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VETERANS GRAVES, WOODLAWN CEMETERY

- 1952 Armagarst, Eber M WWI
- 1893 Andrews, Chas. W.
- 1914 Andrews, Wm. T.
- 1907 Ball, Oliver P BALL
- 1899 Barnes, Wm. H. 103
- 1910 Buttner, Aug. BITTNER
- Beand, Robt.
- Brinker, John C
- Cramer, David
- 1914 Carter, Theo. G. THEODORE
- 1928 Case, Geo. E.
- Children, Mona P. ~~Stark, Frank~~
- 1882 Clark, Francis H
- 1932 Clark, Jas.
- Coffin, Samuel
- 1898 Collins, Dr. D.B.
- Colburn, Louis B
- 1893 Compart, Louis
- Daniels, Asa W.
- Daniels, Dr. Jared W
- 1904 Daniels, Dr. Jared W (2) WALDO
- Davis, Francis V
- Davis, Henry C
- 1921 Donahower, Jeremiah C
- Essler, Henry, Sr
- Essler, William C
- 1912 Evenson, Matthias G
- 1905 Feldson, Henry G. FELDMAN?
- Fetrow, Chas.
- 1914 Green, Jason J JAMES
- 1863 Gielow, Johann WILLIAM?
- Hatcher, Easton E. KENTON?
- 1903 Haesecke, Wm.
- 1907 Jacoby, Hiram J.
- Johnson, Floyd B.
- Johnson, Arthur H
- 1877 Kentner, Amos
- 1922 Jones, W. T. WILLIAM?
- Johnson, Walter A
- Johnson, Vern
- Johnson, Miss
- Kendall, Mrs Hazelle
- Fredrickson, Douglas P.
- Fredrickson, Chas. W.
- Covell, Dr. W.W.
- Blomgren, Wm.
- Eckstrom, Arthur E.
- 1960 Bornemann, John Paul
- La Brie, Frank
- 1886 Lehr, Wm. - 1917?
- Leach, Frederick B
- Marker, Perry C
- 1910 Merritt, Adeniram J ADOURIN
- 1922 Meyer, Chas. F. J (Julius)
- 1896 Meyer, Ernest ERNST?
- Miller, Rudolph C.
- 1874 Moore, Edwin L.
- Mork, Orlando L.
- 1914 Morse, Nathaniel M
- Morse, Fred B.
- 1902 Parks, Moses J.
- 1918 Paynter, Davis DAYID
- 1917 Pettis, Charles C.
- Pettis, Wm. H.
- 1934 Randall, John B.
- 1902 Rogers, Benj. F.
- 1914 Rounseville, Wm. H.
- Rubel, Isiah
- 1913 Sackett, Addison L.
- Saint Dennis, Edward
- 1903 Salkins, William
- 1892 Schenberg, John PL SCHONBECK?
- Stark, Charles P.
- 1863 Stark, Gustav A.
- Stelzer, Jacob
- 1907 Stone, Asro A.
- Strauch, Geo. L.
- ? - 1913 Strauch, John C. G.?
- 1886 Thompson, Benjamin F.
- 1866 Tolan, Edw.
- Tyler, John E.
- Wallace, Samuel A.
- 1907 Walter, John W. Sr.
- 1898 Weston, Andrew A.
- 1907 Wildes, Frank A.
- ? - 1919 Wildes, Mark L.
- 1924 Williams, Robt. S.
- Williams, Willis D. ?? 5/1914 445
- Fredrickson Theo.
- Hanson, Gilmon
- Olson Howard
- Mollert, Adolph C.
- Rosenberg, Harry

Capt. Dodd (Back of Episcopal Church)
HUNPHREY MEMORIAL (Woodlawn)

1932 - CARTER, NATHAN S.

944 GIELOW, FREDERICK

- 1913 HARM, HANS FREDERIC

1809 LAMBERTON, ALFRED JOHN (JACK)

Aug 1964

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10/27/20

After reading this
letter, the page clipped
to this may be
detailing grave sites
of the individual
buried.

April 25, 1993

Woodlawn Cemetery Association
Ms Patricia Johnson
101 W Broadway
St Peter, MN 56082

Dear Ms Johnson:

I drove through the cemetery on Friday and noticed that the US flags were up on most of the veterans graves, except those from the civil war. There are many prominent St Peter and Nicollet County citizens buried at Woodlawn. Among them are attorney Asa Stone who marched to the Sea with Sherman, Major Moore who was a Union Paymaster robbed by the confederates of one of the largest amounts of money taken during the entire war, one of the members of the famous 1st Minnesota Infantry regiment who was wounded twice is buried just below the cannon's barrel, one man buried up on top of the hill served in an Illinois Cavalry unit and had his hat shot from his head and lived to tell of it. Ernst Meyer, was the principal bugler of the famous 1st Minnesota Infantry and had his bugle shot from his hand at the battle of Bull Run. Jeremiah Donahower was a prominent citizen and banker in St Peter besides having kept a diary althrough the war. I've enclosed my rough notes on the soldiers buried there for your records. The flags may draw those walking through to pause for just a moment and perhaps appreciate alittle of the history of those who went before us.

Thank you for your consideration !

Sincerely,

Roger Norland
1600 Nottingham Dr
North Mankato, MN 56003

MERRITT, ADDIRAM J, CAPTAIN
MISSOURI VOLUNTEERS, CO. K
BISSELL'S REGIMENT, ENGINEERS
11/13/1861 - 5/23/1864

DANVILLE, LIVINGSTON CO,
B 1839 NEW YORK DIED 10/11/1910

MORSE, NATHANIEL
1ST MASS LIGHT ART, CO B
5/19/61 - 8/61
2nd MASS H. ART 7/15/64 - 6/21/65
B 1838 Salem, Essex Co. MASS D 1/4/1914

PETTIS, CHARLES CLARENCE
7TH MINN INF, CO K
Served from 8/19/62 - 8/16/65

B 2/26/1844 Newberg, Pike Co.
IND

PARKS, MOSES J
3rd MN INF, CO. I
MUSTERED IN AT AGE 21 ON 6/27/1864
MUSTERED OUT 5/22/1865
B 1833 PA D 6/21/1902

PAYNTER, DAVID
187TH PENN INF, CO E
1/15/64 - 8/3/1865
B 1835 PHILADELPHIA, PA D 12/3/1918

MEYER, CHARLES FREDERICK JULIUS, Corporal
16TH NEW YORK VOL. CAVALRY, CO. M
12/8/1863 - 8/12/1865

B 12/29/1837 Hanover, Germ D 10/10/1922

MEYER, ERNST, Bugler
1st MN INF, CO. A
4/29/61 - 8/31/1861
B 3/15/1828 LAUTERBACH, D 5/7/1896
HANOVER, GERMANY

TOLAN, EDWARD
7TH MN INF, CO K
MUST IN AT 19 ON 8/19/1862
OUT 8/16/65
ST PETER FRONTIER GUARDS
B 1/13/1843 Vernon, Jennings Co, D 3/16/1866
INDIANA

STONE, AZRO A.
2nd MN INF, CO. E
MUST IN AT 21 ON 7/5/61
DISCHARGED 7/4/64 - WOUNDED AT CHICKAMAUGA
B 1/17/1840 OSHTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA D 6/9/1907

SALKINS, Wm Corporal
23-2 MASS INF, CO B
9/28/61 - 10/13/64

B 1841 MASS D 7/14/1903

ROUNSEVILLE, Wm Harrison
NICOLET CO. GUARDS
8/19 - 26/1862
B 10/2/1840 Hartford, D 1/25/1914
Tompkins Co NY

ROGERS, BENJAMIN, Corporal
9TH MN INF, CO D
MUST IN AT AGE 27 8/19/62
OUT 5/24/65
B 1/22/1835 Richmond, D 9/16/1902
Indiana

THOMPSON, BENJAMIN FRANK
1ST MAINE CAV, CO. L
Served 10/14/1861 - 11/25/1864
B WATERFORD, D 3/21/1886
OXFORD CO. MAINE AGE: 58 YRS
2 mos.

WESTON, ANDREW A
11TH MN INF, CO. D
MUSTERED IN AT AGE 28 8/22/64
OUT ON 6/26/65
B 1836 Norway D 3/28/1898

RANDALL, JOHN B
4TH MN INF, CO. K
MUSTERED IN AT AGE 16 ON 8/31/1861
MUSTERED OUT 6/12/1865
B 4/16/1848 Montgomery D 4/10/193
DAVIES CO. INDIANA

STRAUCH, JOHN G.
3rd WIS INF, CO. K
3/7/1865 - 8/21/1865
B 10/5/1832 VRONKE, GERM
D 6/24/1913

SACKETT, ADDISON L, 1st Sergt
89TH NEW YORK INF, CO. E
6/1861 - 10/21/1864
B 1/3/1839 PLYMOUTH, NY D 2/22/1911

SCHOENBECK, JOHN P.
1ST MN INF, CO. B - 3 WOUNDS
MUSTERED IN AT AGE 35 ON 4/29/61
Wounded at Antietam & Gettysburg
DISCHARGED 2/16/1864
B 4/16/1825 Sweden D 7/13/1892

STARK, GUSTAF A
2nd MN INF, CO. K
MUSTERED IN ON 7/31/1861
DISCHARGED FOR DISABILITY
1st MN MTD RANGERS, CO. B
Killed in battle at Big Hills, Dakota Terr.
B 5/26/1840 Sweden D 7/24/1863

WILDES, FRANK A, CORPORAL
7TH MINN INF, CO K
MUSTERED IN AT AGE 23 ON 8/19/1862
DISCHARGED DUE TO DISABILITY
B 1/6/1839 Phippsburg, Sagadahoc Co. D 1/24/1919
MAINE

WILDES, MARK L., Sergeant
1st MN MTD RANGERS, CO. B
MUSTERED IN AT AGE 33 ON 10/17/1862
MUSTERED OUT ON 11/9/1863
B 4/6/1828 Phippsburg, Maine D 7/21/1919

WALTER, JOHN
2ND MN INF, CO. E
MUSTERED IN AT AGE 27 ON 7/5/1861
DISCHARGED FOR DISABILITY 1/3/1862
B 5/8/1834 Mecklenburg, D 2/26/1907
Germany

WILLIAMS, ROBERT STEWART
17TH INDIANA INF CO. D
6/12/1861 - 7/1862 at Moresville, Ala.
B 12/25/1841 Indianapolis, D 10/31/1921

STATE HOSPITAL CEMETERIES

by Ron Riley - 2/18/98

The MN Legislature recently allocated some funds to address the issue of identifying the developmentally disabled individuals who were buried in State facility's cemeteries. The purpose of the effort is to match names to the *numbered* graves of each patient in the cemeteries. These people were laid to rest in virtually unmarked graves! The Legislature made these funds available in response to mental health advocates' pleas to bring dignity to the dead buried in our cemeteries. According to a June 1997 *Free Press* article, the numbering of grave-stones in State Hospital cemeteries probably originated as a response to families wishes to maintain privacy - in light of society's negative attitudes toward those who needed services at State Hospitals for the Insane. It was this attitude that may have prompted family members to resist retrieving the bodies of relatives after death in the hospitals. The numbers on each stone are *not* patient identification numbers. Each number is only a sequential record of when a person was buried.

In August of 1997, work was begun to locate and identify the graves of all of the SPRTC and old State Hospital patients whose record indicates that their remains were placed in one of the two cemeteries here. An easy-enough *sounding* task, yes; but, it is proving to be complicated by a number of factors: At one of the hospital cemeteries, the Old Swedish Cemetery on HWY. 99, West of St. Peter, all of the written burial records were destroyed in a building fire; to further complicate the historians quest, a prairie fire destroyed the whole cemetery, the southeast corner, consuming all of the wooden numbered grave markers that were used then. No record of those seven-hundred-plus burials exists. Sometime after 1907, the numbering system was begun again at #1 and a new set of markers were established at the newer graves!

So, who are the people interred in the two SPRTC cemeteries? Today, we know that we don't know who all of the souls are in the Swedish Cemetery; and, up on the bluff we have about 1600 numbered grave markers. A few of those numbered stones were replaced with "proper" gravestones by family or friends of the dead. The remaining numbers are currently being matched to "hand-written" hospital burial records, and this information is now being computerized, a more organized format when the job is completed. (more)

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Some of the facts sifted and compiled from SPRTC's and the Nicollet County Historical Society archives reveal that sometime in 1899, the Minnesota Legislature declared that all *old soldiers* who were patients at State Hospitals should be buried in city cemeteries, Woodlawn was St. Peter's. There were at least two patients from the old hospital who were Civil War Vets, and these graves have been located; as well as some of the first twenty burials from the first St. Peter State Hospital in downtown St. Peter (prior to the fires). When the project resumes this Spring, more graves will be identified and maps of the cemeteries will show real names instead of undignified numbers.

Thanks to the administrators of the Woodlawn and Swedish (Resurrection) Cemeteries, the Nicollet County Historical Society, and SPRTC's own history museum, we are resurrecting the identities of our cemeteries inhabitants.