

Fremont Cemetery Assn. To Observe 100th Anniversary

The Fremont Cemetery Association will observe its 100th year Saturday.

In the early years of Fremont, swelling waters of the Platte River and need for more burial ground space were reasons for a cemetery being placed on the west side of the city. The association operates Ridge Cemetery.

When Carrie Myra Turner, an infant, died in November, 1865, she was buried in a cemetery known as Pine Ridge. The cemetery was located several hundred feet south of the house in which her niece, Mrs. Lin Hopkins, resides at 78 South C Street.

The infant was a sister of Mrs. George Turner, mother of Mrs. Hopkins. The Turners were pioneer residents of Fremont.

Because Pine Ridge Cemetery was threatened by overflow water from the Platte River, the cemetery graves were moved to Green Grove Cemetery, where Barnard Park on Military Avenue stands. In 1878 the graves again were moved to Ridge Cemetery because more space was needed.

Townspersons of Fremont noted a need for a cemetery as the town started to grow. A meeting was called December 1, 1862 at the Congregational Church. Participants at the meeting looked over grounds for a cemetery. Nine days later officers were elected.

In June, 1863, the association decided to sell lots for the sum of only \$2.50 for each lot. The Green Grove Cemetery was laid out in

the form of a hub, with a circle in the center and streets running to the corners. A Potter's field also was provided.

The association was incorporated in February, 1865, with officers becoming cemetery trustees.

A committee was formed in May, 1869 to look for a suitable piece of ground for a new cemetery.

By December, 1874, 12 years after the founding of the association, the Potter's field was filled and most of the lots were sold.

Land which was under contract for a school building was negotiated for in 1877. This 40-acre property was to become Ridge Cemetery. The land was valued at \$1,600 but the association obtained it for \$360, records of the organization show.

The association decided that relatives of deceased persons could select lots in the new cemetery and that the interments were to be moved.

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With the new cemetery, the group also decided to get a new secretary's book which was used from 1877 to December, 1948.

Ridge Cemetery was dedicated June 21, 1878 by clergymen of Fremont. Contracts to move bodies were let. Price was \$3 for children and \$3.50 for adults, including moving stones.

In 1889 the group decided to install a telephone at the cemetery office and also to put in picket fence along the east side with hitching posts for tying horses and teams.

A windmill was erected to supply water in 1895. In 1913 the association accepted the Department of Utilities, offer to supply water for 20 years. The association raised \$1,800 by voluntary subscription for running water.

A woven wire fence, placed after the picket fence, was removed for scrap iron in World War I, according to Mrs. L. J. Shannon.

Shannon has been employed by the association for 40 years. He is secretary and superintendent of the organization.

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world.
"When everything is peaceful, I get plenty of shins," he said. "If things get bad, business falls off."

The sharpest drop came during the early days of the Cuban crisis.