

# Vintage Girl Scout Online Museum



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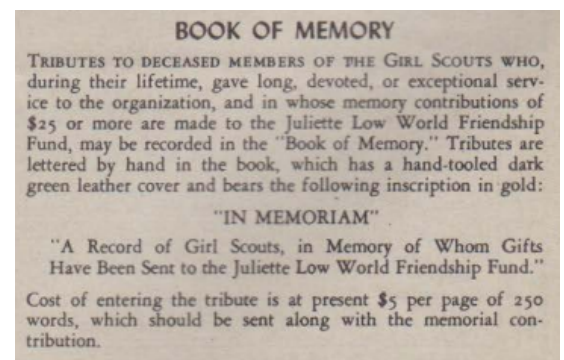
## Girl Scout Graves

What an excellent service project - adopting and caring for any neglected Girl Scout graves. It takes research and luck to find them, but they shouldn't be forgotten.



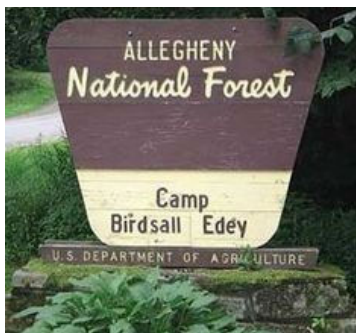
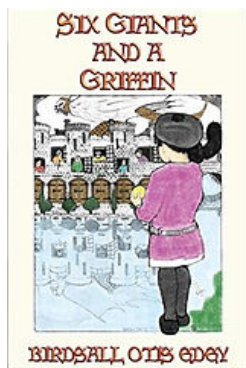
*Catherine "Kit" Hammett was one of the jewels of Girl Scouting. Best remembered for the "Camping Caravan" when she (and others) drove all across America to teach and encourage Girl Scout Leaders to GET OUT THERE.*

*Newport Memorial Park Middletown,  
Rhode Island  
Findagrave # 211715717*



1946 - Girl Scout Leader magazine  
Does the "Book of Memory" still exist?  
Is it still active?

(Sarah) Bidsall Otis Edey was an all-around accomplished person with a list of achievements in her wake. A life long supporter of Girl Scouting, she held many positions in her time. Two Girl Scout camps were named after her. Known as a poet, she authored at least two books.  
 Woodland Cemetery, Bellport, NY  
 Findagrave.com # 67276221



Memorial for Girl Scout Ashley Nova Heffington, who died from her injuries in a car accident. The troop worked with Service Units to raised funds to have this plaque inserted into a picnic table at Kate Sessions Park in San Diego.

The picture above was saved from a website no longer available online, so I can't credit the photographer or site. The picture to the right is from the website Parksinsandiego.com. The table is apparently still there.





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Dorothy M MacDonald 1920-1936  
Forestdale Cemetery, Holyoke, MA  
Photo by D. Brock



"Inky" was Isabelle's camp name. A camp was named after her.

## Funeral Service Held for Girls' Scout Chairman

02 Apr 1934.

**Miss Isabelle Ingraham Is Laid to Rest Today at Pensacola, Fla.**

Funeral services for Miss Isabelle Ingraham, 45, chairman of the personnel division of the National Girl Scouts of America, who died in Clarksdale hospital Saturday afternoon from injuries sustained Thursday when her car overturned five miles north of here, were held this afternoon from the Episcopal church in Pensacola, Fla. Interment was made at that place.



Added by Maureen Keillor

*It's enough of a tragedy that a Girl Scout dies in the line of service, but then her faithful companion dog is remembered for possibly committing suicide in grief after her death, it's doubly hard.*

St. Michael's Cemetery  
Pensacola, FL

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## BURDEN OF GRIEF HEAVY, DOG DIES; POSSIBLY SUICIDE

CLARKSDALE, Miss., April 4.—(U.P.)—Brenda, faithful German police dog, followed her owner, Miss Isabelle Ingraham of New York, into death today, possibly by suicide.

The dog's body, entangled in a fishing line, was pulled from Swan lake a few hours after she leaped in to evade three men who attempted to capture her.

Miss Ingraham was injured fatally in an automobile wreck near here Thursday. Brenda, her constant companion, stood guard over her body and snarled at motorists who attempted to extricate the woman.

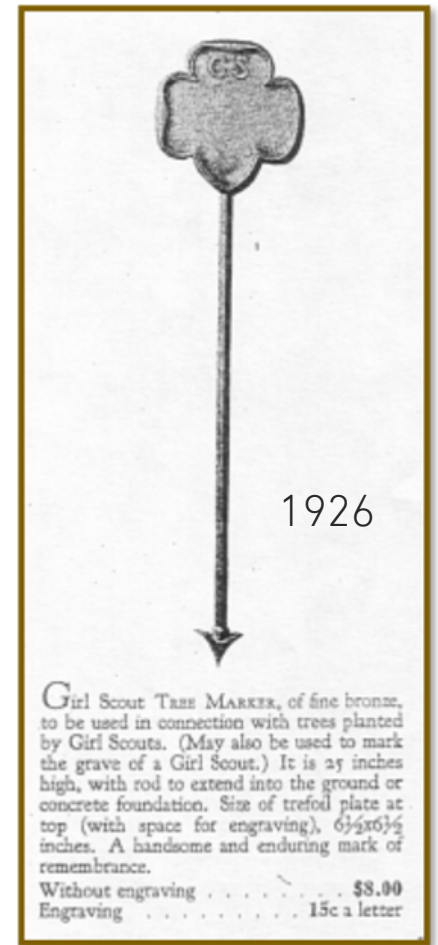
Beaten by the motorists, Brenda scampered into the nearby woods. Each night her howls were heard for miles. She refused food.

Every day at sunset the dog returned to the scene of the wreck, but she climbed a nearby hill later and started her mournful howl.

"It looks like Brenda killed herself in grief for her mistress," said one of the farmers who had been attempting to capture the dog.

Miss Ingraham, Girl Scout personnel chairman and social settlement worker, was en route to Jackson, Miss., from New York when she was killed.

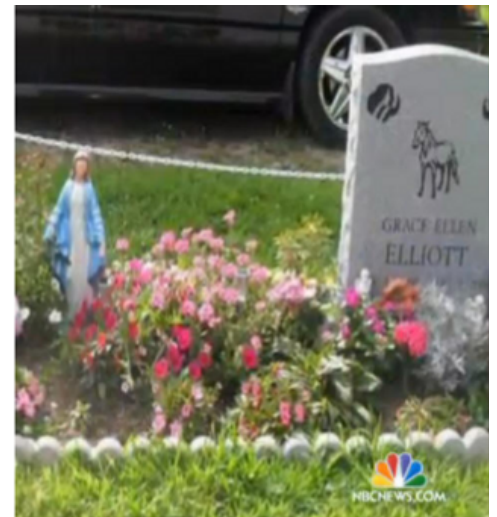
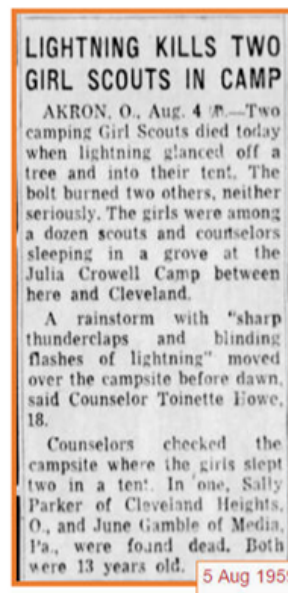
I don't know her story, but this is the grave of Linda Dorsey (1941-1955) of Troop 27. She is buried at Grove Cemetery in Holden, MA. Remarkably her bronze trefoil marker has survived.



This is the grave of Mildred Amanda "Millie" Western (nee Hales) who was the President of the Pacific Peaks Girl Scout Council. I don't know the exact dates of her tenure, but I know it covered the mid-1980's.

Mills & Mills Memorial Park  
Formerly Olympic Memorial Garden Park  
Tumwater, WA

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Grace Ellen Elliott  
1995-2009

This screen shot is from the brief news report given on NBC Evening News on 5-16-2014 about a GM recall and those who had reportedly died from the car defect.

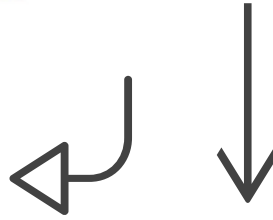
She was from Knox, PA

Perry Chapel Cemetery, Pine City, PA

Girl Scout Contemporary Logo on upper left side of headstone.



June A Gamble  
1945-1959  
Middleton Presbyterian Church Cemetery  
Elwyn, PA  
Findagrave.com # 156573883



Sallie Louise Parker  
1946-1959  
Allegheny County Memorial Park  
Allison Park, PA  
Findagrave.com # 155260354  
(no photo)

**THE DAVENPORT DEMOCRAT AND LEADER**

**DOROTHY WILKE,  
SCHOOL GIRL,  
IS SUMMONED**

**Death Occurs to West Intermediate Graduate at Iowa City Hospital.**

Dorothy Marcella Wilke, a member of the graduating class of West Intermediate school in June of this year, passed away at 6:18 o'clock Saturday morning at Iowa State University hospital, Iowa City. Her death followed a three weeks' illness which developed into septicemia, a form of blood poisoning. She was but 14 years of age.

Her untimely death will be a shock to her many school friends, as she was very popular in all class events and school socials. She would have entered the Davenport high school this fall. At the time she was taken ill she was president of Troop 2, Girl Scouts of America.

Born at Rock Falls, Ill., on October 29, 1910, she came to Davenport with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilke in 1911 and they established their home at 1623 West Seventh street. Besides her parents she leaves to mourn her loss her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilke of Portland, O., and her maternal grandfather, Joseph Dawson, of Davenport. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran church.

The body was received from Iowa City at the Henry Runge Son's mortuary from where it will be removed to the home for funeral services to be held Monday afternoon at three o'clock. Interment will be made in Oakdale cemetery.

**OCTOBER 24, 1927**

**TO PLACE BRONZE MARKER SATURDAY ON GIRL SCOUT GRAVE**

In memory of their former president, Miss Dorothy Wilke, the members of girl scout troop No. 21, will hold a special service at her grave in Oakdale cemetery Saturday at 3 p. m. A girl scout grave marker carved in bronze will be placed on her grave.

The Rev. M. A. Getzendaner will give a short talk at this service and Mrs. Frank Krack, troop guardian, will speak on her scout activities. Taps will be sounded by a boy scout bugler.

Former girl scouts and their parents are especially invited to be present.

**AUGUST 2, 1925**



Dorothy Marcella Wilke  
1910-1925  
Oakdale Memorial Gardens  
Davenport, IA  
Died of septicemia. She was only 14 years old. This news clipping of the bronze Girl Scout marker being added was a full 2 years later.

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Sadly - the bronze Girl Scout marker is no longer there

St. Petersburg, Florida: The grave of a pioneer in Girl Scouting, Walter J. Hoxie, is now honored with a handsome marker purchased by the Girl Scout Council of South Pinellas County, Florida, with funds donated by girls. The bronze plaque on a stone in St. Petersburg's Sunnyside Cemetery reads:

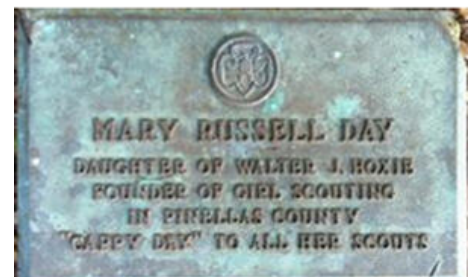
Walter J. Hoxie  
 Friend of Juliette Low  
 Author First Girl Scout Handbook  
 Awarded First Thanks Badge

The simple dedication ceremony last fall was attended by representatives of all the troops in St. Petersburg, the Girl Scout National Branch Office, and neighboring councils, and by Mr. Hoxie's daughter, grandson, and great-grandson.

1958



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Water John Hoxie was a recognized as a naturalist and ornithologist, Civil War veteran, surveyor, educator. In his spare time he held a girl's nature study group. This group went on to become one of the first two Girl Guides of America patrols in 1912 with his friend Juliette Low. He was the author of the first handbook for the renamed Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. in 1913.

Day was the daughter of Hoxie and a well accomplished woman in her own right, including bringing Girl Scouting to Pinellas County, FL. She rests next to her father. Her marker reads: Mary Russell Day, Daughter of Walter J. Hoxie, Founder of Girl Scouting in Pinellas County, "Cappy Day" to all her scouts.  
 (Info gleaned from a website no longer there)

*I would love a photo and more information on this one:*

On the island of Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts there is a kind of historical Girl Scout marker on the gravestone of Doris Hough. Doris, as you all know, was a good friend of Juliette Low's and one of the pioneers of this great organization. I must admit it is kind of eerie to see the trefoil on a gravestone.

Submitted by "julietteinsema"

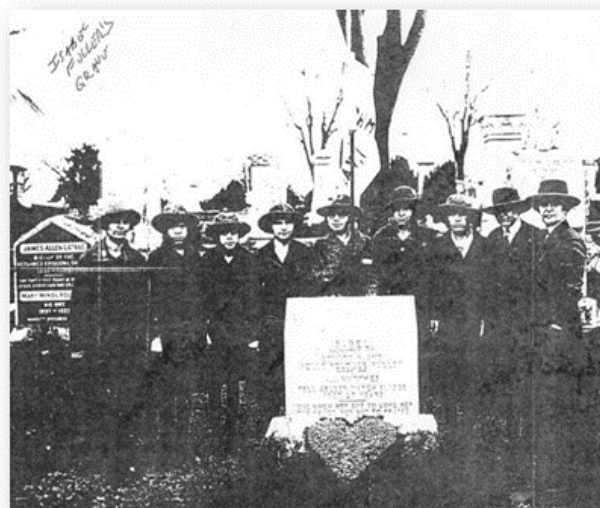


This patch used to be available from the old Suncoast Girl Scout Council

Isabel Warren Fuller Matthes  
 1987-1925

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1925



## FORMER RICHMOND GIRL SCOUT DIRECTOR DIES

**Miss Isabelle Fuller Matthes Passes Away in New Jersey.**

It was with deep regret that the Girl Scouts, officers and council members learned of the passing in New Jersey of Mrs. Isabelle F. Matthes, a much-loved former director of the Richmond Girl Scout organization.

Mrs. Matthes succeeded Mrs. Gregory, the first director, who moved to Pittsburgh. She took up the work as Girl Scout director in the fall of 1921 with much enthusiasm. Under her management the troops increased in number and the work prospered. She won the love and confidence of all members of the organization. In January, 1922, owing to ill health, Miss Fuller, as she then was, felt obliged to resign, and left to spend the winter in Florida.

Mrs. Matthes had lived most of her early life in Richmond and was a graduate of John Marshall High School, where she taught French for a short time after her graduation as an honor student at Vassar College and Columbia University. She was interested and expert in all forms of athletics and especially swimming. She loved children and was interested in helping them to develop through play and athletics. After her marriage Mrs. Matthes lived in New York for a time.

About twenty-five Girl Scouts and their leaders, attended the funeral services at St. Paul's Church on Saturday afternoon. The Girl Scout organization feels a deep sense of loss in the passing of Mrs. Matthes.

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### The Trefoil Tombstone Mystery

In Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond Virginia, there is a tombstone with a Girl Scout trefoil on it. The woman buried here was the second Executive Director of the Richmond Girl Scout Council. Her name was Isabel Fuller Matthes.

Isabel had been the daughter of a state senator in Richmond [Edward Fuller, was responsible a bill giving free textbooks to students in public schools]. She had graduated from Vassar College in 1918 with a major in French. She attended Columbia University for graduate work, but did not complete her graduate work.\* She returned to Richmond to teach high school at John Marshall High School. She was an athlete, playing basketball, tennis, and swimming. At the age of 12, she had saved a man from drowning and was awarded the Carnegie Medal of Bravery. She swam the Chesapeake Bay with only a rowboat to accompany her at one point in her life. She was active in social work, playground work, and the local Girl Scout movement.

According to the Roll Call, Vassar College's alumni newsletter, the first year after graduation in 1918, Isabel taught school full-time, complaining about the unruly students. The following year, she taught part-time and was learning stenography. Then in 1921, the Roll Call revealed her new job with the local Girl Scouts in Richmond as the Executive Director. Isabel wrote how proud she was of her girls marching along in their khaki uniforms, saluting her. However, she then stated that she was 'playing the invalid and that she must go away to a dry climate.' Sadly, it was at this time she contracted tuberculosis. According to the Richmond Dispatch, Girl Scouts grew in numbers under Isabel's direction during the six months she was Executive Director; nevertheless, due to her illness, she was only able to serve in that position for a few short months. Her health would decline from that day on. She married in 1922 and had a son in 1923. In 1925 at the age of 27 years, Isabel died from tuberculosis.

The Richmond Girl Scout office later would discover an old record of Isabel's mother asking for permission to use the Girl Scout trefoil on her daughter's tombstone. She thought other Girl Scouts would like to see it, and to tell the world of Isabel's devotion to the Girl Scout movement only thirteen years old at the time of her death.

\*One part of the mystery, I still have not answered, but suspect is true. Isabel may have been in the group of young women that were recruited by Edith Macy at Columbia University in the early 1920's. She attended Columbia University after graduating Vassar College, but never finished. Why? Because she became the Executive Director of the Girl Scouts of Richmond. The timing would be right. I've tried to research this part of the puzzle without success. It may just have to remain in our imaginations.

Photo of the tombstone & newspaper photo taken one year after Isabel death with Girl Scouts placing wreath on her grave.

Jane Garnett  
Roanoke, VA

## Beaver Creek, Ohio

THE DAYTON DAILY NEWS

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SHARON WHITE



ANN NORTH



PATRICIA LIPINSKI



CYNTHIA MOORMAN



ANNA WILVERT



LINDA WARD



CONNIE LAPRISE



MRS. ERNEST WHITE

BOOK DREW HIM TO SPOT

# Dad Was Waiting Supper, Then the Phone Rang...

By GAY BINDER  
Daily News Staff Writer  
"When she was a baby, I used to tiptoe into her bedroom and pull back the covers gently," Ken Ward sobbed. "Linda Ellen would crinkle into a grin."  
She was an only child. And as she grew older they lav-

ished their enthusiasm and secrets on one another.  
"I'd say, she's my girl... and my boy," Ward recalled. "We took pictures together, worked on an old Model A Ford together, traveled around the countryside together."  
He was hard and masculine and whiskey as a father some-

times can be. She was soft and bubbling and secretive as a 11-year-old can be.  
"Only Tuesday she told me, 'I got a new song I want you to hear, Dad.' And together we sang 'There's a Mansion in the Sky.'"  
Then she said, "Don't tell anyone. I'm going to surprise

everyone at church by singing it."  
Yesterday, the Wards waited supper for Linda Ellen. Then the father learned supper would have to wait a little longer on him. There had been a car-train wreck. Ward, a Beaver-creek Twp. volunteer reserve worker, got a call to go to the scene.  
He helped lift two persons into an ambulance. And he could see six other blanket-covered figures.  
He worked methodically, then—"I saw a school book. It drew me to that spot. I lifted the cover."  
"I felt her pulse. I felt her heart. I tucked the blanket back around Linda Ellen."

# Death Strikes 8 Families At Beavercreek Crossing

## Eight Girl Scouts, Two Mothers Victims

By J. R. SHAFFER JR., Daily News State Editor  
A Pennsylvania Railroad freight train slammed into a station wagon at a crossing in Beavercreek Twp. late yesterday afternoon, killing eight Girl Scouts and two adult leaders.

The eight scouts were all sixth graders at Beavercreek elementary school. Two were daughters of the leaders killed in the accident.

Victims were identified as:  
Sharon White, 11, 1234 Fudge Dr., and her mother, Mrs. Ernest White, 56, driver of the station wagon.  
Paulnetta Randall, 11, of 2130 Van Oss Dr., and her mother, Mrs. Walter Randall, 39.  
Ann North, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert North, 1580 Dayton-Xenia Pk.  
Patricia Lipinski, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lipinski, 6155 Cedarwood Lane.  
Cynthia Moorman, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Moorman, Alpha.  
Anna Wilvert, 11, daughter of Maj. and Mrs. W. E. Wilvert, 2666 Edwin Dr.  
Linda Ward, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ward, 2641 Edwin Dr.  
Connie Laprise, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Laprise, 2377 Skyview Dr.



Station Wagon in Which 10 Rode to Their Deaths Lies Torn Open and Twisted on Barren Field—Staff Photos by Koehler, Schaffler

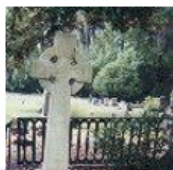
3/13/07 Linda Mathis found this additional information:  
In 1997, Beavercreek Community Park was acquired by the district. This 14 acre park is a very popular starting point for local residents to access Creekside Trail Bikepath. An important focal point of the park is Angels Pass Memorial. This memorial was constructed with private and public funds and dedicated in 1999. It commemorated the 40th anniversary of the deaths of 8 Girl Scouts and their 2 leaders killed near that site in a car-train collision. It is a beautiful and serene area with benches, trees, flowers, flag poles and a large memorial stone.  
The scouts and leaders as well as rescue and public safety departments are honored on this stone.

With additional funds from the Beavercreek Township Trustees, a large parking lot was built to accommodate about 50 cars.

In recent years, the site has been improved with a pond that includes a fountain, benches, lights and a walking path, all built with money secured from another Natureworks grant and local money. There are 3 primitive campsites carved out that will have access to water and electricity. A connector through the park to the Dayton Xenia Road bike path is currently under construction.

A comfort station was constructed in 2004 and funded by the Beavercreek Township Trustees. There is a gazebo and a small bridge at the front of the park. The Girl Scouts use the bridge for their bridging ceremonies. As a community service, the Girl Scouts are in charge of planting flowers and weeding the circle around the Memorial. They also plan and deliver the annual Holiday in the Park for the community in December.





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Site originally launched November 18, 2000

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*Photo found on Google, by Michael Abel.*

Efforts - such as patchworkdesign.net's patch (left) - has raised some funds (\$11,000 as of 2012) towards raising money to pay for the improvements. They haven't posted any update on the fund raising that I can find.

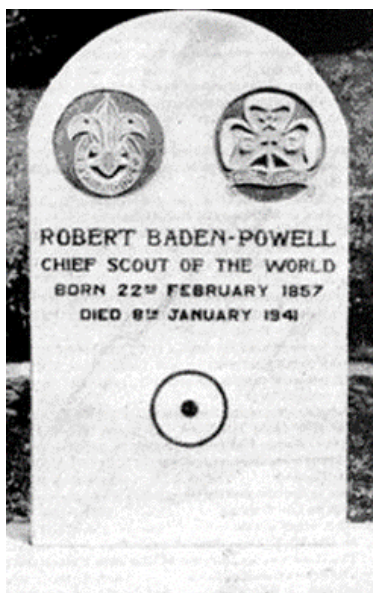
When I was there, ivy was growing in the grave bed. That doesn't seem to be the case anymore.

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Founder of Girl Scouts  
of the United States.

(on the lower area)  
Juliette Low  
Wife of William W. Low  
Daughter of  
William W. and Eleanor Kingie Gordon

Born October 31, 1860  
Died January 17, 1927  
At Savannah Georgia  
Now Abideth Faith, Hope and Love,  
But the Greatest of These is Love.



*Original  
headstone with  
British Boy  
Scout & Girl  
Guide symbols*

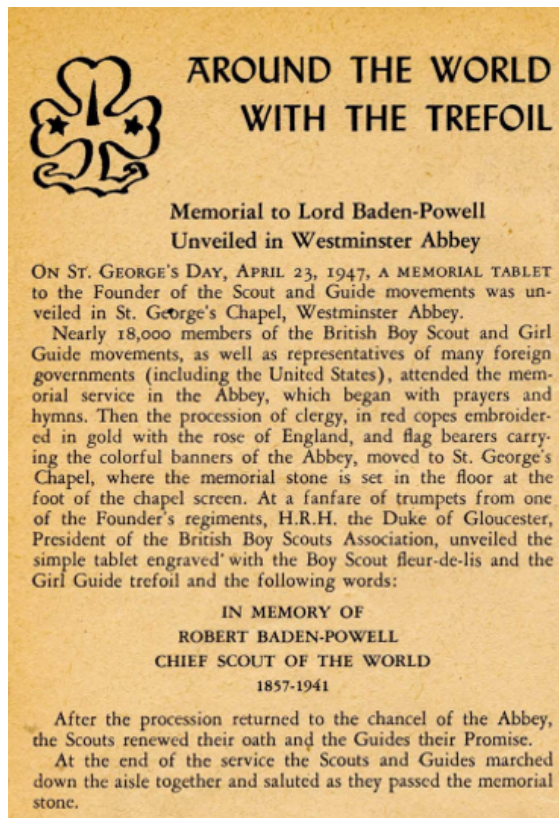
Lord & Lady Baden-Powell  
St Peter's Cemetery  
Nyeri, Nyeri, Kenya

Findagrave.com # 1271

Oddly, I couldn't find an image of Agnes Baden-Powell's headstone, the original Girl Guide. She was Baden-Powell's sister, who died in 1945.



*Current  
headstone with  
International  
Boy Scout &  
WAGGGS  
symbols*



If you can't make it to Nyeri, Kenya to visit the graves of the founders of Scouting, but you can make it to London, England - perhaps you can visit the memorial there.

### Girl Scout Places, Spaces & Traces

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