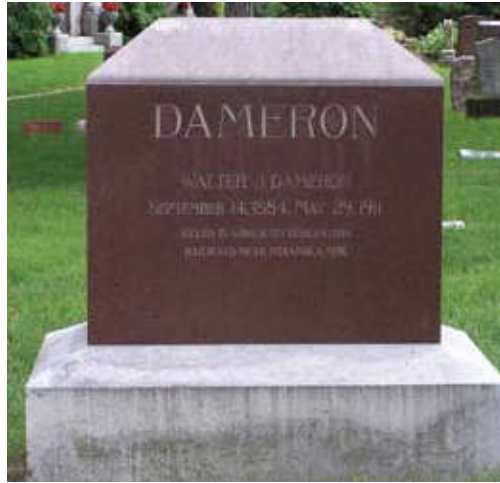


## SECTION 2

### TOUR STOP 4: DAMERON



A large brown granite marker on a gray granite base celebrates the life and commemorates the death of Walter Dameron (1884-1911), a young fireman who was “Killed in a wreck on Burlington Railroad near Indianola, Neb.” Two steam trains collided head-on in that grim event, killing eighteen crew members and passengers, including five railroad workers from Lincoln. On the reverse side of the stone is the monogram “B of LE” (for “Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers”) and an etching of a handsome steam locomotive.

The large and conspicuously placed monument served as a reminder of the frequent dangers of railroaders’ work. Addison Sheldon of the Nebraska State Historical Society eulogized one of the slain engineers, John Hyder, saying that “a great railroad accident in a railroad town like Lincoln brings to every home a sense of personal loss....[All people]...find themselves merged in the railroader with a sudden sense of the perils inseparable from the life of those who daily drive the great machines of steel and steam across our prairies making our cities possible and our farms worth cultivation.”



## TOUR STOP 5: MAUSOLEUMS & RECEIVING VAULT

Wyuka's early mausoleums were clustered in one area of the cemetery to maintain the open, park-like appearance of the rest of the grounds. The E. E. Brown family mausoleum of 1911 was erected three years after the death of Erastus E. Brown, an attorney, banker, and second mayor of Lincoln (in 1872-3)--the earliest of the nearly two dozen Lincoln mayors interred in the cemetery. His prominence is reflected in his list of pallbearers, which included William Jennings Bryan in the year of his third and final presidential campaign.

Mausoleums such as the Browns' were equivalent in cost to a substantial house, largely because of the massive size and weight of the stones used. The granite roof of the structure consists of just three slabs and the stones forming the walls run the length of the building. A handsome leaded-glass window lights the marble-lined interior.