

Paul Tulane's Burial Site



The Civil War forced the University of Louisiana to close. After the war, the university reopened in financial trouble. Total assets, excluding buildings, totaled \$4,570.39 in 1866. In the early 1880s, Paul Tulane, a businessman, provided a solution to the money problems by donating more than \$1 million “for the promotion and encouragement of intellectual, moral and industrial education.” A native of Princeton, N.J., Paul Tulane had made his fortune in New Orleans before returning to his hometown; his gift expressed his appreciation to this Southern city on the Mississippi River.

-Tulane University, A Brief History

After making his fortune in New Orleans, Paul Tulane returned home to Princeton, New Jersey. He died in 1887 and was buried in the Princeton Cemetery owned by the Nassau (formerly First) Presbyterian Church. Tulane was known for his philanthropy to not only Tulane University but also to the First Presbyterian Church, and numerous other charitable causes. In 1878, Tulane donated more than four acres to the cemetery.

To see a layout of the Princeton Cemetery and the location of Tulane's burial site, go to <http://www.princetonol.com/groups/cemetery/map.html> and see #48.