
SUGAR GROVE CEMETERY

SERVING MOUND PRAIRIE, PALO ALTO AND SHERMAN TOWNSHIPS SINCE 1857

Volume I

Spring 2004

Paving Project Completed

A long awaited project was completed summer 2003 thanks to the people who donated to the paving project.



Blacktop on the south side or new part of cemetery.



Blacktop going north along west side of the cemetery.



Blacktop going north on east side of the cemetery.

Donors to the Paving Project

- Maytag Family Foundation
- Conrad Clement
- Stan Clement
- Phil and Marjorie Hitchler Lane
- Wanda Rorabaugh Selbher Memorial
- Lyle and Audra Emmack Memorial –
- Norm and Charles Emmack and others
- Jim and Marilynn Hitchler Edgeton
- Robert and Judy Hitchler
- John and Marvelyn Lane Adams
- Fritz Maytag
- Dean and Joy Lane
- Barbara Langerak
- John Clement
- Ruby Gibson Jacobs
- Walter and Joy Emmack Machin
- Ronald Pink
- Ron Forbes
- Emmack Memorial - Merritt and Janice Van Roekel
- Leslie Blackledge
- Harold and Lenore Aillaud Skow
- Juanita Walker Shoemake
- John and Marilyn Dammeier Willemssen Jr.
- John and Dorothy Brock
- Dorothy Reeder
- Doris Baty Immell
- Bradley Clement
- Francis and Betty Snook
- Barbara Lane Hug
- Tom and Becky Schroyer, Barbara and Joel Miller and Donnie Dammeier
- Russell and Sandra Ayers
- Alice Rafenburg Garlock
- Richard and Beverly Emmack Allfree
- Mary Eleanor Pink Kling
- Darlene Hardenbrook Head
- Betty Shrum
- Dave and Clarice Trotter
- Melvin and Susan Pickett
- Frank and Denise Pellett
- C D and Helen Johnson Davidson
- Bob and Mabel McGowen
- Norinne Hardenbrook

Family Stories

One of the fascinating things about a cemetery is the variety of stories about the people buried there. These stories help us remember and give reverence to those who have gone before us.

The Maytag Connection. More than 20 maternal ancestors and relations of Fred Maytag II are buried in the Sugar Grove Cemetery. The maternal grandparents are Mary Jane Veach and George Simeon Kennedy. You've probably seen their stones at the northeast corner of the cemetery. Mary Jane died fairly young and "Sim" was murdered in his home a few years later. Their daughters were Ora Blanche Kennedy Maytag and Maude Kennedy.

Moses Manning and Henry Houck was two veterans without tombstones. After researching their military records, we ordered military plaques for both.



On August 9th, 1862, Henry Houck enlisted in Co. K, 28th Iowa Volunteer Infantry and served three years receiving an honorable discharge July 31st 1865. He married Eleanor Berry.



Moses Manning was just 18 when he stood guard of the city of Baltimore, Maryland during the War of 1812. Moses is the father of Sarah who married Calvin Hickman.

Cemetery Business

The annual meeting of the Sugar Grove Cemetery Association was held March 30, 2004 after being advertised in the Newton Daily News.

Trustee Robert Hitchler, Jr. was reelected for a three-year term. Other trustees are John Cannon – 2006 and John Birkenholtz – 2005. Clerk is Dean Lane.

Blacktop Project – Total cost of the project was \$35,790. Donations paid for \$25,245 and the rest was taken from the cemetery reserves, including memorial gifts from the families and friends of Wanda (George) Selbher and Andrea (Lyle) Emmack.

Price of cemetery lot of 4 was set at \$500 beginning April 1, 2004.

Burials in 2003 were:

Wanda Rorabaugh Selbher b. 1914
Junella Kling Yoder b. 1959
John Willemsen b. 1934
William "Bill" Reeder b. 1935
Lee Lind b. 1945
Audra Brooks Emmack b. 1906
Dolar Dale Cannon b. 1916

Clean up day was held Saturday, April 2nd where volunteers picked up old flowers and debris from the winter. Trees in the fence row were cut out and the cemetery was made ready for mowing.

Reminders for Grave Decorations

1. Select and place decorations that can be mowed around so the cemetery and your lot look nice all summer.
2. Keep plant materials cut back so they don't take over the lot and to make mowing easier. Some plantings, especially the peonies and iris need dividing.
3. Keep grave decorations fresh. We remove decorations from the ground on April and July 1st for easier mowing.
4. When you take off old materials, please take them with you instead of throwing them behind the shed.
5. Whenever you visit the cemetery, pickup any trash you see and take it with you for disposal.

Financial Support

Expenses for the cemetery are paid with interest from a small investment made up of estate giving and lot sales.

Please consider the cemetery in your estate planning, memorials or tax-deductible donations to ensure the future care of your family lot.

For information on burials and lot or setting of stones please contact Clerk, Dean Lane at 792-9426 or 521-9426.
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