

Cemeteries

Eden Cemetery and Eden Cemetery Ladies Aide Society

On January 5, 1880 C.B. Rhodes and wife deeded property to Eden Township for a cemetery. Because of this they were privileged to be buried there without purchasing a lot or paying for perpetual care.

The first burial in Eden Cemetery was that of Almond Bates, a little boy of five years. His parents, who came here from Boston, Massachusetts owned a farm 4½ miles east of Rhodes.

A quote from the Marshall County Atlas (1876) tells of two other early settlers buried in Eden Cemetery, "The wife of Mr. Andrew Logan, a newspaper publisher, was buried not far from the mill in the village grave yard. Here, too, sleeps Mrs. Mary Rhodes, the victim of a terrible fire. This grave yard needs attention from loving hands, for there are not even rail pens to enclose all the graves, in the Iowa fashion. The grave yard in the North part of town is not much better as to embellishments."

In the 1890's a band of women planned a meeting to organize a society to improve and beautify the cemetery. On the day set for some cause, there were not enough present to hold a business meeting. They were so persistent in their efforts, however, that Mrs. Norma Neff, the hostess went to a neighbor, Mrs. Julia Stevens, and persuaded her to join in the movement. Officers were elected, rules and by-laws were drafted. A caretaker was hired and dues were set at fifty cents a year. Meetings were arranged for the last Friday in each month. The last two rules were never changed.

The organization took the name of "Eden Cemetery Ladies' Aide Society." The earliest recorded treasurer was Mrs. M.E. Gruber (1905). The first caretakers were Neil Cromley and Andy Hale.

Through the efforts of the society a board walk was laid from town to the cemetery. This was later replaced by a cement walk. A town fire bell was also financed by the society.

The eighteen charter members were; Norma Neff, Josie Hale, Jennie Bailor, Jennie Chapman, Julia Stevens, Luella Jaroleman, Mrs. S. Jaroleman, Mrs. J. Ewing, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. J. Gruber, Mrs. J. Deming, Miss K. Deming, Mrs. L. Cunningham, Mrs. C. Moore, Mrs. Vancise, Minnie Francis and Mrs. Marie Baker.

In 1924 they had only eleven meetings because of muddy roads in September. In 1925 plans for Memorial

Day Celebrations were made. From this time on the society would see that there were flags and flowers for all the soldier's graves. They also took charge of a program for that day as long as the society existed.

In 1933 there were forty-nine members in the society.

On September 26, 1924 a trust fund was started with the deposit of fifty dollars in the Farmers Saving Bank. The perpetual care trust fund grew from this. Elwood Robinson was made trustee of the fund and the money was put in H bonds. In 1949 Mr. Robinson resigned and Luther Hix was appointed. Mr. Hix served until his death.

In 1969 the society felt that the costs and care of the cemetery was more than they could handle and the society disbanded. By this time the township taxes paid the costs for care at the cemetery. The township trustees are now in charge of hiring the caretaker and taking care of the expenses. The present members in 1982, of the board of trustees are; Russell Buck, clerk Don Buck, Jack Gray and Carroll White.

The bonds are a trust fund and still serve us well. With the Township tax we are able to maintain and keep our cemetery a place of beauty as first planned in the 1890's.

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Eden Cemetery

Day or Ball Cemetery

The cemetery known as "Day" or "Ball" is located near the center of the northwest quarter of section thirty in Eden Township.

Names which appear on the tombstones are; Day, Shenkle, Brown, Fertig, Evans, Elliott, James, Gilmore, Swarm, Sargent, Sapp, McClees, Freland, Woodward, Hulse, Shearer, McCord, Kuhns, Clarke, Jones, Neff, Green, Soper, Minear, Davis and Luig.

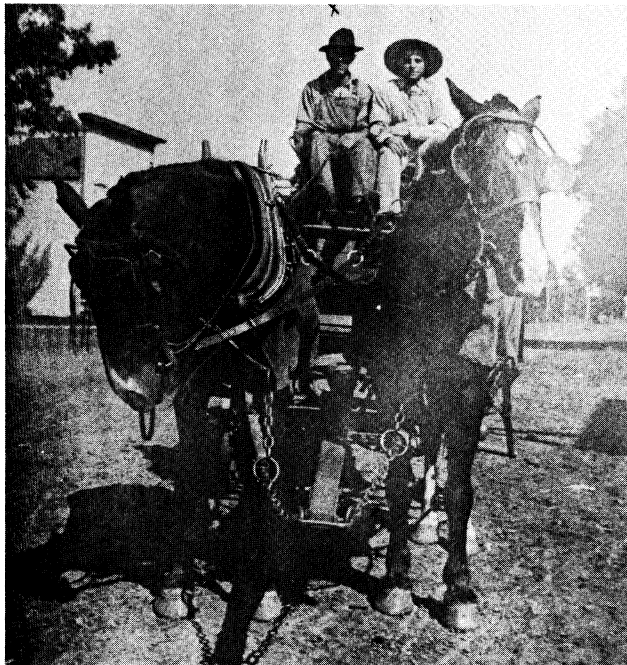
The first grave was that of Sarah McCord born 1792, died October 16, 1861. The second was Benjamin Shenkle born 1814, died December 28, 1865. The third was Elizabeth Swarm born 1829, died March 1, 1867. The last burial that we know of was Sarah Freland who died in 1959, and was born in 1871.



St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, 1983 at Rhodes.

Price Cemetery

The Price Cemetery is located in Section 4, Township 82, North range 20 about 1½ miles north of Rhodes. The land was purchased by F.A. and Mary Woolston on May 17, 1876. The trustees at that time were, Elias Mead, Levi Brown and John Woolston. This is all that is known about the cemetery.



Dray Line - from the left; Elzia Bonham and Paul Benner.

St. Joseph Cemetery

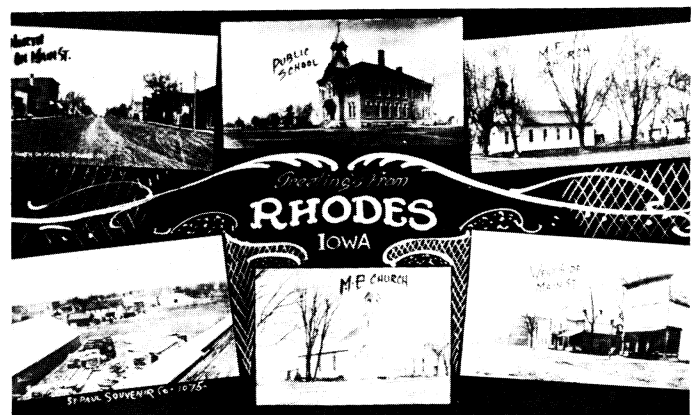
The land for the cemetery was deeded to Bishop Hennessy, June 1, 1891 from John W. Goodman, the father of Lauretta Goodman Malloy.

There are over one hundred-fifty people buried in the cemetery. Louis Bachoff was the first in 1894. Then Clara Goodman in 1895, Elsa Gauch 1896, Karlina Gauch 1896. Three were moved in from other cemeteries. John Yeager 1886, Amelia Goodman 1887, Elizabeth Blink 1889.

Father McDonough and Leo Malloy planted the evergreen trees in the early thirties. Leo Malloy has been sexton since May 1, 1948.

The new gateway was put in the year 1972 in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Tom B. Malloy.

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Rhodes in 1909