

BOX ELDER CEMETERY

This cemetery is north of Cumro, Custer County, Nebraska. Take Hwy 2/183 south from Ansley, Custer County, Nebraska. About 1 mile south of Ansley, turn right on Hwy 183 and go approx. 12 miles to the Cumro turn off. Turn right and go 6 miles west, then turn at the Historical Marker and go 1 1/2 miles north. This is a public cemetery and is accessible from the road. On the gate leading into the cemetery it says, "In memory of Everett Fortik, July 1, 1910 June 19, 1990" & "In memory of Bette L. Fortik, Oct 2, 1918 Aug 8, 1995" is on the fence.

The historical marker says: Cumro, named by William Edmunds, for his home town in Wales, was a thriving frontier settlement located between Georgetown post office located four miles to the west and Eudell post office three miles to the east. It boasted a school, a blacksmith shop, physician and store, with the church and cemetery to the north. Cumro post office was established in 1885 with Morgan W. Jones as post master and discontinued in April 1943. In the summer of 1877, the Kearney and Black Hills stage line followed the South Loup river valley with stops south of Eudell and Georgetown. A Union Pacific line planned for the valley was surveyed through Cumro in the 1880's, but the line was never built because the railroad experienced financial difficulties. Cattlemen became bringing cattle into the valley in 1869 and conflicts erupted when homesteaders challenged the cattlemens claim to the land. Fierce blizzards of 1880 and 1881 dessimated the herds, hastening the end of the open range. Among descendants of the cattlemen and homesteaders that settled the area, can be found such names as George, Morgan, Trew, Wood and many others.

Abbott, Ernest Vernon, Oct 1, 1865 - Mar 14, 1933;

Abbott, Marietta, Apr 15, 1867 - Aug 2, 1939

Allen, Linda E., wife of L. S. Allen, Nov 24, 1868 - Sept 5, 1890

Allen?, Rachel E., "Mother", born July 14, 1857 - died Mar 17, 1926 (same type stone as Jennings - between Linda Allen & Jennings, but no last name on this stone)

Blevins, Homer L., June 6 - June 28, 1912

Blevins, Stella, 1876 - 1912

Blevins, Oscar, 1873 - 1947

Brakeman, Amelia A., wife of C. W. Brakeman, died July 25, 1895 Aged 34 ys, 3 ms, 1 da
"She was a fond mother, a loving wife and a friend to all"

Brakeman, Ira W., son of C. W. & Rosa G. Brakeman, died Feb 13, 1899, Aged 1 y 11 ds
"Plucked from earth to bloom in heaven"

Brandt, Lester, July 28, 1917 - Nov 20, 1989; married Nov 29, 1947, Parents of Steven, Charles, Jeffrey

Brandt, Blanche E., Apr 6, 1921 - Nov 25, 1900, married Nov 29, 1947, Parents of Steven, Charles, Jeffrey

Brandt, Walter A., Pvt US Army, World War II, Nov 11, 1903 Jan 11, 1981

Brandt, Herman L., "Son", Aug 27, 1915 - Jan 1, 1963

Brandt, Henry J. Jr., Feb 3, 1906 - Oct 12, 1969

Brandt, J. Henry, "Father" born 1869 - died 1945;

Brandt, Anna T., "Mother", 1881 - 1938;

Brandt, "infant twins", March 14, 1909

Brandt, David R., July 25, 1911 - Jan 20, 1990; married May 19, 1946

Brandt, Wilma D., July 4, 1926 - _____, married May 19, 1946
Brown, Addie C., wife of S. R. Brown, died Jan 2, 1898, Aged 35 yrs 9 ms 8 da "At Rest" &
"Dear Friends, it's hard to part, but my Saviour has called me home"
Brown, Sarah, born Sept 23, 1842 - died July 14, 1906 "Dearest, Mother we have laid thee, in
the peaceful grave's embrace, But thy memory shall be cherished, 'till we see thy Heavenly face."
Brown, Dr. John G., died August 21, 1903, Aged 63 years & 11 days, "At Rest", "Peace Perfect
Peace", "God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son"
Brown, John, 1856 - 1925

Cherry, Carl H., March 6, 1908 - Mar 19, 1983; married Jan 14, 1942,
Cherry, Helen B., Nov 30, 1910 - Dec 27, 1979 married Jan 14, 1942
Cherry, Robert C., Dec 14, 1946 - Nov 3, 1981, "Man goeth forth unto his work and to his
labour until eveing." Vietnam War metal marker
Cherry, Charley H., son of John & Alice, born Apr 30, 1896 died Aug 24, 1909
Cherry, John, "Father", Dec 16, 1856 Apr 23, 1951;
Cherry, Alice, "Mother", Dec 9, 1863 - March 14, 1950, "In loving memory"
Cherry, Amelia J., "Mother", 1823 - 1897, "Gone Home"
Cherry, Mary, dau. of G. & M.Cherry, Dec 15, 1902 - June 1, 1912
Cherry, George, 1863 - 1940;
Cherry, Maggie, 1870 - 1947
Cherry, Joseph H. Sr., June 1, 1851 - Dec 6, 1917
Cherry, Hester Ann, "Daughter" Apr 30, 1885 - Oct 29, 1961
Cherry, John W. Feb 25, 1889 - July 24, 1970;
Cherry, Lucy C., Mar 23, 1893 - Jan 13, 1982
Cherry, Annie M., May 31, 1892 - Mar 15, 1976
Cherry, William I., Sept 16, 1894 - July 3, 1971;
Cherry, Ethel, Aug 18, 1897 - Sept 12, 1989
Chrisman, Charles S., "Father", 1848 - 1919;
Chrisman, Bettie B., "Mother", 1852 - 1926
Chrisman, Taylor S., 1883 - 1904
Cline, Hiram, Dec. 21, 1858 - July 5, 1915;
Cline, Phebe D., his wife, Dec 14, 1865 - July 5, 1945 Order Eastern Star metal marker, "In my
Father's House are many Mansions"
Clouse, Raymond Jim, 1896 - 1982 (mortuary marker)
Clouse, James Jr., 1927 - 1928
Clouse, Glenn Eugene, 1929 - 1931
Cooley, Jackie George, "Son", Feb 7, 1938 - May 3, 1942;
Cooley, James Dale, "Son", Aug 8, 1935 - Oct 10, 1961
Cooley, Archie M., 1907 - 1972, U.S. Navy 1941 - 1945 metal marker; Mildred L., 1907 - ___
Cooley, Dennis R., "Son", Dec 5, 1936 - ___ ; Alvin C., "Father", Jan 3, 1901 - Dec 24, 1985
Cooley-Parkhurst, Irene, Feb 2, 1918 - May 27, 1988, Loving mother of James, Dennis, Jackie,
Raymond
Cox, Robert R. Sept. 24, 1902 - Mar 27, 1988; Laverna P., Oct 18, 1908 - May 5, 1936
Cox, Alvia L., son of S. & A. Cox, died Dec 3, 1892, aged 2 ms 13 das "Plucked from earth to
bloom in Heaven"

Davis, Gilbert, "Our Darling", born and died July 1904, "Baby"

Edmunds, Margaret A., Apr 31, 1892 - Oct 9, 1892;
Edmunds, Naomi, Nov 3, 1896 - March 9, 1899

Fortik, Darlene Joyce, "Our Darling", born and died March 18, 1934,
Fortik, Fannie, dau. of Anton & Anna Fortik, March 20, 1909 March 30, 1909
Fortik, Anna, "Mother", 1874 - 1944;
Fortik, Anton, "Father", 1873 - 1937
Fortik, Everett, July 1, 1910 - June 19, 1990; married Feb 14, 1942, BPOE metal marker
Fortik, Bette L., Oct 2, 1918 - Aug 8, 1995, married Feb 14, 1942, BPOE metal marker
Fowler, John M., "Father", 1819 - 1891;
Fowler, Jane, "Mother", 1822 - 1896;
Fowler, Polly, 1883 - 1906;
Fowler, Rebecca J., 1873 - 1900;
Fowler, Florence and Alberta, Aged 5 mos.

Gibson, Robert, Dec 1, 1833 - Nov 4, 1917
Gillett, Aurilla, dau. of C. A. & M. E. Gillett. Apr 16, 1884 Dec 13, 1885
Gillett, John A., born Feb 26, 1832 - died Sept 2, 1890;
Gillett, Margaret J., born Oct 10, 1834 - died Dec 24, 1915
Gillett, Mabel Bird, born Apr 6, 1908 - died June 24, 1910 dau. of H. U. & E. M. Gillett,
"Darling"
Gillett, Hilliar U., Jan 10, 1865 - Feb 3, 1924, "Beloved husband & father"
Gillett, Ella M., 1876 - 1964

Hanson, Ola 1822-1901
_____, Charles H. 1911-1931 (no last name, near above Hanson & Watts stone - similar to Watts)
Hillery, John S., 1858 - 1931; Lydia, his wife, 1863 - 1958
Hillery, Raymond, "Father", Feb 6, 1890 - April 22, 1967;
Hillery, Nora M., "Mother", Oct 4, 1890 - Nov 29, 1983
Hinkle, Chester son of Wm. & Mary, 1936 - 1937
Hinkle, Ralph J. "Father", June 12, 1901 - July 16, 1975
Hinkle, Henry H., 1876 - 1943;
Hinkle, Jessie W. 1881 - 1942
Hinkle, Mary Trew, Feb 24, 1907 - ____ married Dec 14, 1929
Hinkle, William H., Sept 16, 1908 - Oct 20, 1994, married Dec 14, 1929
Hird, "Grandmother and Children Sarah and Samuel" (no dates)
Hird, Zelma C., dau. of James & Ethel Hird, born Apr 3, 1908 - died May 22, 1909
Horn, John M., "Father", 1871 - 1951;
Horn, Mabel G., "Mother", 1887 - 1931
Horn, Mary Alice, Nov 6, 1912, 1 month, 22 days (heart-shaped stone)
Huffman, Francis A., Jan. 26, 1908 - Oct. 21, 1971, Ansley Village Marshall many years;
Huffman, Ethel R., Mar. 28, 1908 - ____
Huffman, Herbert H., "Father", 1880 - 1951; "Pioneers of Custer County"
Huffman, Nellie Jane, "Mother", 1886 - 1940 "Pioneers of Custer County"

Jelinek, Laura Amy, July 7, 1896 - Jan 20, 1977
Jennings, John J., Apr 24, 1875 - Oct 25, 1889
Jennings, Lucinda K., "Mother", Oct. 11, 1843 - Jan 27, 1904
Jennings, John A., "Father", Dec. 13, 1840 - Feb 21, 1926, GAR metal marker
Johnson, Harry C., Aug 2, 1904 - Dec 14, 1981; married Mar 24, 1940
Johnson, Hilda G., Oct 3, 1914 - Oct 13, 1991, married Mar 24, 1940
Johnson, Kenneth L., Oct 13, 1911 - Apr 26, 1983, TEC5 US Army, World War II;
Johnson, Janet Claire, wife of Kenneth L. Johnson, Apr 29, 1924 - _____

Kulhanek, Fannie, died Feb 22, 1917 aged 74 yrs 5 mos 25 d
Kulhanek, John, died Aug 12, 1907, Aged 69 yrs 8 mos 26 ds

Lash, George 1843-1915; Maria E. 1860-1937

Martin, Wiley, "Father", 1829 - 1892
Martin, Elcy, "Mother", 1833 - 1891
Martin, A. Lonzo, "Joe", 1851 - 1930
Mason, Benajah T. Cather, March 26, 1860 - Jan 28, 1942
Mason, Ida M., Aug 1, 1871 - Feb 9, 1904, "At Rest"
Mason, Elias, "Father", born 1826 died 1894
Mason, Mary C., "Mother", born 1833 died 1911
Mason, Anson T., 1863 - 1937, "At Rest"
Mason, Adelbert A., "In Memory Of", 1883 -1918
Mason, Mary G. "Mother", Mar 30, 1863 - Sep 2, 1930
Mason, Isaac M., "Our Father" died Dec 5, 1906, aged 52 yrs 8 ms "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"
Mason, Our Loved Ones, Infant dau.'s of Jas. & Ollie M., b. Mar 21, 1900 died March 23 and 30, 1900 (heart-shaped stone) "Two pilgrims for the holy land have left our lonely door, two sinless angels hand in hand, have reached the promised shore."
Mason, Warren T., Sep 9, 1851 - Jan 3, 1925 "At Rest"; Father & Mother imprinted on separate stones
Mason, Mary E., Apr 27, 1858 - Sep 19, 1916 Father & Mother imprinted on separate stones
Mason, J. Luster, born 1882 died 1964
Mason, Darling Omer E., son of W. T. & M. E. Mason, born July 2, 1887 - died Sept. 3, 1888 "We loved this tender little one and would have wished him stay."
Mason, Isaac Leo, son of Isaac M. & Mary G. Mason, died Mar 14, 1897, aged 1 ys 9 ms 14 ds "A sunbeam from the world has vanished"
Mason, LaVonne Eileen, July 21 - Aug 27, 1938
Mason, Jennie L., May 20, 1882 - April 6, 1919
Mason, Jessie, Sept 10, 1882 - Nov 21, 1921;
Mason, Francis M., Febr 4, 1879 - June 27, 1961
Maxwell, Rev. James M., died Feb 4, 1900, 82 ys 2 ms 1 day;
Maxwell, Mrs. Lucinda, died Mar 16, 1897, 80 ys 11 ms 21 ds "He given His beloved sleep", "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, RM 14.13

McGinnis, Josephine, died June 15, 1908, aged 39 yrs, 5 mos, 2 ds
Morgan, Eugene H., 1856 - 1925, "Gone Home"
Morgan, Ollie Caroline, dau. of Nc & Ella Morgan, Aug. 11, 1911 - Jan 15, 1920
Morgan, Cora J., wife of A. L. Morgan, "Mother", 1860 - 1918
Morgan, Allie L., 1858 - 1928
Morgan, Nc George, Jan 28, 1885 - Nov 21, 1968; married Febr 26, 1910
Morgan, Ella M., Oct 16, 1889 - Dec 10, 1973, married Febr 26, 1910
Morgan, Eunice, 1923 - 1928
Morgan, Baby Brother, 1907 - 1907
Morgan, Fletcher L., "Father", 1886 - 1958;
Morgan, Mary A., "Mother", 1887 - 1971

Ogden, R. M., born May 1, 1857 - died (can't read death date - the stone is broken into pieces)
Orchard, Shipton G., "Father", 1853 - 1931
Orchard, Nancy E., "Mother", 1864 - 1944
Orchard, Zephie M., 1887 - 1887
Orchard, Lucy, born 1890 - died 1896
Orchard, Hugh A., 1892 - 1894
Orchard, Leona T., born 1896 - died 1896
Orchard, Eltie S., "Son", born 1894 - died 1953
(there are three small stones with a large stone in between - the names on the small stones are:
Eltie, son; Nancy E., mother; Shipton G., father; - on the back of the stone are all the other
names: Zephie, Lucy, Hugh, Leona and also Shipton and Nancy)
Ostrand, Ben R., May 9, 1897 - April 24, 1981;
Ostrand, Florence J., Aug 20, 1901 - May 16, 1959

Palmer, Ella, "Mother", 1867 - 1928
Palmer, Francis E., "Father", 1847 - 1925
Palmer, Charlie M., "Son", 1887 - 1900
Palmer?, "Mother", Edith A., 1892 - 1928 (no other stones nearby)
Pierce, Elizabeth J., Feb 16, 1837 - June 28, 1913 grave outlined by cement on ground with
mother on it
Popp, Conrad Wayne, June 11, 1930 - Jan 23, 1940, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away,
Blessed be the name of the Lord"
Popp, John G., 1879 - 1963;
Popp, Olga C., 1887 - 1966
Popp, Margaret M., Nov 8, 1916 - Oct 10, 1989, "Loving memories"

Robinson, Whitman D., died Dec. 14, 1901, aged 62 ys 5 ms 17 ds Company A, 9 Iowa Vol. Inf,
Civil War Vet marker 1861-1865, "He was a kind and affectionate husband, a fond father and a
friend to all";
Robinson, Olive C., Oct. 27, 1841 - Jan. 7, 1917
Robinson, Charles S., born 1867 - died 1939;
Robinson, Liddie C., born 1862 - died 1936
Robinson, Elba E, son of C. S. & C. L., May 10, 1893 - May 4, 1901, "Our loved one"
Robinson, Bertha A., dau. of W.D. & O.C.. died Jan 17, 1883, aged 7 m

Robinson, Amasa, born Apr 28, 1813 - died Dec 28, 1889, 76 ys 8 ms, "Dearest Father, thou hast left us here, the loss we deeply feel, but it's God has bereft us, he can all our sorrows heal"
Robinson, Dorothy G., born 1932 - died 1933
Robinson, Eva May, born 1926 - died 1928
Rollings, Rebecca, wife of Pleasant, died Mar 20, 1892, aged 84 yrs, "Then weep not, for dear mother above, around her are gathered, God's angels of love, safe in heaven where all is so fair, mother, our dear mother, is there"
Rollings, J. J., Company H, 23rd Iowa Infantry, (Civil War 1861-1865 Vet marker)

Sanford, Donald Hope, 1927 - 1928
Secord, Dixie Charles, 1881 - 1945;
Secord, Effie Bell, 1883 - 1961
Sharpless, Milam L., 1876 - 1905;
Sharpless, Sallie B., 1876 - 1905;
Sharpless, Liston B., son of M. L. & S. B., died June 3, 1905, aged 4 mos
Shipley, Roger C. May 25, 1941 May 28, 1969
Shipley, Clarence C. Nebr. Pvt. Task Force Repl. W. War II Nov 12, 1914 Aug 20, 1962
Shoemaker, Willie C., "Father", 1862 - 1957;
Shoemaker, Nettie H., "Mother", 1869 - 1934
Shoemaker, Albert, died Jan 18, 1896, 5 mos 3 ds, "Budded on earth to bloom in heaven"
Shoemaker, Lula L., died Jan 12, 1893, 7 mos 18 ds, "Safe in the arms of Jesus, safe on His gentle breast."
Shoemaker, Ross, Jan 13, 1909 - Mar 10, 1993; married June 1, 1935
Shoemaker, Hazel, Nov 1, 1911 - Apr 2, 1978, married June 1, 1935
Shoemaker, Ralph E., 1969 - 1969
Shoemaker, Ray, May 22, 1901 - Oct 4, 1986; married July 31, 1928
Shoemaker, Ruth, Dec 18, 1905 - Jan 18, 1998, married July 31, 1928
Shoemaker, Linda Rae, 1943 - 1996
Smith, Robert R., "Father", 1847 - 1924
Smith, Mary R., "Mother", 1849 - 1927
Smith, Dale J., son of Rob & Mary, May 30, 1894, aged 13 y 9 m 14 d
Stewart, Lucy A., "Mother", June 12, 1837 - July 16, 1922
Swenson, Sam, 1879 - 1975, "Concerned for Others"
(Swenson,) "Daughter" Matilda Eighmy Smith, 1884 - 1967, "The Lord Is My Shepherd"
Swenson, John Edward, "Son", 1890 - 1962, "The Lord Is My Shepherd"
Swenson, Carl Alber, born 1882 d. 1950 "The Lord Is My Shepherd"
Swenson, Marie, "Mother", 1853 - 1935, "The Lord Is My Shepherd"
Swenson, John, Jan 26, 1838 - Apr 1, 1917
Swenson, Mollie, daughter of J. & M., born March 12, 1878 - died Feb 28, 1900, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord"

Tomshicek, Fannie, , born June 24, 1867 -died Aug 12, 1891, Daughter of J & E.
Tomsicek, Albin, Feb 10, 1890 - Mar 26, 1972, Neb Pvt. U.S. Army, W.W.I
Trew, Nelson W., "Father", 1879 - 1941
Trew, Ida M., "Mother", 1881 - 1924
Trew, Anna F., Oct 3, 1898 - Feb 9, 1979, married Apr 17, 1922; (this husband & wife were killed in a car-pickup accident northwest about 4 or 5 miles)

Trew, Raymen G., Aug 6, 1901 - Feb 9, 1979 married Apr 17, 1922; (this husband & wife were killed in a car-pickup accident northwest about 4 or 5 miles)
Trew, Julia, August 3, 1899
Trew, George F., Sept 21, 1874 - Nov 16, 1960;
Trew, Lizzie, Oct 18, 1877 - Apr 18, 1955
Trew, Richard Sep 1, 1905 - Dec 30, 1919 "Our Darling Boy", son of Mr. & Mrs. Geo Trew,
Trew - Wheeler (large stone, 2 names only then:)
Trew, Harley S., 1882 - 1975; Ella M., 1854 - 1938
Trew, Wilmot P., 1849 - 1930
Trew, Inez, June 7, 1883 - July 8, 1930
Trew, Chester E., June 13, 1913 - July 4, 1995, member of Gideons International
Trew, Marvin A., Mar 25, 1902 - Mar 23, 1991
Trew, Grace M., Jan 28, 1902 - Sept 22, 1990

Van Zandt, Gayle Ladine, Mar 9, 1987 - Dec 3, 1988, daughter of Bill and Lynn, sister of Carry and John

Watts, John, "Father", 1844 - 1915, Civil War Marker
Watts, Julia A., "Mother", 1843 - 1901
Watts, Sophia, "Grandmother", 1827 - 1898
Watts, Clifford A., "Father" 1903 - 1970; Lula B., "Mother", 1903 - 1992
Watts, William H., "Father", 1870 - 1948; Elizabeth J., "Mother", 1879 - 1943
Charles H., 1911 - 1931 (this is the same kind of stone as the name Watts that is just to the north)
Wheeler, Roy Harding, Mar 18, 1921 - Oct 8, 1933
Wheeler, Heasell M., Oct 6, 1876 - Feb 8, 1952
Willard, Lola D., June 5, 1898 - Mar 21, 1968
Wright, Florence A., wife of E. H. Wright, Oct 6. 1866 - June 12, 1915