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Veterans' Cemetery



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Mountain Cemetery

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History

The modern history of the Sonoma Valley is summarized in a greatly abbreviated form by the grave markers found in the City's cemeteries.

These old, beautiful remnants of past lives and their influence on the current character of the City, and even the entire Northern

California region, should not be forgotten.

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The City was incorporated in 1883, but was originally established by General Mariano Vallejo starting as far back as 1835. General Vallejo originally deeded the land for Valley Cemetery in 1835 with the entire city land tract map that established the original land uses. Mountain Cemetery was founded in 1841 when the City formally incorporated.



The Old Oak at the Valley Cemetery

Most of the City's civic, economic and cultural leaders are buried in the cemeteries, most notably, General Vallejo and his wife, Francisca Carrillo Vallejo. A brief tour of the cemetery will prove many well-known winemaking, farming, and long-time valley resident families, such as Sebastiani, McTaggart, Riboni, Ruggles, Dolcini, Bundschu, and Mulas have built beautiful family mausoleum buildings to memorialize their families' prominence in the community.

Captain H.E. Boyes, George Fetters, Franklin Sears and two Donner Party survivors are interned in the cemeteries. The Sons of the American Revolutionary War claim that a veteran from that era, Captain William Smith of Flowerdew Hundred, VA is buried in an unmarked grave, making the cemetery one of the oldest continually operated cemeteries in the western United States, and perhaps also one of the most beautiful.



Mountain Cemetery was originally allocated 60 acres of land at the base of Schocken Hill, overlooking the northern edge of Sonoma. The cemetery winds up the side of the mountain and is home to many historical figures. The Cemetery is located at 90 First St. West and is open daily from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Valley Cemetery comprises two acres of original deed, plus two acres acquired in 1960 known as the "Valley Cemetery Annex." The property is located at 425 MacArthur East St., between Oak Lane and Fourth St. East. The cemetery is open daily from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Veterans' Cemetery was acquired in 1996 for the purpose of establishing a dedicated Veterans' Cemetery. The land was developed as such in an austere setting with a sculptured Star Fountain. The Veterans' Cemetery is approximately one acre and is open from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

