

# Sultana Monument



This is a monument to the people who died on the Sultana in 1865. Brothers William Thompson Phelps and John Michael Phelps were Union soldiers who were captured in 1864 and held in a Confederate prison near Selma, Alabama until near the end of the war. On the way to Ohio for mustering out, they were being transported up the Mississippi River on the steamship Sultana when a boiler exploded, sinking the ship and killing 1800 of the 2400 aboard. William Thompson was one of the casualties. His body was not recovered. John Michael survived. Both names are inscribed on this monument which is located in the Mount Olive Baptist Church Cemetery in Knoxville, Tennessee.