

News Articles: Maple Hill Cemetery, Hennepin County, Minnesota And Partial Veteran Burial Index

Graves Yawn There Complaints Made on the Condition of Maple Hill Cemetery

Maple Hill cemetery has for years been an eyesore to the people who live near it, and they will probably not cease to kick against it until every corpse has been removed and the land covered with buildings. Their present grievance is the large number of open graves left by the parties who removed the bodies last fall from the portions of the graveyard condemned for street purposes. There are fully 1,000 of these openings, and it is claimed that they are dangerous to the children who pass them on their way to and from school. Petitions asking that the dangers be removed have been submitted to the health department and the city engineer, but these authorities disclaim any responsibility. Their duties were to remove the bodies, and this has been done. The health commissioner has inspected the premises and finds he cannot interfere on [cannot read] grounds and the city engineer has nothing to do with grading the street, except to establish the grades.

If the petitioners have any cause for complaint they must look to their aldermen for relief. The streets have been opened, the bodies removed and it devolves on the ward to do the grading.

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The Maple Hill Eyesore A Formal Petition Adopted asking the Council to Act

The Eastsiders who are annoyed by the unsightly appearance of Maple Hill cemetery met again last evening and adopted a petition to the council to give them some relief. The petition recites that the cemetery was condemned for burial purposes in 1888 by the health department, since which time it has been neglected. It is overrun with weeds had become the play ground for boys and the loafing place for tramps. It is impossible to keep the graves properly cared for as vandals will undo the work. The petition also recites that when graves are opened for the removal of remains, they are left open so as to expose to dogs and vandals the coffins and bones in the adjoining grave. For these reasons the people ask the council to assume control of the cemetery and place a man in charge during the summer months.

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Maple Hill Records Mrs Cummings Has a Full and Accurate Set

A misapprehension seems to exist at the city hall regarding the condition of the records of Maple Hill cemetery. Yesterday it was announced that a search of the graves of the five Sachs children there had been futile, and such was the fact at that time. Later in the day, however, the attorney who was prosecuting the search visited Mrs R W Cummings, owner of the cemetery, and found a complete and accurate set of records whereby he was enabled quickly to locate the graves which had been graded over. These records were kept by Mrs Cunningham's late husband and are her personal property, but are open to all who wish to locate graves.

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A Census Of The Dead

The Minneapolis Cemeteries Have a Population of About 44,000.

Maple Hill cemetery - North East Minneapolis - was owned by the late Robert Cummings, who in his lifetime never gave it very close personal attention. It depended largely upon the energy of the Sexton whether or not accurate reports of burials were made. The sexton was supposed to report to Mr Cummings about once a month and those reports were supposed to be recorded in the records of the cemetery. Mrs Cummings, the widow of the former owner, thinks the books are accurate, but said that it would take a very long time to make an estimate from them or the total number of the burials in Maple Hill cemetery. There being no income from the cemetery after it was closed for further burials, it has been abandoned so far as care goes. In 1891 the legislature passed an act permitting the city to open [cannot read] around the four sides of the cemetery and further permitting the city or the park board to condemn the whole cemetery for a public park. It was provided however, that while there should be no additional burials the bodies already buried should not be disturbed, with the exception of those which would have to be moved to make way for the street openings. For the next three or four years, before the city took advantage of this act in respect to opening the streets, the cemetery was utterly abandoned and cattle roamed through it at will. In 1894 the streets were opened. From the records and examination of the marked graves, the engineers estimate that there were 900 bodies in the peripheral strip required for Streets. When these streets - Broadway, Summer, Polk and Fillmore - were finally put through, it was necessary to take up 1,121 bodies which were distributed to all parts of the country for re-interment, though most of them were sent to the City cemetery and to Hillside; about 325 to the former and 315 to the latter. To further complicate the situation at that time and since an unknown number of bodies had been moved from the remainder of the old cemetery. Sometimes as many as three bodies, one on top of the other, were found in the work of opening the graves in Maple Hill. The confusion of bones that resulted when these remains were re-interred was often such as to form a tough judgment day problem for the Angel Gabriel. It is a well authenticated fact that three and four bodies were thrown in the same box and transported to the City cemetery.

The article goes on to talk about both the Hillside and City Cemeteries. - the last sentence of it says: "The only tombstones to be seen in the City cemetery are those which were removed from Maple Hill."

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Memorial Day Observances will be Elaborate - This Year
[Final Paragraph]

There are 719 soldiers' graves to be decorated by the Minneapolis societies, and they, are divided as follows: Lakewood, 350; Layman, 150; Hillside, 32; Maple Hill, 50; Richfield, 12; Bass Lake, 4, Crystal Lake, 12; Bloomington, 6; St Anthony, 40, and St Mary's, 65.

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Partial Index of Veteran's Interred at Maple Hill

| Name | Grave # | F-A-G Mem # | Civil War Data? | News Art, 8 Jun 1884 |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Alexander, David | 239 | 101592510 | Yes | Not Listed |
| Austin, J W | 398 | 101593487 | No | Not Listed |
| Bailey., Allen W. | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Baldwin., Geo. | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Bonham., B. | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Boyd, Geo [Captain] | 548 | 101593813 | Yes | Not Listed |
| Brown, J | 238 | 101593988 | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Cummins, A L | 354 | 101594165 | Yes | Not Listed |
| Davis., Curtis A | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Delvin, Charles A | 372 | 101594617 | Yes | News Article - 1884 |
| Dickenson, Geo H | 240 | 101594804 | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Dow, Adelbert | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Dow, Albert F | 310 | None | No | Not Listed |
| Farnham, Rufus 1812 | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Gores, Theodore | 343 | 101595030 | Yes | News Article - 1884 |
| Green, Albert | 379 | 101595247 | No | Not Listed |
| Hall, George | 380 | 101595496 | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Hanes, Samuel | 388 | 101595830 | No | Not Listed |
| Hendricks, George E | 524 | None | No | Not Listed |
| Hollins, Wm J | 464 | None | No | Not Listed |
| Huslin, Joseph | 465 | None | No | Not Listed |
| Hutchings., D. | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Hutchings., Joseph | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Hutchings., W. H. | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Hutchins, David H [Hutchings?] | 424 | 145847012 | No | News Article - 1884 |

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|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----|---------------------|
| Hutchins, J H | 413 | 145847025 | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Hutchins, Wm H | 421 | 145847032 | No | News Article - 1884 |
| K, D E [Initials Only] | 89 | None | No | Not Listed |
| Kelline, J | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| La Boutelier, C W [Le Boutelier] | 551 | 145847175 | Yes | News Article - 1884 |
| Lobdell, A | 553 | None | No | Not Listed |
| Lobdell., C. | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Mc Kinney., ---- | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Mc Lain, E J | 53 | None | No | Not Listed |
| McAlpin., J. H. | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| McLellen., D. D. | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Merrick, T | 214 | None | No | Not Listed |
| Messer., T. | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Meyers, John | 359 | None | No | Not Listed |
| Morgan, Gen. Geo. N. | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Northrop., Geo. | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Palmer, B | 583 | None | No | Not Listed |
| Palmer., David | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Parker, Albert | 541 | 145845353 | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Parker, Samuel [Corp] | 540 | None | No | Not Listed |
| Perkins., David | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Prescott., J. | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Ray, Frank | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Schorn., Jacob | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Sebring., Frank | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Selbring, Frank | 328 | None | No | Not Listed |
| Stiles, J E | 411 | None | No | Not Listed |
| Stiles., Adam | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Stiles., James E. | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Stiles., Jos. [Col] | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Stites, A G | 501 | None | No | Not Listed |
| Sumner, Unknown | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Townsend., R. B. | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Tubbs., P. | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Tuttle, Geo D | 433 | None | No | Not Listed |
| Tuttle., Geo. | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Wheeler., John | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Williams., James | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |
| Wood, Robert [Lt] | 352 | None | No | Not Listed |
| Wood., Lewis | Not Listed | None | No | News Article - 1884 |

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Names and location of Veterans Burial

| Name etc | Year Born | Year at Death | Recessed Burial | in Veterans Burial |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| No name - no monument | 24 | | X | |
| " | 27 | | X | |
| E. J. Mc Jain | 53 | | X | |
| no name - no monument | 56 | | X | |
| " word cross | 56 | | X | |
| " | 57 | | X | |
| " | 58 | | X | |
| " | 60 | | X | |
| Deaths D.E.K. | 89 | | X | |
| T. Merrick | 314 | | X | X |
| No name | 224 | | X | |
| " J. Brown | 239 | | X | found |
| " David Alexander | 239 | | X | found |
| " Geo. F. Dickerson | 240 | | X | found |
| Adelbert F. Dow | 310 | | X | X |
| Frank Lehman | 328 | | X | X |
| Lieut Robert Wood | 352 | | X | X |
| Adj. Cummings | 354 | | X | X |
| John Mc Myers | 359 | | X | X |
| Charles G. D. Devin | 372 | | X | X |
| No name Albert Green | 379 | | X | found |
| " George Hall | 380 | | X | found |
| W. Austin | 398 | | X | X |
| J. C. Stiles | 411 | | X | X |
| J. H. Hutchins | 413 | | X | X |
| Wm. H. Hutchins | 421 | | X | X |
| no name | 425 | | X | |
| Geo. S. Tuttle | 433 | | X | X |
| no name Wm J. Hollins | 464 | | X | found |
| " Joseph Hurlin | 465 | | X | found |
| Col. James C. Stiles | 499 | | X | X |
| G. B. Stiles | 501 | | X | X |
| Boyd Handrichs | 514 | | X | X |
| Capt. Samuel Parker | 540 | | X | X |
| Albert Parker | 541 | | X | X |
| Capt. Geo. Boyd | 548 | | X | X |
| no name G. W. LaBontellier | 551 | | X | found |
| no name A. Fobdell | 553 | | X | found |
| Dr. Palmer | 582 | | X | X |
| Theodor Jones | 343 | | X | X |
| Samuel Jones | 388 | | X | X |
| Daniel H. Hutchins | 429 | | X | X |

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There are other news articles that might be of interest to researchers, particularly those who trace their roots to John Sachs and his family. I am happy to send scans if desired. They can also be found on Genealogy Bank [subscription required].

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