

Notes About The Cemetery Listings

The following pages are a listing of burials in the Howard Lake Cemetery based on a number of sources:

1. The original cemetery register
2. Tombstones in the cemetery
3. Cemetery maps
4. Birth and death certificates
5. Federal and state census records
6. Wright county courthouse burial records
7. Obituaries - primarily from the Howard Lake Herald
8. Family trees online at Ancestry.com

Additional statistics:

1. Total number of burials listed - **3461**
2. Pictures have been taken of 2976 tombstones - most of them can be viewed on the Find A Grave website for the Howard Lake Cemetery.
3. Total records added - (not listed in cemetery register) - 441
4. There was approximately a ten year period from 1910 to 1920 where burials were not listed in the cemetery register.
5. Oldest people buried in the cemetery - Henry Guthrie and Lena Kraft - age - 102; Victoria Buranen - age - 104
6. Number of records with no DOD found - 33
7. Number of records listing cause of death as suicide - 16
8. Number of records listing age as 0 - 82
9. Earliest recorded burials - James W. Chaffins and William P. Buck - 1865
10. The greatest number of burials was in 1957 with 45, followed by 1918 with 42.
11. A few tombstones may be for soldiers killed overseas.

The front page of the Howard Lake Herald on 28 February 1907 included a story about the Howard Lake Cemetery. The cemetery association was formed in 1872. At its first meeting a constitution and by-laws were adopted. Four acres of land were purchased. The first officers were: G. W. Thompson, President; T. M. Jenke, Secretary; Harvey E. Jones, Treasure; J. S. Peat, John Painter and John F. Pearson, Trustees.

First year receipts totaled \$212.13. Disbursements total \$213.55. The association was not clear of debt until 1882.

Volunteer contributions have kept the grounds in the present neat condition.

Article written by A. N. Carter, Secretary.

The following pages include all burials through Aug 2014, plus burial information from obituaries published in the Howard Lake Herald since that time.

Finally, there are no guarantees about the accuracy of this information.

Information on deaths prior to 1908, when death certificates were first issued, was difficult to locate. Information on death certificates, tombstones, cemetery records, court house records and census records was often incomplete, contradictory and/or difficult to read. Variations in spelling were common.

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