, Hugh Jr., I'm guessing]<sup>40</sup>
- 1897 Charles J. Badger<sup>41</sup>
- 1898 Charles J. Badger<sup>42</sup>
- 1899 C.J. Badger<sup>43</sup>
- 1901 C.J. Badger [Gottlieb Huber is sexton of Lafayette Cemetery 2]<sup>44</sup>
- 1902 Gottlieb Huber<sup>45</sup>
- 1908 Gottlieb Huber<sup>46</sup>
- 1909 Gottlieb Huber<sup>47</sup>
- 1911 Henry Alfortish, assistant sexton Lafayette Cemetery No. 1<sup>48</sup>
- 1913 Henry Alfortish listed only as "sexton"<sup>49</sup>
- 1915 Gottlieb Huber

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<sup>34</sup> *Soards' New Orleans Directory for 1890* (New Orleans: L. Soards Publishing, 1890), 510.

<sup>35</sup> *Soards' New Orleans Directory for 1891* (New Orleans: L. Soards Publishers, 1891), 510.

<sup>36</sup> *Soards' New Orleans Directory for 1892* (New Orleans: L. Soards Publisher, 1892), 490.

<sup>37</sup> *Soards' New Orleans Directory for 1893* (New Orleans: L. Soards Publisher, 1893), 506.

<sup>38</sup> *Soards' New Orleans Directory for 1894* (New Orleans: L. Soards Publishing, 1894), 508.

<sup>39</sup> *Soards' New Orleans Directory for 1895, Vol. XXII* (New Orleans: L. Soards, Publisher 1895), 534.

<sup>40</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory for 1896* (New Orleans: L. Soards, Publisher, 1896), 510.

<sup>41</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory for 1897* (New Orleans: Soards Publishing, 1897), 504.

<sup>42</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory for, Vol. XXV* (New Orleans: L. Soards Publishing, 1898), 478.

<sup>43</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory, Vol. XXVI, 1899* (New Orleans, L. Soards Publishing, 1899), 483.

<sup>44</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory for 1901, Vol. XXVIII* (New Orleans: Soards Directory Co., Ltd., 1901), 505.

<sup>45</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory for 1902, Vol. XXIX* (New Orleans: L. Soards Directory Company, 1902), 489.

<sup>46</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory for 1908, Vol. XXV* (New Orleans: L. Soards Directory Company, 1908), 610.

<sup>47</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory for 1909* (New Orleans: Soards Directory Company, 1909), 522.

<sup>48</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory for 1911, Vol. XXVII* (New Orleans: Soards Directory Company, 1911), 74.

<sup>49</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory for 1913, Vol. XL* (New Orleans: Soards Directory Co., 1913), 73.

- Henry Alfortish listed only as "sexton"  
Edward J. Huber sexton St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum Cemetery No. 1 (Washington & Franklin)<sup>50</sup>
- 1919 Henry Alfortish, sexton Lafayette Cemetery No. 1  
Gottlieb Huber, sexton Lafayette Cemetery No. 2<sup>51</sup>
- 1921 Henry Alfortish listed only as "sexton"  
Edward Alfortish sexton Gates of Prayer<sup>52</sup>
- 1924 Henry Alfortish listed only as "sexton"<sup>53</sup>
- 1926 Henry Alfortish sexton Lafayette No. 1  
Robert Alfortish sexton Lafayette No. 2<sup>54</sup>
- 1928 Henry Alfortish Lafayette 1  
Robert Alfortish Lafayette 2<sup>55</sup>
- 1930 Robert sexton Laf. 2, no listing for Laf. 1<sup>56</sup>
- 1932 Henry L. Alfortish, sexton Lafayette 1  
Robert H. Alfortish, sexton Lafayette 2<sup>57</sup>
- 1933 Same as above<sup>58</sup>
- 1935 Same as above<sup>59</sup>
- 1940 Henry Alfortish (wife Josephine), "sexton"<sup>60</sup>
- 1942 Edward Alfortish (wife Myrtle), "sexton"<sup>61</sup>  
Josephine listed as the widow of Henry this year
- 1945 Edward Alfortish (wife Myrtle), "sexton"  
-46 Robert Alfortish (wife Katherine), sexton, St. Joseph's Cemetery No. 2<sup>62</sup>

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<sup>50</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory for 1915* (New Orleans: Soards Directory Company, 1915), 562.

<sup>51</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory for 1919, Vol. XLVI* (New Orleans: Soards Directory Company, 1919), Alfortish page 79, Huber page 621.

<sup>52</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory for 1921* (New Orleans: Soards Directory Co., Ltd., 1921), 221.

<sup>53</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory for 1924, Volume LI* (New Orleans: Soards Directory Co., Ltd., 1924), 198.

<sup>54</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory for 1926, Vol. LIII* (New Orleans: Soards Directory Co., Ltd., 1926), 217.

<sup>55</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory for 1928, Vol. LV* (New Orleans: Soards Directory Co., Ltd., 1928), 220.

<sup>56</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory for 1930, Vol. LVII* (New Orleans: Soards Directory Co., Ltd., 1930), 192.

<sup>57</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory for 1932, Vol. LIX* (New Orleans: Soards Directory Co., Ltd., 1932), 152.

<sup>58</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory for 1933, Vol. LX* (New Orleans: Soards Directory Company, Ltd., 1933), 201.

<sup>59</sup> *Soards' New Orleans City Directory for 1935, Vol. LXI* (New Orleans: Soards Directory Co., Ltd., 1935), 132.

<sup>60</sup> *Polk's New Orleans City Directory 1940* (New Orleans: R.L. Polk & Co., 1940), 200.

<sup>61</sup> *Polk's New Orleans City Directory 1942, Vol. LXIV* (New Orleans: R.L. Polk & Co., 1942), 66

<sup>62</sup> *Polk's New Orleans City Directory 1945-1946, Vol. LXV* (New Orleans, R.L. Polk & Co., 1945), 55.

1947 Edward J. Alfortish (wife Myrtle), sexton Lafayette Cemetery

1954 No sextons listed, Alfortish men have moved to Algiers and Gretna to form Alfortish Marble and Granite Company.

**PRIMARY SOURCE INFORMATION REGARDING SEXTONS:**

1856:

<http://books.google.com/books?id=Ky9EAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA386&dq=%22new+orleans%22+cemetery+sexton&hl=en&sa=X&ei=HtL2UPrxE8Xf0gGYpoC4DQ&ved=0CG4Q6AEwCQ#v=onepage&q=sexton&f=false>

1870:

<http://books.google.com/books?id=xitPAQAAIAAJ&pg=PA81&dq=%22new+orleans%22+cemetery+sexton&hl=en&sa=X&ei=HtL2UPrxE8Xf0gGYpoC4DQ&ved=0CFYQ6AEwBQ#v=onepage&q=%22new%20orleans%22%20cemetery%20sexton&f=false>

1882:

<http://books.google.com/books?id=Mt5OAAAAYAAJ&pg=RA2-PA2&dq=%22new+orleans%22+cemetery+sexton&hl=en&sa=X&ei=HtL2UPrxE8Xf0gGYpoC4DQ&ved=0CF4Q6AEwBg#v=onepage&q=%22new%20orleans%22%20cemetery%20sexton&f=false>