

Today in Columbus History: On June 25, 1857, an ad appeared in the *Daily Sun* for Henry McCauley's marble works. McCauley was one of four industrious Irish stone carvers who came to Columbus before 1860 and set up business. The first carver to arrive was Patrick Adams, in 1832. He was followed by John Madden in the 1840s, and Thomas Kenny and Henry McCauley in the 1850s. But, McCauley was probably the most talented of the lot. His carvings feature exquisite stone carvings of flowers and wreaths -- very detailed. He was prolific; there are many of his carvings at Linwood Cemetery -- many of them signed. Sadly, in 1879 McCauley was shot and killed in a barroom fight with a man named James Harris. They were talking -- then arguing -- about a tombstone epitaph, when Harris reached over and touch McCauley's beard. McCauley pulled out a knife and Harris pulled out a pistol. McCauley was shot in the head and died. His tombstone was carved by an associate and is very plain as compared to McCauley's pieces.

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Our snippets of Columbus history are usually based on a few days-worth of searching through the most popular sources for Muscogee County history. Meant to inspire readers to explore more about Columbus history, they are not exhaustive dissertations on the topic and may contain mistakes. If you have corrections or additional information, feel free to share them with the group.

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MARBLE WORKS,
Randolph Street, opposite Oglethorpe Hotel,
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.

The undersigned would respectfully inform the citizens of Columbus and surrounding country, that he has opened a **MARBLE SHOP** on the southeast corner of Oglethorpe and Randolph Sts., opposite the Post Office and the Oglethorpe Hotel, where he is prepared, with the best Italian and American Marble, to furnish all kinds of

Monuments, Tombs & Grave Stones,
as cheap as they can be had in any part of the country, North or South. He respectfully solicits a share of public patronage. He flatters himself that for workmanship he will give satisfaction to the most fastidious.

April 19, 1857. 1y HENRY McCAULEY.





Tombstone of Sarah Crews in Linwood Cemetery -- carved by McCauley.
From Findagrave.com



Detail of work on Crews monument. From Findagrave.com

**GREAT REDUCTION
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PRICE OF MARBLE.**

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transact all
the financial business of the establishment. In
order to dispose of the present stock of marble,
within a limited time, all the work now on hand,
consisting of

Tombs, Headstones, & Monuments,
of Italian and American Marble; also, Granite,
Iron Railing, Plaster, Cement, Lime, &c., &c., will
be disposed of at first cost.

THOMAS KENNY.
152 Broad Street.

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Just below McCauley's ad, there was this one for Thomas Kenny's marble works. They even used the same illustration!