

JANESVILLE CEMETERY

This is one of the oldest cemeteries in Custer County, Nebraska. It is located 2 ½ miles southeast of Berwyn - on the north side of Highway 2 and the Burlington Northern railroad tracks.

The land for this cemetery was purchased from James Dinwiddie for \$10.00 an acre and was to be called Janesville cemetery ground. The first meeting of the cemetery board was held on Nov. 18, 1885 and consisted of the following people: Thomas Jeffery, Henry Hogg, Nels Lee, C. D. Helms, R. P. McKnight, James Hopkins, James Dinwiddie, James McCrea, J. M. Hull, H. Weaklin, L. C. Price, J. C. Scribner, J. M. Hale and J. T. Russell. These men agreed to share the expenses of surveying and plotting the above named ground.

Later a five-wire fence was placed around the two east tiers of the cemetery lots. The lots were to sell for five dollars a lot and could be paid for by work and fencing the lots. From time to time the fences were moved and changed until now there is a fence on all sides of the cemetery with a gate on the west.

In April of 1917 a three acre plot of land - which joined the original cemetery - was purchased from Mrs. J. F. Russell for twenty-five dollars. This land began at the northeast corner of the original cemetery, then north in line with east line of present cemetery for sixteen rods, then west at right angles to within 33 ½ feet of center line running north and south through Section 26, Range 19, then parallel with said line to center line running east and west through said section, then east to point of beginning. Each person was to be assessed one dollar to help pay of fence and posts with labor to be donated.

Early in the year of 1925, sparks from a Burlington train set fire to the grassland which burned over the cemetery ground and burned some of the trees. For damages from the fire, one hundred fifty dollars was received from the railroad. A fire guard was later plowed around the cemetery to help protect it from future damage by fires.

There are no exact records but it is thought that several of the first burials in the cemetery were those of small children who died during a diphtheria epidemic in 1885-1886.

According to records, only two lots in the original cemetery have not been sold, but several of those lots that had been purchased are without markers.

Allen, Betty J., "Baby", June 11, 1953;
Allen, Billie R., Oct 25, 1927 - Jan 1, 1986;
Allen, Clara Luella, dau. of G. W. & N. J. Allen, born Apr 22, 1879 - died Oct 17, 1891, "His love is a awarded in a golden crown, his travel stained garments are all laid down, and clothed in white raiment, she rests on the mead where the lamb loveth his children to lead";
Allen, Dessia, Mar 22, 1881 - May 14, 1929;
Allen, Dona J., Dec 13, 1931 - _____
Allen, Dorothy M., 1919 - 1932
Allen, Edward L., Nov 10, 1875 - Sep 7, 1945
Allen, George W., died Jan 20, 1907, aged 71 years
Allen, Iva Merle, 1893 - 1926, "Asleep in Jesus"
Allen, Myrtle Mae, born Sept 27, 1897 - died April 21, 1946, "Gone but not forgotten"
Allen, Nancy J., "Mother", 1853 - 1936
Allen, Richard P., 1886 - 1964
Allen, Walter W., 1888 - 1940
Auchmoedy, Callie Anne, Nov 12, 1967 - Aug 25, 1982, "Our beautiful girl"
Ball, Alpha, Dec 20, 1899 - Feb 8, 1907
Ball, Fredy, Mar 13, 1894 - May 21, 1894
Ball, Hanah J., Aug 7, 1890 - Apr 21, 1901
Bellis, Nancy Jane, 1848 - 1928
Bellis, Rev. Richard, 1837 - 1921
Best, Mildred M., "Mother", 1919 - 1989
Billiard, Gloria J., infant dau, 1926
Bowman, Henry L., Oct 12, 1885 - Sept 9, 1951
Breeding, Jay, died May 8, 1893, Aged 11 ys 10 ms 7 ds, son of Wm. S. & M. E. Breeding
Burk, John W., died Feb 13, 1894, Aged 72 yrs 9 m & 18 ds
Burnett, Alfred P., "Pa", Nov 30, 1903 - Aug 23, 1971
Burnett, Charlotte E., "Mama", 1862 - 1938

Burnett, Elias, "Father", 1837 - 1919
Burnett, Esty Donald, April 21, 22, 1934, "Our Darling";
Burnett, Floyd A., Oct 6, 1925 - June 16, 1991;
Burnett, Gladys P., Sept 16, 1920 - _____
Burnett, Joseph S., "Papa", 1870 - 1974
Burnett, Leota L., "Ma", May 8, 1912 - _____;
Burnett, Mary P., "Mother", 1851 - 1889;
Burnett, Mary P., wife of Elias Burnett, died Oct 12, 1889, aged 38 ys 10 ms 15 ds, "A loving one from us has gone, a voice we loved is stilled, a place is vacant in our home, that never can be filled"
Burnett, Pearl P., "Son", 1886 - 1910;
Clark, infant dau.s. of Edgar and Lillian, (no dates - next to this stone is a plain cement stone with no writing on it)
Close, Lawerance, son of I. B. & R. E. Close, died Nov 29, 1904, Aged 7 m & 6 d, "Our darling", "Baby"
Cox, Avalo, Nov 21, 1897 - Apr 2, 1971;
Cox, Jo Anne Iris, Apr 19, 1935 - Apr 19, 1935, with Avalo & Mary
Cox, Libbie E., 1860 - 1929
Cox, Mary Codr Moody, Nov 28, 1907 - Nov 3, 1997; with Avalo Cox,
Cross, May H., died May 19, 1894, Aged 20 ys 3 ms 15 d, "Farewell"
Daniels, Colwell T., died Dec 12, 1897, Aged 61 y 8 m 12 d, "Not lost, blest thought, but gone before where we shall meet to part no more; another link is broken in our household band, but a chain is forming in a better land" (behind this stone is a government stone that says: Corp'l C. T. Daniels, Co D 3 MO Cav
Davidson, Henry O., Sept 5, 1864 - Mar 29, 1940
Davidson, infant, born June 4, 1886, son of H O & A B Davidson
Davidson, James, Nov 14, 1855 - Sept 10, 1941;
Davidson, Mary A., Dec 25, 1859 - July 24, 1936
Davidson, Nate, 1881 - 1958
Davidson, Nathaniel, died Dec 28, 1891, Aged 62 y 1 m 8 d, "In memory of"
Davidson, Ruth L., 1907 - 1991;
Davis, Clarence E., 1902 - 1978; iron marker in front reads: United Methodist minister
Davis, Edward F., "Father", 1857 - 1946;
Davis, Lena J., 1858 - 1948
Davis, Lola June, dau of Edward & Leona, June 4, 1933 - Jan 31, 1935
Davis, M. Edith Hogg, 1901 - 1941;
Davis, Martha E. Roberts, 1917 - _____
Dinwiddie, Corp. Ray, Co F 20th Infantry 1893 - 1921, American Legion marker;
Dinwiddie, Florence Glyn Eddy, Aug 1, 1889 - Jan 11, 1978
Dinwiddie, Ilene Dinwiddie Murphy, Feb 17, 1917 - Jan 18, 1975;
Dinwiddie, James, "Father", 1855 - 1923;
Dinwiddie, large stone with only Dinwiddie on it - in front of this stone is a smaller stone that reads: there is another stone in front of the large Dinwiddie stone that reads:
Dinwiddie, Richard Dexter, Apr 25, 1888 - Apr 30, 1978;
Dinwiddie, Robert A., 1884 - 1885;
Dinwiddie, Robert, "Grandfather", 1812 - 1893;
Eaton, Harold Harvey, Feb 6, 1914 - Jan 27, 1922, "Sleep on Harold dear, take thy rest, God thee home, he thought it best"
Edney, Mary, born Dec 20, 1832 - died Nov 4, 1922, "Rest in peace"
Elwood, Dolly, died July 4, 1889, Aged 4 days
Elwood, James M., Aug 6, 1848 - Dec 10, 1928

Elwood, James Morris, died March 8, 1888, Aged 4 yr's 8 da's, "Meet me in heaven"
Elwood, Jennette M., May 20, 1857 - Nov 10, 1922;
Evans, Ada S., 1869 - 1945;
Evans, George W., 1867 - 1940
Evans, Mary J., Sep 7, 1835 - Nov 17, 1923, "Gone but not forgotten"
Evans, Sterling, Aug 7, 1834 - Oct 14, 1910, "Dearest father, thou hast left us and our loss we deeply feel, but tis God that has bereft us, He can all our sorrows heal;
Evans, Walter E., "Father", 1889 - 1939
Flebbe, Kenneth Ray, 8 Feb 1908 - 30 Apr 1990. Unmarked Grave (He died in Prescott Valley, Yavapai, Arizona but is buried in Janesville with no headstone. This information was submitted by Laura Flebbe, wife of his grandson.)
Fleebe, Vessie Evans, July 20, 1911 - July 11, 1946
Foote, George, died Mar 15, 1898, Aged 82 ys 7 ms 18 ds "Asleep in Jesus"
Forrest, Robert, born Aug 5, 1846 - died Dec 18, 1905
Foster, Byron Ross, June 2, 1952 - Nov 9, 1997; married May 13, 1978
Foster, Carol Jean, Oct 1, 1944 - _____, married May 13, 1978
Foster, Cheryl K., Mar 28, 1948 - _____, daughter of Lyle R. & Wanda Foster
Foster, Lyle R., May 26, 1919 - Nov 21, 1990, Sgt. US Army, World War II; Wanda E., wife of Lyle R. Foster, Feb 24, 1923 - _____, married Dec 1, 1944
Gleason, James E., born 1883 - died Jan 9, 1896, son of Charlie & Clara A. Gleason (this stone is in the McCrea plot)
Glidewell, (this is a large stone with nothing else on it, there are three small stone beside it as follows)
Glidewell, Archer, 1844 - 1926;
Glidewell, Blanch E., 1894, Age 10 months
Glidewell, Judith D., 1851 - 1925;
Haggard, (no name or other info on this stone)
Harsin, Emma M., wife of Elza Harsin, died Sep 26, 1884, Aged 24 yrs 9 mo 10 da
Hatfield, Andrew J., 1854 - 1931
Hatfield, Anna M., 1861 - 1950;
Henman, Thomas Lee, died Mar 8, 1883, Aged 9 y's 2 mo 25 d, son of D. A. and Vesta Henman
Hering, Albert E., Dec 19, 1887 - Jan 11, 1950, Nebraska PVT., 335 Infantry, 89 Div., WWI
Hering, Lorna L., Feb 9, 1913 - Apr 2, 1992
Hinkley, A. Russell, 1869 - 1907
Hinkley, Goldie M., died Aug 24, 1901, Aged 12 ys 22 d, dau. of J. & S. L. Hinkley
Hogg, Henry, died Oct 21, 1904, Aged 69 y 5 m 26 d;
Hogg, Henry, Nov 6, 1860 - Feb 17, 1948, "Our children, Janet, Edith, Walter"
Hogg, infant son of H & M R Hogg, died Apr 30, 1904, Aged 1 day
Hogg, infant son of H & M R Hogg, died July 15, 1898;
Hogg, M. Edith, Mar 22, 1901 - April 11, 1941
Hogg, Mary, died Sept 23, 1898, Aged 62 y 6 m 7 d;
Hogg, Mary, May 22, 1864 - Apr 17, 1936;
Holman, infant son of R J & A, died Jan 13, 1907, Aged 2 mos 2 ds, "Budded on earth to bloom in heaven"
Hopkins, Alfred E., Mar 29, 1855 - June 3, 1927;
Hopkins, Aro, July 24, 1896 - Feb 22, 1897;
Hopkins, Arthur, 1904 - 1941, "My darling boy"
Hopkins, Beulah, Mar 28, 1899 - Apr 17, 1900 "Asleep in Jesus, Blessed Sleep"

Hopkins, Clara, "Mother", Nov 26, 1883 - Jan 11, 1960
Hopkins, Hannah, "Mother", died May 31, 1907, Aged 28 yr 8 mo 13 da
Hopkins, Hazel, aged 69 yrs 9 months 25 days
Hopkins, James, died July 25, 1892, Aged 69 yr 9 mo 27 da
Hopkins, Mary E., May 28, 1867 - Sept 10, 1956 "Gone but not forgotten"
Hull, Jeffrey, John, died Apr 21, 1886, Aged 77 years;
Hull, Jessie, his wife, Aug 16, 1873, Aged 71 years
Hull, John M., Feb 20, 1829 - Aug 12, 1900
Jensen, Hazel M., Feb 19, 1901 - Apr 5, 1985; , married Oct 2, 1922
Jensen, J. "Pete", June 30, 1901 - Mar 20, 1980, married Oct 2, 1922
Jones, Maggie, died July 18, 1890, Aged 37 yrs 2 ms 2 ds
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Kelley, Fred J., Mar 12, 1883 - Apr 13, 1962
Kelley, Jay, 1923 - 1939
Kelley, Lavisa J., May 22, 1888 - Nov 5, 1969;
Kelley, Robert R., son of Peter & Phebe Kelley, died Aug 28, 1892, Aged 18 ys 2 ms & 20 ds "In the midst of life we are in death"
Kimes, Inf. son of T. M. and K. Kimes, born May 9, 1904
Lewis, Sarah E., died Sep 25, 1901, Aged 64 ys 9 ms & 17 ds, "Will you come to my grave when my spirit is fled and beneath the green sod I am laid with the dead, when the heart that loved you is turning to day and in Calvaries cold dews I am passing away"
Matheson, Lola V., 1890 - 1980
McCrea, (large stone with nothing else on it) to the left of the large stone is a small stone that reads: Nellie C & George L
McCrea, Diana, "Mother", born Jan 6, 1847 - died May 19, 1908;
McCrea, Doris H., Jan 20, 1915 - Feb 15, 1921
McCrea, George L., 1881 - 1921
McCrea, James, "Father", died May 29, 1906, Aged 71 ys 8 ms 17 ds, GAR Veteran 1861-1865 marker, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"
McCrea, Nellie M., 1883 - 1978;
McManical, John, died Sept 14, 1891, Aged 76 yrs 8 ms 18 ds;
McManical, Margaret, born Nov 4, 1817 (that's all that's carved on the stone);
McManical, Margaret, died Sep 14, 1891, Aged 76 years 8 months 19 days
McRae, George W., Jan 12, 1852 - Feb 16, 1941;
McRae, Margaret, Mar 13, 1853 - July 4, 1928
Miller, A. W. "Pat", 1882 - 1966
Miller, Agnes, died Aug 1, 1894, Aged 5 mo 19 da
Miller, Bettie A., wife of J. B. Miller, died Nov 7, 1905, Aged 52 yr 23 da, "A loved form is absent, a voice we loved is stilled, a place is vacant in our home, which never can be filled";
Miller, Frank, "Uncle", Oct 26, 1855 - Jan 10, 1955
Miller, George C., Sep 19, 1886 - Feb 4, 1950
Miller, Jas. B., Co C, 4 IA. Inf. (no dates) Civil War Veteran 1861 - 65 marker
Miller, Minnie J., 1884 - 1978;
Oakes, Hazel, 1897 - 1923, "Our loved one at rest"
Oakes, Thomas M., "Father", 1860 - (no date carved);
Oakes, Tillie J., "Mother", 1868 - 1928
Penniston, Belle Henman, "Mother", 1853 - 1942
Penniston, Joseph, "Father", 1855 - 1939

Rapp, Hannah R., Aug 18, 1857 - Sept 2, 1908
Rapp, infant, 1921 - 1921, mortuary marker
Rapp, Minnie M., Aug 22, 1880 - Apr 25, 1886;
Rapp, Peter, Sept 13, 1850 - Sep 17, 1932;
Rapp, Robert G., 1886 - 1926
Rapp, Roy, 1890 - 1919
Roessler, August E., died April 24, 1903, Aged 30 yrs 6 ms 2 d;
Roessler, Minnie C., his wife, Aug 2, 1848 - Sept 22, 1908
Roessler, William L., April 2, 1845 - July 14, 1919;
Russell, (large stone with nothing else on it) beside is a small stone of Joseph, Cordelia
Russell, Cordelia, "Mother", 1851 - 1934
Russell, infant dau of J F & C, died Aug 5, 1885
Russell, Jay D., son of J F & C Russell, died Dec 17, 1885, Aged 6 ys 8 m 1 d
Russell, Joseph F., "Father", 1851 - 1925;
Salsbury, Nora. E., dau. of J & L Salsbury, died Jan 4, 1887, Aged 12 y 10 m & 23 ds
Saulsberry, Jno., Co H 33rd Wis Inf
Schwaar, William E., (no dates)
Schwaar, William E., died Oct 11, 1890, Aged 33 yrs 8 mos 15 ds
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Spencer, Eliza, wife of I. D. Spencer, died Feb 25, 1905, Aged 77 ys 4 mo 6 d;
Spencer, Ira D., died Jan 23, 1905, Aged 84 y 5 m 12 d
Stark, Deborah, Oct 2, 1842 - April 25, 1914
Stark, Eele, died July 2, 1901, Aged 29 ys 4 ms 18 d
Stark, Elder, died Feb 8, 1904, Aged 26 ys 8 ms 14 ds
Stark, Elmer E., died Feb 8, 1904, Aged 76 yr 8 mo 14 days
Stark, Ida M., wife of J. J. Stark, July 7, 1878 - Nov 11, 1918, "Asleep in Jesus"
Stark, Levi, Jan 16, 1852 - June 6, 1928
Stark, Sarah Elizabeth, Oct 22, 1858 - Dec 17, 1910; married Mar 19, 1876
Stark, Sarah L., died Dec 5, 1902, Aged 78 ys 1 mo
Stark, William James, Nov 5, 1849 - Dec 24, 1927, married Mar 19, 1876
Talbot, Benjamin J., "Father", Dec 7, 1850 - Aug 27, 1909;
Talbot, Benjamin J., Sept 15, 1890 - Mar 31, 1891
Talbot, Birdie M., Sep 16, 1882 - Oct 27, 1899
Talbot, Eathel L., Feb 14, 1887 - Mar 31, 1887
Talbot, Minerva H., "Mother", Dec 7, 1857 - Aug 31, 1945
Talbot, Ralph W., Aug 23, 1875 - Jan 24, 1887
Templin, Bernice G., Sep 12, 1925 - _____;
Templin, John O., Dec 3, 1954 - _____;
Templin, Martin O., June 6, 1918 - June 16, 1991;
Templin, Ronald D., Mar 7, 1957 - _____
Vinnedge, Abner A., "Father", 1883 - 1959;
Vinnedge, Georgia F., "Mother", 1883 - 1959
Vinnedge, Irma M., dau. of Mr. & Mrs. Abner V. Vinnedge, died Dec 15, 1918, Age 3 yrs 9 ms 16 ds
Webb, Charley C., died Jan 11, 1898, Aged 20 ys 9 ms 27 ds, "Now tis thee dear mother, the angels await, the Saviour is smiling from yonder bright gate, I go from thy bosom this heaven of love, to rest in the arms of my Saviour above"

Webb, Charlie, Aug 19, 1893 - Aug 7, 1895
Weeaklin, Mattie, dau. of H & M, died Nov 22, 1885, Aged (unreadable)
Weeaklin, Winnie, son of H & M, died Nov 26, 1885, Aged 5 y 3 m 26 ds, "The precious gem of life hath in an early ___ died"
Welch, Claudie R., died Feb 9, 1903, Aged 5 ms 5 ds, "Budded on earth to bloom in heaven"
Wolosevich, Sophia, 1909 - 1995, mortuary marker
Wright, Amelia, "Mother", 1857 - 19(no year)
Wright, James B., died Aug 8, 1907, Aged 11 yr 11 ds
Wright, James F., "Father", 1851 - 1930;
Wright, Joseph H., 1873 - 1927
Wright, Rosa B., 1872 - 1945
Yeadon, Carl, Dec 10, 1891 - June 29, 1960, Nebraska Cpl Btry F 331 Field Art, World War I
Yeadon, Charlotte M., wife of Durward, Jan 14, 1912 - Dec 8, 1996; married June 29, 1941
Yeadon, Cora E., "Mother", 1871 - 1955
Yeadon, Durward, TFC US Army, World War II, May 27, 1915 - May 4, 1996, married June 29, 1941
Yeadon, Edward W., "Father", 1861 - 1935;