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Mountain View Cemetery is between Oakland and Berkeley. It has spectacular vistas of San Francisco bay, the city beyond, and Oakland. It should be called 'Bay View Cemetery'. Many of San Francisco's famous citizens are buried here. And, the cemetery was planned by the famous landscape designer Frederick Law Olmsted ! There is a major central boulevard that has four large fountains which organize the overall layout. Very scenic place to visit. The cemetery office is near the entry gate and they provide a nice map to navigate by.



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Above: Bernard Maybeck was one of California's famous architects. He designed the 'Place of Fine Arts' among other notable projects. He was cremated and his ashes are in a sunken area next to a larger mausoleum. Far corner next to last tree. Kind of difficult to locate.

Below: Julia Morgan was California's first woman architect and is best known for her design of San Simeon for William Randolph Hearst.



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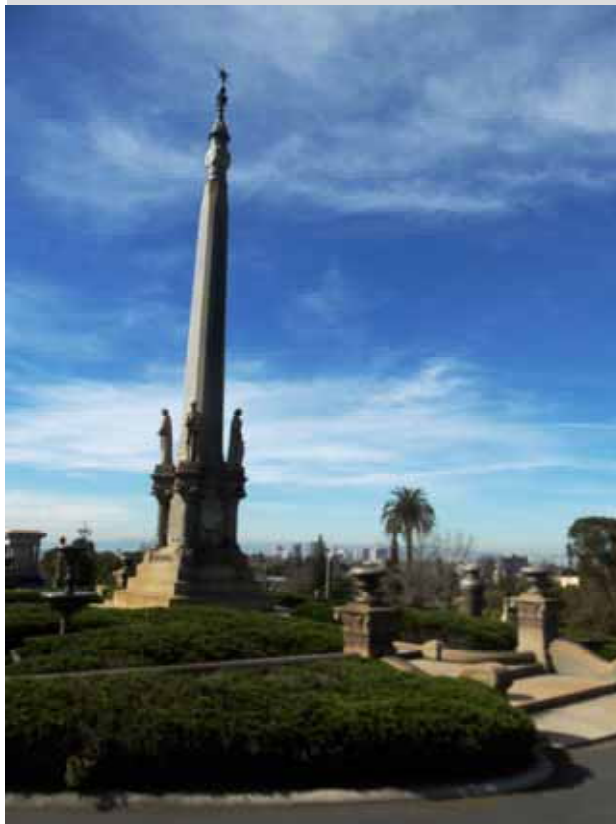
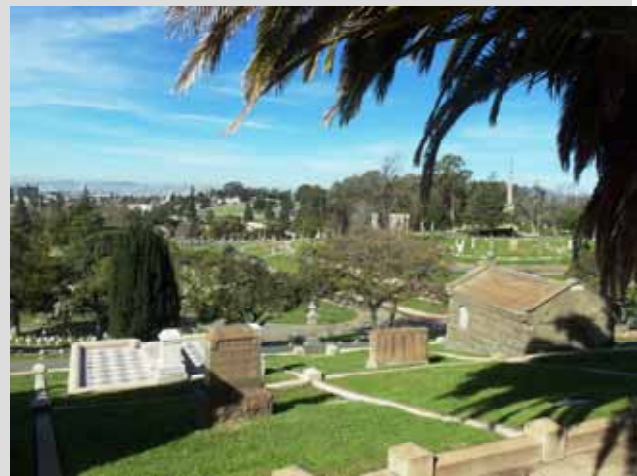
This is a very large mausoleum. Mountain View is about 220 acres and thus a mausoleum makes the most efficient use of the property. (As a comparison, Louisville's cave Hill cemetery is almost 300 acres).

Inside this mausoleum, there is a chapel, atrium space, and a columbarium (for cremation urns).

This almost could be compared to a museum-type experience.

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