



St. Peter State Hospital.  
Subject Files and Miscellaneous Records.

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# ST. PETER STATE HOSPITAL

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

DR. R. M. PHELPS, SUPERINTENDENT

ST. PETER, MINN. June 26, 1925

SUBJECT:

## NOTES CONCERNING RECORDS OF BURIALS IN HOSPITAL CEMETERY: BOOK NO. 1

0 Book No. 1, gives first, twenty local burials  
to as in the city cemetery, St. Peter, Minn. Pro-  
20 bably these were from what was called "the down  
town hospital of St. Peter".

21 Some twenty-eight of later local burials  
are marked simply "hospital cemetery" (in  
to this Book No. 1 no location of cemetery being  
48 given). No. 21 to No. 48 brings up to August  
10, 1871 and after that the book record stops.

No record is found of any kind, of name,  
or location or date, between this burial of  
August 10, 1871 and a burial of May 21,  
1877. The number of burials is not known,  
but, of course, from office records the  
number of deaths can be found.

1 In this same Book No. 1, the series commences  
again a few pages away and the numbers begin  
again with number one. No explanation of any  
kind for the omission is found. No location  
or hint of the location of this cemetery is  
to given or of any preceding cemetery. This book  
then carries from No. 1 on May 21, 1877 up to  
521 No. 521, September 1, 1895. Seemingly, this  
list is completed but there is no where any  
designation of location of the cemetery or of  
the graves within the cemetery. However, the  
cemetery is supposably the one beside the  
Swedish cemetery.

522 From No. 521 of September 1, 1895 up to  
August 15, 1901 no book is found. There is  
found a penciled list of numbers but it does  
not say what names belong to the numbers. This  
carries from 522 to 687 inclusive. On certain  
to penciled sheets, not complete in series unfortun-  
ately, we can fill in quite a good many of these  
687 names. However, there are a few that we have  
not found in any records and not finding any  
record, we cannot be sure of the name - for if  
there were ten deaths in a month and two of them  
were buried here, there is no record, seemingly,  
to tell which ones were the ones buried here.

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## CEMETERY OR BURIAL RECORDS

<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Dates</u>		<u>Record Book</u>
0 to 21		In City Cemetery - No location given	Book No.1
21 to 48		In Hosp. Cemetery - No location given	Book No.1
49 to ?	8/10/71 to 5/21/77	No Record, not even hints (Nothing seems possible to be learned)	No book
1 to 521	5/21/77 to 9/1/95	In Hosp. Cemetery - No location given (This is supposedly the cemetery by the Swedish Cemetery)	Book No.1
522 to 687 or 1 to 166	9/1/95 to 8/15/01	These are supposedly in the cemetery beside the Swedish Cemetery. Some loose sheets found, also the Super- visors' books studied, but even so the typewritten list made is not quite complete.	No book

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(522 above is made No.1 and a new list of cement markers  
started on graves.)

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687 to 750 or 166 to 240	8/15/01 to 2/29/04	Hospital Cemetery	Book No.2
751 to 839 or 241 to 329	4/6/04 to 12/22/08	Hospital Cemetery	Book No.3
840 to date or 330 to date	2/15/09 to-	Hospital Cemetery	Book No.4

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Total number burials (approximately)...20 City  
27 Hospital  
150 Guess  
522  
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CEMETERY -2-

## BOOK NO.2

687 (166) Book No.2 commences August 15, 1901 with  
to the No.687 and which corresponds with 166  
750 (240) in the new numbering. This is a little faax-  
ible book and carries to the death 750 on  
February 29, 1904.

## BOOK NO.3

251 (241) Book No.3 commences with 751 as a death  
to on April 6, 1904 and it carries to a death  
329 on December 12, 1908 which is number 329.

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## EXPLANATION OF THE CHANGE OF NUMBERS:

522 Some time after 1907 a new set of cement  
to markers were established at each grave, carrying  
date backward to No.521 of the old numbering (1895)  
and the markers commenced with No.1. Therefore,  
this last is merely a re-numbering of the old  
graves beginning at the old No.522 and done at  
the time they put in the new cement markers.

## Book No.4

330 Book No.4 records a first death as 330  
to on February 15, 1909. This book No.4 then con-  
date tinues on consecutely up to date (1925).

(It will be noted that the marking by  
numbers commenced again at No.1 - two times  
since the beginning of the institution.)

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## CEMETERY

Marked graves begin with No. 522, under new number "1". Before that old wooden markers were used but had been burned years before. Seemingly an attempt was made by Dr. Tomlinson to bring to date, and the result was the finding of only the above from 522 on. It was there that cement blocks were started. This makes the beginning as about 1896. An attempt was made to increase this information of consecutive known and marked graves from the memories of Dr. Kilbourne and Mr. Hurst, but with no results. There appears to be no possible means of identification of earlier graves.