

## **Pioneers' Cemetery Association Project Wins Prestigious 2022 AASLH Award of Excellence**

Nashville, TN – The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) congratulates Pioneers' Cemetery Association for receiving an Award of Excellence for Women and Children of Pioneer & Military Memorial Park. The Award of Excellence is part of the AASLH Leadership in History Awards, the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation of state and local history.

*Women and Children of Pioneer & Military Memorial Park* was a project to expand the awareness surrounding the history of women and children in Territorial Phoenix buried in the cemetery. Men who had contributed to the building of early Phoenix were well known subjects of written history, but women were rarely documented. This project was particularly important in 2020 since it was the 100 anniversary of Women's Right to Vote. The focus was on women from diverse backgrounds who preceded that part of history and the struggles and contributions they made and the children they lost.

This year, AASLH is proud to confer 53 national awards honoring people, projects, exhibits, and publications. The winners represent the best in the field and provide leadership for the future of state and local history.

The AASLH awards program was initiated in 1945 to establish and encourage standards of excellence in the collection, preservation, and interpretation of state and local history throughout the United States. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards not only honor significant achievement in the field of state and local history, but also bring public recognition of the opportunities for small and large organizations, institutions, and programs to make contributions in this arena. For more information about the Leadership in History Awards, contact AASLH at 615-320-3203, or go to [www.aaslh.org](http://www.aaslh.org).

### **About AASLH**

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