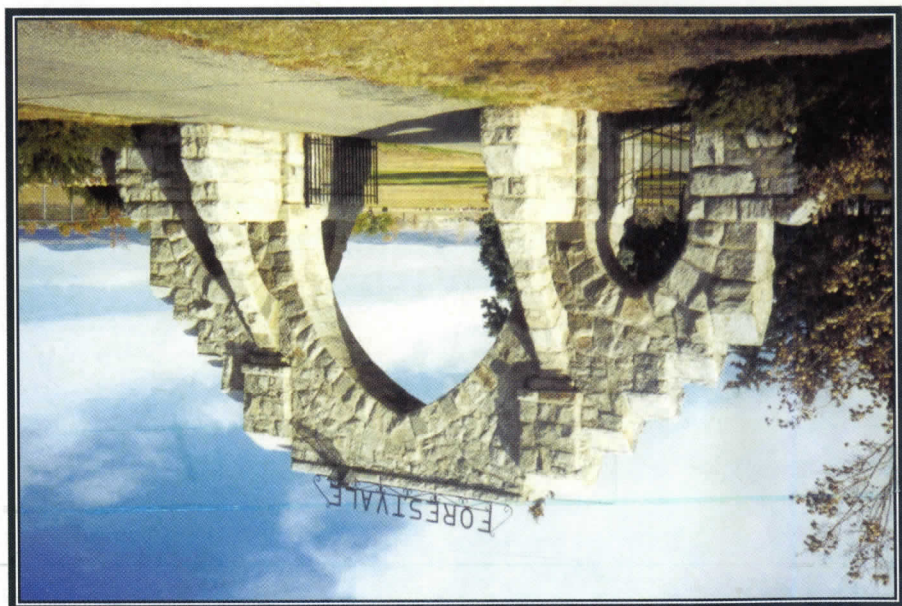


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## **For your safety and others**

Please limit your speed to 15 miles per hour. Stay on pathways when driving. Because of fire danger in the summer, extinguish all smoking material before entering cemetery.

### **Standards of Conduct**

Visitors to these hallowed grounds will refrain from inappropriate conduct or activity that disturbs the tranquility of this cemetery.

Any form of sports activity such as racing, skating, skateboarding, ball playing and Frisbees is prohibited.

No trespassing after dark

No minors without an adult

No dogs or horses

No motorcycles or ATV's

No firearms permitted except at military funerals

No vandalism

No alcoholic beverages

Do not disturb wildlife or vegetation.

Do not deface headstones.

Thank you for your cooperation.

*Cover – The impressive Gothic-arched stone entrance to the Forestvale Cemetery was constructed in 1890. The first recorded burial was September 18, 1890.*

## FORESTVALE CEMETERY

In 1889, the year Montana became a state, the growing city of Helena realized its need for a cemetery in addition to the three sponsored by religious bodies. A group of investors purchased 160 acres, which a local newspaper called "bleak and unattractive and too remote" from town - it was two and a half miles away from Helena, treeless and covered only by prairie grass. But the Helena Cemetery - as Forestvale was called until 1901 - was landscaped by civil engineer Harry V. Wheeler in a park-like style, including a small artificial lake centered with a tiny island. Since drained of water, the lake is visible today as a depression in the ground. Here at Forestvale are buried many pioneer public figures of Montana - from Vigilante leader and U.S. Marshal John X. Biedler to Methodist missionary "Brother Van," William Van Orsdel, who preached in mining camp saloons and founded some 50 churches - as well as many prominent political and business figures who helped build both Helena and Montana. The "China Row" section, located outside the formal cemetery plat at the northwestern corner recalls Helena's once thriving, but segregated, Chinese community.

*Narrative taken from the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of Interior plaque, in cooperation with the Montana Historical Society.*



The Receiving Vault is located just inside the cemetery grounds. It functioned as storage for bodies in caskets during the winter months until the ground thawed and allowed for burial. It was used for the first time on November 8, 1891. The vault was also used for temporary storage until a burial location was decided upon. It is not necessary to use this vault today.

## **HISTORY OF FORESTVALE**

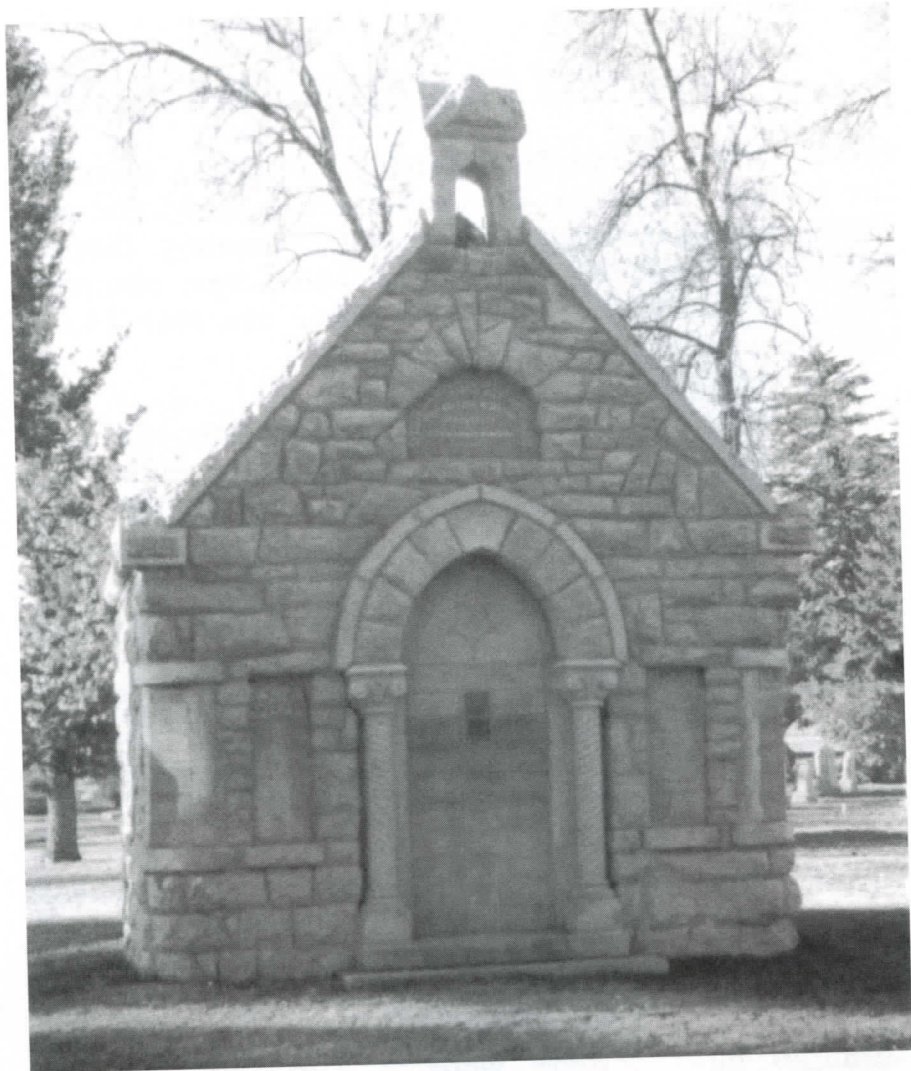
In May 1890, a transfer of land from Evan J. Harris to the Helena Cemetery Association established the site, which later became the Forestvale Cemetery District. Today the cemetery consists of 148 acres; about 40 acres are currently developed. There are over 14,000 individuals buried here.

Helena civil engineer Harry Wheeler designed Forestvale incorporating the notion of the cemetery as a "rural park" into his design. Mature trees, well-planned landscaping, tree-lined paths, beautiful monuments, mausoleums, columbariums and arbor gardens grace this beautiful cemetery in the heart of Montana. Future plans include an "above ground" mausoleum. Plantings of native trees shade the gravesites and line the meandering roads and walkways that wind through the grounds while the overall landscaping provides an atmosphere of tranquility and solemn reflection.

You will find the graves of individuals and families, many of whom came here in the 1860s and helped develop Montana Territory. They came from all parts of the world.

Although most settlers were of European ancestry, there is a large Chinese section, reflecting their presence and social status in Montana's history. The monuments in the various sections of the cemetery further exemplify the social stratification of early Helena.

Forestvale Cemetery covers a broad spectrum of Helena's history – a place to walk through Montana's history. Please maintain its tranquility while you visit.



The window openings of the Brown Mausoleum were originally set with stained glass but have since been filled with stone. There are two other small above ground mausoleums in the cemetery at the present time.

<b>TRAILBLAZER</b>	<b>LOCATION/DATES</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
Allen, Otis R.	Lakeside #03 1851-1913	Manager Helena and Livingston Smelting and Reduction Co., wife Anne Kennett
Anderson, Julian	Lakeview #170 1860-1963 (age 102)	Born to slaves who fled with their owners to Germany during Civil War, bartender Montana Club for 60 years from 1893 to 1953, wife Margaret Andrews
Ashby, Shirley Carter	Glenwood #014 1842-1924	Co D, 6th Virginia Cavalry 1860, Montana 1867, Helena 1870, County Assessor 5 years, President Helena National Bank 1892, wife Emma Withers
Atchison, John Baker	Evergreen #12 1843-1911	Doctor, Helena 1880, President Montana Medical Association 1893, Mason, wife Jennie A.
Auchard, David	Lakeside #11 1835-1902	Married Agnes Sadler, raised fine Hambletonian horses, first to build barbed wire fences in Dearborn country, built huge barn 1890
Banks, Ad E.	Lakeview #171 1895-1973	Montana Pvt. US Army WWI, married Ella Anderson 1927, worked with baseball teams and managed boxers, owned dry cleaning, shoe shining, hat blocking shop on Main Street
Barret, Anthony Hundley	Lakeside #12 1834-1918	Treasurer of Montana, wife Elizabeth, buried in Brooke Lot
Beach Family	Valleyview #096	Asa, Mary, Rose, Amos, and Martha all died 1885 from diphtheria
Beall, Samuel W.	GAR Plot 1808-1868	Lt. Col. 18th Wisconsin Infantry, wounded at Shiloh, originally buried in abandoned Catholic Cemetery south of State Capitol
Beidler, John X.	Greenlawn #101 1831-1890	Vigilantes 3-7-77, originally buried in Benton Avenue, monument erected by Montana Pioneers
Bennett, M. H.	Lakeview #042 1835-1906	Byrd Lodge (Colored) AF&AM NO STONE
Beveridge, Leroy	Arbor Garden #03 1834-1907	Engaged in stage line from Helena to Diamond City 1867, married Ann Jane Siddle 1868, merchant, cattle rancher
Bickett, William J. W.	Valleyview #025 1820-1869	Montana 1864, early doctor in Helena, married Martha Collet, originally buried in Catholic Cemetery on Oakes



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Blume, Henry	Mountainview #071 1854-1924	Montana 1877, worked McClellan Gulch in placer mines for uncle Harmon Blume, wife Marie A.
Bourquin, Eugene	Lakeview #207 1848-1908	Had wood yard at 423 West Main dealt in split, sawed wood, and coal, NO STONE
Brantly, Theodore Lee	Mountainview #063 1892-1961	Supreme Court Judge, wife Helen Longmaid
Bray, Charles H.	Arbor Garden #28 1864-1931	Gen. Mgr. Western Clay Mfg. Co. (formerly Kessler Brick), Mason, wife Elizabeth (Eliza) Fletcher
Bridgewater, Samuel	American Legion Plot, died 1912	Co. A, 24th Colored U.S. Infantry, originally buried in Fort William Henry Harrison Cemetery
Broadwater, Colonel Charles A.	Lakeside #01 1840-1892	Montana 1863, President Montana Central Railroad, built Broadwater Hotel/Natatorium, died age 52, Thomas A. Marlow, nephew to Broadwater, assumed management
Brooke Family	Lakeside #13	Doctor Benjamin C. Brooke, Sr. and Doctor Benjamin C. Brooke, Jr. with 14 other members of family placed in underground brick vault
Brown Mausoleum	Lakeside #07	Wallace W. Brown 1836-1894 (1st husband), Charlotta Dresser 1844-1918, Charles Whipple Dresser, ran saloon Merchants Hotel 1893 (2nd husband) 1848-1921
Buck, Daniel W.	Woodland #006 1840-1892	Driver, Turner & Co., 1888, groceries and fruit, originally buried Benton Avenue, wife Susan R.
Burgess, Clyde	Glenwood S3 G55 1883-1955	Married Anna Geier 1911, L&C County Sheriff 1927-1930
Burgess, Starratt J.	Greenlawn #105 1857-1927	Montana 1888, Mason, introduced modern dairy machinery, married Mary Reick, who died 1916, he then married her sister, Augusta Reick 1917
Burns, Alexander F.	Mountainview #099 1832-1908	Married Ann Kinnison 1857, Helena 1866, farmed Prickly Pear Valley, Constitutional Convention 1889
Callahan, Ida, aka Ida Wood, Ida Reed	Glendale #230 1867-1895	Accused of stealing money from Eugene Stanley, she was shot by Stanley in the Police Court and later died, NO STONE
Callaway, Sr., Llewellyn L. "Lew"	Arbor Garden #53 1868-1951	Montana 1870, married Ellen N. Badger 1894, Chief Justice Supreme Court 1922-1935, Mason

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Campbell, William Carter	Ming #03 1909-1989	Helena historian, wrote two volumes "From the Quarries of Last Chance Gulch," worked for Independent Record for many years, Mason, wife Gertrude Armour
Cannon, Charles Wesley	Buried Linwood Cemetery, Dubuque, Iowa 1836-1909	Helena 1865, married Catherine B. Martine 1868, real estate, mining 1880, one of largest wool growers in state, LeGrande Cannon Boulevard named for his son who died in 1903
Carleton, Margaret (Davenport)	Valleyview #011 1890-1922	Married to Judge Frank Carleton, separated in 1921, Margaret and Reverend Leonard Christler were involved in a murder/suicide shooting in Havre
Carsley, George Hollis	Arbor Garden #35 1870-1933	Well known architect, designed the present Central School, wife M. Alta
Chessman, William A.	Valleyview #024 1830-1920	Montana 1865, constructed bedrock flume in Last Chance Gulch 1875, married Penelope V. Newhall 1875, president Bald Butte Mining Company, Chessman Reservoir and Flats, Mason
Child, Harry Wilbour	Arbor Garden #06 1856-1931	President Yellowstone Park Company, built Lake Lodge and Old Faithful Inn, Yellowstone Park Transport Co., wife Adelaide Dean
Chong, Get	China Row #39 1840-1896	Remains removed to China in 1901
Chumasaero, William	Lakeside #02 1818-1893	Helena 1865, Attorney, founder Montana Central Railroad, wife Mary Elizabeth
Clewell, Tilghman H.	Valleyview #028 1833-1899	Bannack 1863, operated feed and livery stable in Helena; book, stationery store in Unionville and Marysville, Territorial Legislature 1876, City Treasurer, Postmaster 1891-1895, Mason, wife Eliza
Conrad, Joseph D.	Mountainview #120 1842-1934	Montana 1865, married Catherine B. Miller 1873, Marysville General Store 1879, postmaster Marysville, Pythian Knight, President and Business Manager Montana Daily Record

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Crump, Clarissa Jane	Lakeview #112 1854-1941	Montana 1865, born a slave in Virginia, she came to Montana with the Evans family that owned her, husband James Wesley Crump
Crump, James Wesley	Lakeview #112 1845-1919	Served in Civil War until discovered he was only 14, "INDPT. BATTY. U.S.C.L.A." on stone, Montana 1865, captured by Indians when driving a freight team to Montana, chief thought James a brave man and let him go, he held the American flag when the cornerstone was laid for Montana's capitol, wife Clarissa
Cullum, Lena Jobe	Lakeview #258 1872-1963	Crittenton Home Matron for 40 years, kindly and generous lady
Cunningham, Harry R.	Arbor Garden #46 1868-1933	Founder of Western Life 1910, Vice President Montana Life, 1925, wife Adelaide M.
Davenport, William	Lakeside #05 1823-1902	Early Pioneer, stockman, wife Rachel
Davidson, Ansalem J.	Lakeside #34 1844-1909	President Board of Trade, manufacturer of harness and saddles, politics, mining supply store, Diamond City grocery store, hides/wool, Merchants Bank, wife Sallie Davenport
Davidson, Sallie (Davenport)	Lakeside #34 1857-1937	One of the first pioneer families in the Gulch, lived next door to Pioneer Cabin, sister to Anna, husband A.J. Davidson
Dean, Dr. Maria Morrison	Arbor Garden #07 1862-1919	One of the first licensed doctors in Montana, Superintendent of St. Peter's Hospital, "The Beloved Physician"
DeCamp, Ralph E.	Glenwood S5 G74 1858-1936	Artist of the Capitol murals, wife Margaret Hilger
Duchesney, Marie Laura (Cavroy)	Arbor Garden #22 1877-1933	Lived in what is now Stone House in Reeder's Alley, husband Placid Georges Duchesney, 1863-1940, both born in France
Duncan, Rolla	Lakeview #172 1882-1960	L&C County Sheriff 1913-1916
Eddy, John W.	Ashgrove #60 1835-1910	Secretary Helena Board of Trade 1891, member Helena's First Baptist Church 1900, unique signature stone
Edgar, Alfred D.	Valleyview #047 1851-1904	First General Agent for NP Railway 1889

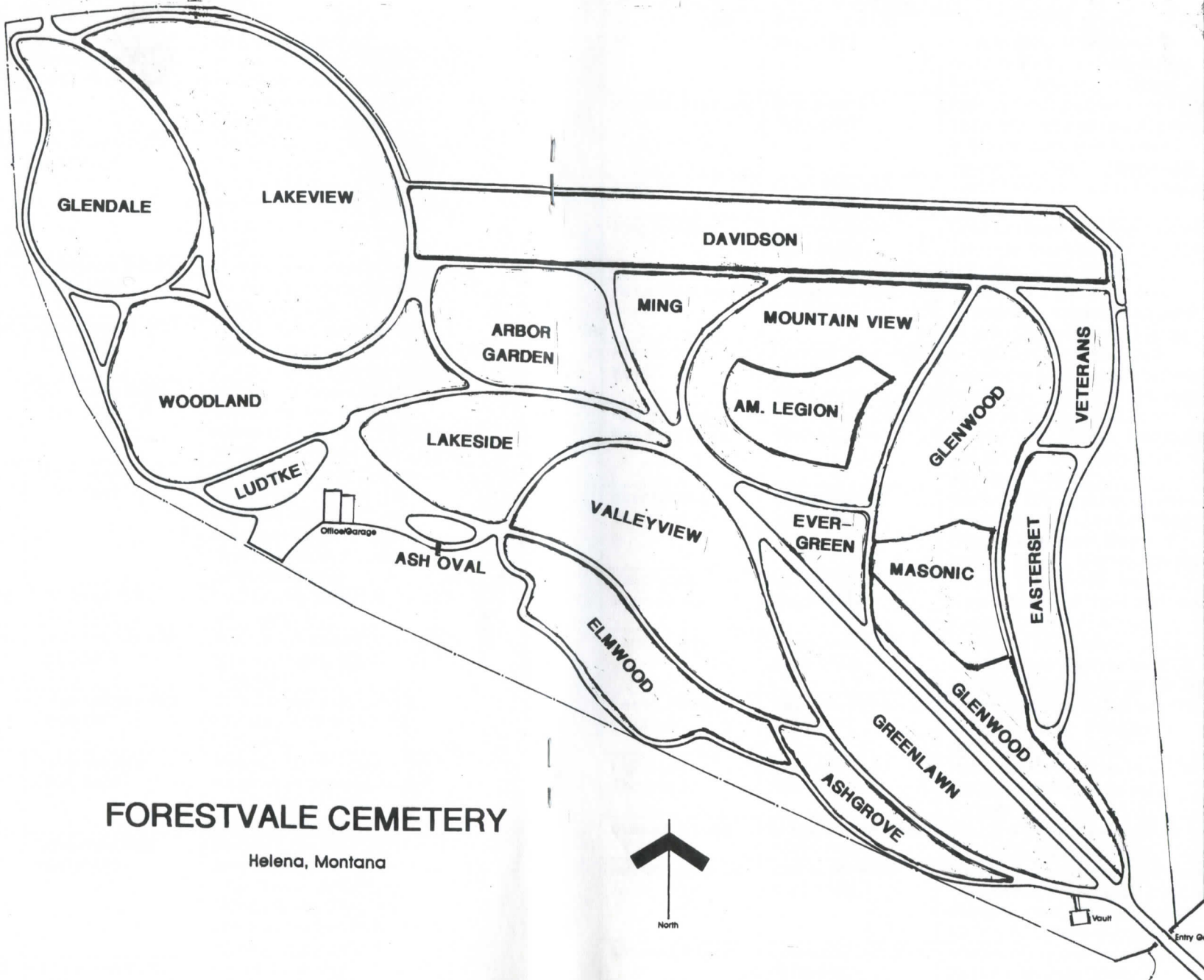
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Ellis, Charles Fisher	Greenlawn #046 1840-1917	Montana 1865, L&C County Clerk and Recorder 1871, married Clara Potwin 1876
Esler, Alfred M.	Valleyview #093 1835-1900	Came out west in 1864 with brother-in-law and their wives, wife died, Territorial Legislature 1866, married Ophelia Johnston 1874, Mason
Evans, Christmas Gift	Lakeside #06 1840-1915	Born on December 25, 1840, he died after his leg was amputated because of gangrene, his house still stands on corner of Benton and Lawrence, wife Margaret A. 1857-1894, and wife Bertha M. 1857-1940
Ewing, Colonel William H.	Valleyview #019 1818-1905	Married Rebecca B. (Taylor) Hill in 1856, came to Montana 1864, Helena 1865, farmed 1868, wife died 1887, married Mary E. Bates 1890
Ewing, Rebecca (Taylor)	Valleyview #019 1827-1887	Crossed plains with husband William in 1864, drove a team and cared for team herself, originally buried Benton Avenue Cemetery
Fack, August	Valleyview #010 1854-1917	California Wine House, served New Year's "punch" in 1900 which was made from secret formula
Fergus, James	Evergreen #06 1813-1902	Montana 1862, Helena 1865, rancher Prickly Pear Valley, L&C County Commissioner 1869, spearheaded formation of Fergus County, wife Pamela Dillin
Filson, Maxwell Robert George	Ming #37 1816-1898	Married Sarah A. Phillips, Montana 1864, farmed near Winston (stone marked George M. Filson)
Flowerree, Daniel Augustus Greene	Mountainview #010 1836-1912	Helena 1865, Pioneer cattleman, married Elizabeth Withers 1858, she died 1882, married Fannie Cornelius 1885
Forbis, Jonathan F.	Lakeside #14 1816-1877	Married America Ann, farmer, county commissioner, delegate to territorial legislature, originally buried in Benton Avenue Cemetery
Ford, Samuel Clarence	Mountainview #057 1882-1961	Governor Montana 1941-1949, former Attorney General and Supreme Court Justice, married Mary Leslie
Forkey, Russell P.	GAR Plot 1846-1874	Sergt. Co D 1st NY Cavalry, originally buried in abandoned Catholic Cemetery south of State Capitol

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Forrest, Dora	Glendale #350 1872-1896 NO STONE	Inmate of Lillie McGraw's House on Wood Street, she and another inmate took morphine while intoxicated, Dora died but other girl lived, coroner's inquisition no. 278
Freaser, John Henry	Davidson #123 1843-1927	Montana 1864, married Louisa F. Fink 1878, involved in several banks, Mason, originally buried in Benton Avenue Cemetery
French, Lieutenant Eugene S.	Valleyview #033 1862-1899	Co. L, 1st Montana Infantry, War on Spain, first Montana officer to be killed in action in Philippines, died from gun shot, funeral procession included members of Company D, 24th Infantry, all colored troops.
Fuller, Captain Thomas P.	Mountainview #014 1838-1899	Started movement to organize GAR in Montana, eighth mayor of Helena, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue from 1870-1873, hardware business, died on Blackfeet Indian Reservation (Indian Agent), Mason, wife Lillian
Gamer, Frederick W.	Valleyview #009 1844-1911	Helena merchant 1868, married Emma M. Fink 1872, bought shoe store in 1872, branched out to Deer Lodge, Anaconda and Butte, raised Percheron horses
Geary, Michael Lewis	Mountainview #075 1843-1938	Montana 1864, Helena 1865, miner, married Amanda Malvina Hardgrove 1872, rancher near Lake Helena until Hauser Dam covered the land
Gillette, Warren C.	Lakeside #10 1832-1912	Pioneer 1862, King and Gillette first to build first toll road between Helena and Fort Benton, wife Eliza
Gilpatrick, S. C.	Evergreen #06 1838-1934	L&C County Sheriff 1883-1884, wife Luella Fergus
Goodale, Lenora (Neomi)	Lakeside #17 1876-1907	Resident of the "Castle," died of peritonitis from operation, L.H. Fligman, attending physician
Gunn, Milton S.	Arbor Garden #26 1868-1949	One of the first lawyers in Helena, owned one of the first Marmon cars in the area, wife Lena C.
Guthrie, William H.	Valleyview #166 1831-1892	Montana 1862, Mason, wife Sarah F. Squires
Haggerty, John G.	Woodland #081 1864-1933	Guard for Cruse Bank, later jailer for City of Helena, wife Lillian who was Lady in Waiting to Mary Cruse

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Hale, Robert Stockton	Evergreen #15 1835-1922	Montana 1864, first druggist Helena 1866, began first city water from Park Lake to Hale Reservoir 1869
Halford, James H.	Greenlawn #030 1833-1897	Stockman, originally buried in Benton Avenue Cemetery, married to Ellen
Hard, Charles D.	Lakeside #04 1841-1927	Montana 1867, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenues for Fifth District Montana, Deputy US Marshal, married Mae L. Fisk 1874, raised thoroughbred and trotting horses
Harris, Evan J.	Valleyview #126 1844-1903	Married Amelia M. Davis 1864, Montana 1864, mined in Diamond City, stone for his children only
Harrison, Sophia	Mountainview #052 1811-1890	Born Varel, Germany, wife of W.H. Harrison, originally buried Mountain Home Cemetery, located behind Kleinschmidt, very unusual stone
Hart, Eva	Glendale #450 1873-1902	Wood Street resident, NO STONE
Hauser, Samuel Thomas	Evergreen #07 1833-1914	Montana 1863, President First National 1866, Governor Montana Territory 1885-1887, wife Ellen Farrar
Haymer, Mrs. Hannah	Lakeview #364 1831-1891	First person of color buried in Forestvale, NO STONE
Haytin, John J.	Woodland #010 1890-1972	Helena Mayor, Haytin Beauty Shop, wife Sophie L.
Hedges, Cornelius	Valleyview #020 1831-1907	Montana 1864, Masonic Grand Secretary, organized Montana Historical Society, attorney, Super. Public Instruction 1872, wife Edna
Hendricks, James A.	Greenlawn #114 1833-1904	First Lt. Confederate Army, freighter, wife Ellen Gregg
Herrin, Thomas Harland	Elmwood #20 1893-1964	Born Marysville, Helena Valley Rancher, married Marie 1913
Hickman, Richard Owen	Valleyview #017 1831-1895	Montana 1864, first State Treasurer of Montana, Mason, married Maggie Perrill, died from tragic accident when he broke his arm which had to be amputated
Hill, William L.	Lakeview #073 1862-1933	Miner, Rail Mail service, county treasurer L&C County, NO STONE
Hindson, Joseph J.	Valleyview #142 1850-1928	Helena 1891, Steele, Hindson & Co. 1892, jobbers of hay, grain, flour and feed, married Amelia Bamford 1875

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Hoback, Richard	Valleyview #143 1834-1896	Helena 1865, miner, Alderman in Helena, wife Mary
Holter, Anton M.	Greenlawn #023 1831-1921	Arrived Montana 1863, politician, President A.M. Holter Hardware Co., Montana Lumber Co., married Mary Pauline Loberg
Holter, Martin M.	Greenlawn #023 1835-1920	Married Emily Olson, lumber mill at Ten Mile Creek, wagon maker, brother to Anton M. Holter, distillery, hardware, built Holter Block, member Vigilante Committee
Horsky, Joseph	Valleyview #124 1842-1899	Helena 1865, Mason, involved in real estate and ranching, married Lettie Carr 1885
Horsky, Sr., John	Greenlawn #021 1838-1924	Helena 1865, built first brewery with George Butz, married Louisa C. Cory 1869, built Horsky Block
Houle, Joseph Napoleon	Greenlawn #050 1836-1926	Prisoner of Crow Indians, stripped of clothing then walked 30 miles naked to Ft. Benton, Farmer, rancher, 12 children, wife Marie
Howell, Captain Horatio S.	Greenlawn #037 1841-1911	Civil War (prisoner), telegrapher, Wells Fargo Co. general superintendent of Montana operations, mining interests, ranching Madison County, wife Margaret Conway
Huffaker, George W.	Ashgrove #39 1863-1921	L&C County Sheriff 1919-1920, wife Susan M.
Hundley, William B.	Arbor Garden #16 1823-1904	First Vice President Montana Stock Growers Assn., Mason, wife America L.
Huntley, Silas Stilwell	Arbor Garden #06 1844-1901	Civil War General, General Manager Yellowstone Park Company
Johns, William	Ashgrove #40 1835-1926	Rancher farmer, road builder, freight lines between Helena and Fort Benton, Helena and Salt Lake City, wife Elizabeth
Jones, John	Valleyview #080 1817-1879	Married Elisa Allen who died 1851, John married Rebecca F. Hardesty 1852, Montana 1863, Helena 1865, farmed Prickly Pear Valley, created one of the oldest registered cattle brands, originally buried on Ranch
Kellogg, Edwin S.	Valleyview #118 1850-1915	Physician, charged but acquitted on 4/25/1900 of wrongful death of woman who died from an abortion

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Kenck, Charles M.	Woodland #170 1844-1877	Killed by the Nez Perces Indians while hunting in Yellowstone National Park, originally buried in Catholic Cemetery on Oakes
Kessler, Nicholas	Evergreen #02 1833-1901	Helena 1865, married Louisa Ebert 1873, proprietor of largest brewery in Montana, Kessler Brewery, owned and operated brickyards
King, Ah	China Row #01 1869-1892	First Chinese buried in Forestvale
King, William	Lakeview #041 1875-1905	Colored Masonic Lodge, Spanish American War Veteran, Co A 24th US Infantry, NO STONE
Kirkendahl, Hugh	Valleyview #014 1835-1897	Kirkendahl & Peter Larson Contractors, freightline operator, Virginia City to Helena, Mason
Kleinschmidt, L. Kurt	Mountainview #052 1869-1894 NO STONE	Drowned in north sea when steamship sunk, he was returning to US after studying in Germany
Kleinschmidt, Reinhold Henry	Mountainview #052 1847-1922	Came to Montana 1867 with brother Albert, formed Kleinschmidt and Brother merchants, wife Amelia K. Taylor
Kleinschmidt, Theodore H.	Evergreen #01 1839-1913	Montana 1865, banker, founder Helena Electric Light Co., President Bank of Townsend, Mayor of Helena 3 times, Mason, wife Mary
Langhorne, Samuel W.	Ming #09 Grave 8 1836-1927	Helena, 1865, miner, leading representative of Democratic party, Mason, wife Alice Leonard
Larson, John	Greenlawn #028 1839-1927	Montana 1864, Mason, county commissioner, Marysville 1879, President Piegan-Gloster Mining
Leslie, Preston Hopkins	Valleyview #144 1819-1907	Governor Montana Territory 1887-1889, US District Attorney, a confederate, wife Mary
Lightbody, Thomas A.	Lakeview #140 1842-1908	Hotelman in American House at Marysville 1879, miner with Thomas Cruse, NO STONE
Manuel, Moses	Mountainview #020 1847-1905	Died in a tragic mine accident 7/11/1905, wife Josephine
Marlow, Thomas A.	Valleyview #064 1861-1938	Steadman Foundry and Machinery 1894, President National Bank of Montana 1900, Marlow Theater 1917, wife Louise, daughter Leigh
Maxwell, Pearle	Glenwood S10 G11 1878-1953	Madam of second floor "House" at 23 1/2 South Main Street

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Mayger, William	Greenlawn #040 1842-1918	Silver Creek mining 1864, built first silver mill L&C County, sold mill to Cruse 1880, married Frances McLeod 1886, organized St. Louis Mining and Milling Co. 1887
McKendrick, William M.	Valleyview #098 1850-1898	Marysville dry goods merchant 1885, married Miss Julia F. Rawson 1886, he died in a runaway accident
McNamee, James F.	Valleyview #013 1863-1929	Reverend of Helena's First Baptist Church, prominent church and civic leader for more than 30 years
Merritt, Ellen (White)	Valleyview #027 1821-1900	Montana 1964 with husband Theodore, a fine dressmaker, went back to Dubuque, Iowa, studied medicine, returned to Helena, fine horsewoman, midwife, she doctored many Indians
Merritt, Theodore Barstow	Valleyview #027 1821-1889	Married Ellen White 1851, Montana 1864, cabinetmaker and rancher in Prickly Pear Valley, raised fine horses
Milburn, Judge George R.	Mountainview #125 1850-1910	US Indian Agent appointed by President Arthur, Montana 1883, Judge 7th District 1889
Millegan, Wallace Lewis	Mountainview #022 1837-1923	Montana 1863, early Helena Valley farmer, county commissioner, originally buried Benton Avenue Cemetery, wife Martha A.
Mills, Reverend Jacob	Valleyview #067 1842-1925	Civil War Veteran 1861-1865, Pioneer Methodist Missionary 1882-1925, organized Methodist churches in Montana, Fort Benton 1882, Great Falls 1887, founder Montana Wesleyan University 1888
Ming, John Hollins	Ming #11 1831-1887	Montana 1863, stockman-merchant, Ming's Opera House, originally buried Benton Avenue Cemetery, wife Katharine L.
Mitchell, George	Woodland #124 1866-1938	Last person to live in the Pioneer Cabin, he lived there for 25 years, was a chicken farmer, there was lots to clean up after he passed
Moffitt, John	Valleyview #086 1836-1901	Lieut. Co F 2nd Kansas Infantry, Civil War Veteran Union Army, Chief Deputy Collector IRS Montana, Secretary of State Montana, postmaster Diamond City

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Murphy, John T.	Valleyview #036 1835-1907	Volunteer Oregon Militia 1865, 62 days from St. Louis to Fort Benton (by boat), rancher Nevada Creek, placer miner McClellan Gulch, Mason
Murphy, John Thomas	Mountainview #008 1842-1914	Helena merchant, opened store 7/1/1865, married Elizabeth T. Morton 1871, President Helena National Bank 1890, President Montana National Bank 1892
Murphy, Mrs. Thomas J.	Lakeview #028 1858-1890 NO STONE	First person buried in Forestvale, died in childbirth, her husband was employed by St. Peter's Hospital in 1889
Muth, William	Greenlawn #141 1851-1925	Merchant, real estate developer, Belmont Mine 1886, builder of first trolley between city and Broadwater Hotel, Constitutional Convention 1889, wife Estella A.
Negus, William S.	Lakeside #15 1837-1888	Ran stage line from Helena to various points 1887, ranching and stockraising business, originally buried Mountain Home Cemetery
Neill, John Selby Martin	Arbor Garden #24 1860-1912	Helena 1883, married Margaret G. Evans 1883, Surveyor General of Montana, real estate business with A.J. Steele
Nicholas, William D.	Evergreen #03 1826-1892	Montana 1864, started ranching Dearborn country 1872, married Margaret Davis 1844
Nolan, Cornelius B.	Greenlawn #017 died 1922	Known affectionately as "Colonel Nolan," attorney general of Montana, Grand Master of Masons 1908-1909, wife Hattie M. Shober
Ostle, Henry	Ashgrove #43 1842-1921	Rancher in Dearborn country, wife Elizabeth Ann
Palmquist, Andrew	Woodland #082 1859-1951	Immigrated from Faglum, Sweden, worked for railroad, wife Augusta Ahs, sons: Ernest, Carl, George, Arthur
Palmquist, Carl A.	Woodland #082 1898-1968	Founded Palmquist Electric Great Falls, wife Marguerite L. Haggerty
Palmquist, Ernest J.	Woodland #083 1893-1974	Founded Palmquist Electric Helena, wife Gertrude L. Haggerty who died of polio; one of first cases of polio in Helena

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Parchen, Henry Martin	Valleyview #015 1839-1925	Helena 1865 in company with Dr. Wernigk and Louis Keysser opened drug/grocery store, county commissioner, Mason
Peeples, William L. "Kid"	Glendale #875 1865-1910	Alabama baseball coach won 10, lost 0, 1897, man of color, NO STONE
Perkins, Jemison L.	Arbor Garden #23 1843-1908	Montana 1864, rancher, settled in Chestnut Valley, wife Elsa Ortman
Peyton, D. W.	Lakeview #041 1881-1907	Fletcher-Colored Masonic Lodge, NO STONE
Potts, General Benjamin Franklin	Lakeside #35 1836-1887	Brigadier General and Brevet Major General of US Vol's in Civil War, Governor Montana Territory 1870-1883, wife Angeline, originally buried in Benton Avenue Cemetery
Power, Patrick	Lakeview #254 1839-1892	L&C County Sheriff 1871-1872, wife Mary
Preuitt, William Green	Arbor Garden #16 1843-1909	Helena 1866, married Willie M. Hundley 1870, purchased liquor store 1879, raised thoroughbred horses and graded cattle 1887, hardware business 1894
Ralston, Mary Frances	Greenlawn #113 1840-1912	Marysville, Montana named for her, she and husband Samuel ran hotel in Marysville
Ray, Thomas A.	Arbor Garden #01 1829-1905	Montana 1863, Livestock production, wife Sophia
Read, Francis S. "Frank"	Valleyview #059 1840-1915	Confederate veteran, 2nd Lt., Montana 1866, married Laura T. Thoroughman 1869, rancher Prickly Pear Valley
Reeder, George K.	Arbor Garden #43 1857-1943	City Engineer 1888, US Deputy Mineral surveyor, Mason, wife Lula
Reifenrath, Herman	Arbor Garden #04 1835-1918	Married Eliza Ann Cartley, baggage Master Northern Pacific Railroad
Richards, Madame Marie Ericke Zimmerman (stone says Madam Marie Ericke, born in Germany)	Mountainview #066 1867-1943	Talented musician and noted violinist, who had played before crowned heads of Europe, she played in colorful and long since vanished "palaces" of upper main street as well as in finest homes of Helena; Ernest William Ericke (1st husband); Jake Zimmerman (2nd husband), Mason, "Band Leader, born in Winona, Minn.;" Edward S. Richards (3rd husband)

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Roberts, William Kemp	Valleyview #130 1830-1891	L&C County Sheriff 1866-1868, wife Mary
Rotwitt, Louis	Valleyview #035 1838-1910	Druggist south main Helena 1866, county clerk Meagher County five times, Constitutional Convention 1889, first Secretary of State
Ryan, Bridget aka Lillie McGraw	Valleyview #022 1847-1898	Madam Lillie McGraw of the Joliet Street Houses, "Bridget Ryan" on the stone, born in Ireland
Sanders, Colonel Wilbur Fisk	Arbor Garden #20 1834-1905	Married Harriet P. Fenn 1858, Montana 1863, US Senator Montana 1889-1893, Grand Mason, attorney, prosecuted George Ives, 3-7-77
Seiler, Arthur	Greenlawn #148 1874-1968	Hepperdeizel's Candy Co., "Candies are the best. Made fresh every day. Made from pure material only. Unequaled by any."
Settles, Frank M.	Lakeview #188 1848-1910	Grand Central Cigar Store, NO STONE
Sheriff, Sr., Court	Mountainview #061 1845-1922	Homestead Canyon Ferry, ran ferry before bridge built, dam built 1896, ran a boarding house for workers, stage line Helena to Diamond City, wife Mary Hooper
Shober, John H.	Greenlawn #017 1832-1925	Montana 1864, attorney Shober & Rasch, Mason
Sieben, Henry	Greenlawn #033 1848-1937	Raised cattle and sheep, large ranch holdings in L&C Co., grandfather to Senator Max Baucus
Sligh, Katherine Sinclair	Valleyview #011 1876-1896	Died just before her marriage to Thomas Marlow, buried in wedding dress, mother Sarah H. Sligh, father James Sligh a prominent doctor, father is buried in Anaconda
Smith, James M.	Mountainview #011 1834-1896	Married Mary S. Hauser 1859, Montana 1864, Silver City 1865, farmed in Helena Valley
Smith, Moses	Glendale (Pauper) 1886-1909	Chippewa Indian killed by locomotive near Central Park
Sommers, Harry	Valleyview #167 1862-1926	First superintendent Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Co. 1887 600 phones, first phones in Helena 1888, Western Union, wife Annie
Spratt, Thomas H.	Greenlawn #047 1862-1956	L&C County Sheriff 1921-1922, wife Flora J. Roberts

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Spriggs, Archibald Everett	Greenlawn #018 1864-1921	Lieutenant Governor Montana 1897-1901, "the father of Broadwater County," Mason, Odd Fellow, Rocky Mountain Club, granite bench is tribute to him, note the unusual symbol on the stone, wife Josephine Marie Leighton
Stadler, Louis	Valleyview #062 1849-1941	Helena 1866, built great cattle herds, partner Louis Kauffman, had butcher shop in Helena, wife Mary Boehler
Steele, Fanny Sperry	Lakeview #218 1888-1983	World's Lady Champion Bucking Horse Rider, Winnipeg Stampede 1913, husband "Bill" Steele
Steele, William	Valleyview #042 1849-1896	Helena in 1880, married Adelaide Bailey 1882, Steele, Hindson & Company started 1892, jobbers of hay, grain, flour and feed
Steele, William L.	Lakeside #14 1833-1909	Helena 1864, doctor, married Agnes Forbes 1865, L&C County Sheriff 1869-1870, served three terms as mayor
Steinbrenner, John	Ming #12 1849-1914	One of the best known pioneers in Helena, died in Yakima, WA
Stemple, John A.	Glendale #997 1834-1915	Built a 10 stamp mill 1876, erected Stemple Mill, district named in his honor, wife Amanda Ann Miller
Sterling, Frank P.	Mountainview #124 1843-1916	Civil War Veteran 1861, Wisconsin volunteers, President Grant appointed Treasurer of Land Office, Probate judge 1882, wife Florana
Stewart, George W.	Woodland #024 1859-1931	First Episcopal minister in Bitterroot, Missoula and founder of churches
Stewart, Samuel Verne "Sam"	Glenwood #023 1872-1939	Governor Montana 1913-1921, Supreme Court Justice, led state through difficult times during World War I, Mason, wife Stella Baker
Switzer, Jacob	Evergreen #04 1838-1930	Manufactured bricks in Blossburg, 150,000 bricks in 10 hours, employed 50-60 men, Mason, wife Louise A.
Sykes, Harry Nathaniel	Valleyview #083 1830-1896	Married Henrietta M. DeCamp 1846, Helena 1866, rancher in Prickly Pear Valley
Tatem, Benjamin Harrison	Arbor Garden #21 1840-1915	Married Lydia A. Mears, Helena Iron Works 1888, mining, Treasurer Montana State Fair

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Totten, Oscar B.	Arbor Garden #08 1830-1913	Miner in 1888, Bailiff District Court, wife Josephine
Train, Edgar H.	Lakeview #266 1831-1899	Montana 1866, early day photographer, Mason, wife Phebe
Van Orsdel, William Wesley "Brother Van"	Greenlawn #045 1848-1919	Methodist missionary, Vice President Montana Deaconess Preparatory School
Wallace, Colonel Robert Bruce	Mountainview #007 1869-1900	West Point, Lt. Col. of 1st Montana Vol. Regiment 1898 Helena, died Arizona from complications of bullet in lung, first to lay in state at Capitol in Helena, Colonel Wallace's white horse, "Chimes" was in funeral procession with empty saddle and officer boots reversed in stirrups
Wallace, Major Robert Clay	Greenlawn #025 1836-1928	Helena 1869, Wholesale and Retail Grocery business 1873-1939, married Ella M. Shaw 1875, Ella died 1890, first City Treasurer, Territorial Legislature 1883, Mason, residence 211 East 8th still stands
Warren, Charles E.	Glenwood S2 G114 1873-1947	Married Emma Geary 1895, Emma lived for 100 years, first caretakers Pioneer Cabin 1940
Warren, William	Valleyview #108 1844-1928	Farmer Prickly Pear Valley, married Lucinda Hardesty 1869, Warren School named for him
Weinsheimer, Mollie (Byrnes) aka Belle Crafton	Valleyview #089 1858-1900	Madam of the Castle, personal residence 212 State Street (still standing), made out her will to her husband, signed with "X" although she was literate and was dead three days later
Weisenhorn, August	Greenlawn #072 1842-1900	Montana 1863, blacksmith Virginia City, Diamond City 1870, Helena 1872, manufactured wagons and carriages in Helena, Weisenhorn Mfg. Co., patented some wagon parts, Mason, married Emma J. Buscher 1878
Wheeler, Colonel William F.	Valleyview #152 1824-1894	US Marshal Montana Territory 1869-1877, organized opening of state penitentiary in Deer Lodge, organized Montana Historical Society
Wheeler, Mary C. M.C.W. on stone only	Valleyview #152 1875-1934	Born Helena, first class to graduate from Helena High, renowned artist, buried with her parents

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Whitcomb, Edmond	Mountainview #012 1837-1924	Montana 1863, rancher, donated land for Montana Wesleyan College, wife Catherine
Wickes, George Todd	Arbor Garden #12 1845-1915	Mining engineer, founder Wickes smelter, Wickes-Corbin Mining Co., Wickes Hotel 1888
Wong On Kee	Davidson #002 1859-1924	Merchant and trader, delivered vegetables from Chinese Gardens, originally buried in China Row, wife Ruby O. Wong
Wong, Charles Yin	Davidson #102 1906-1968	Owned Wing Shing Grocery, he wrote letters and sent money to China for his patrons, Keno was played in the basement, fireworks were sold year around to certain patrons
Woolman, Joseph Pedrick	Arbor Garden #15 1841-1908	Teacher, boot/shoe store on Bridge Street, chairman Republican Territorial Central Committee, Commissioner of Montana to Paris Exposition 1878, Auditor of Montana from 1879 to 1887
Word, Samuel	Arbor Garden #11 1837-1903	Montana 1863, attorney in Alaska 1897-1900, Grand Master Masons, married Sarah Margaret Foster, Constitutional Convention 1889
Yaeger, Lancelot D. "Lance"	Valleyview #092 1876-1889 (12 years old)	Died July 4, 1889 when hit by a four pound rocket from fireworks display, originally buried in Benton Avenue Cemetery

**S-Section; G-Grave**

References include:

Forestvale Day Books and Registers

Cemetery records and biographies found at the Montana Historical Society Library and Archives, 225 Roberts

Newspaper obituaries found at the Lewis and Clark County Library, 120 South Last Chance Gulch



## A TOUR THROUGH TIME

Visiting Forestvale Cemetery is like opening a history book, as this is the final resting place of many persons of exceptional significance. The tombstones are set, the old with the new, and the fancy with the plain, the homemade with the military and Masonic; all combine to make this one of the most distinguished cemeteries in Montana.

There is no place that covers a broader spectrum of Helena's history than does Forestvale Cemetery. It is a place to walk through the past. Here you will find the graves of individuals and families that came here in the 1860s from all parts of the world and who helped shape the territory into the State of Montana.

There were over 400 exhumations from other cemeteries reinterred in Forestvale. These reinterments came from the abandoned Catholic Cemetery south of the State Capitol, City Cemetery behind Central School, Catholic Cemetery on Oakes, Benton Avenue Cemetery and Mountain Home Cemetery. They were also removed from several ranches in the Helena area, other towns in Montana, and many were removed from Beaver Creek when Canyon Ferry Reservoir flooded the area.



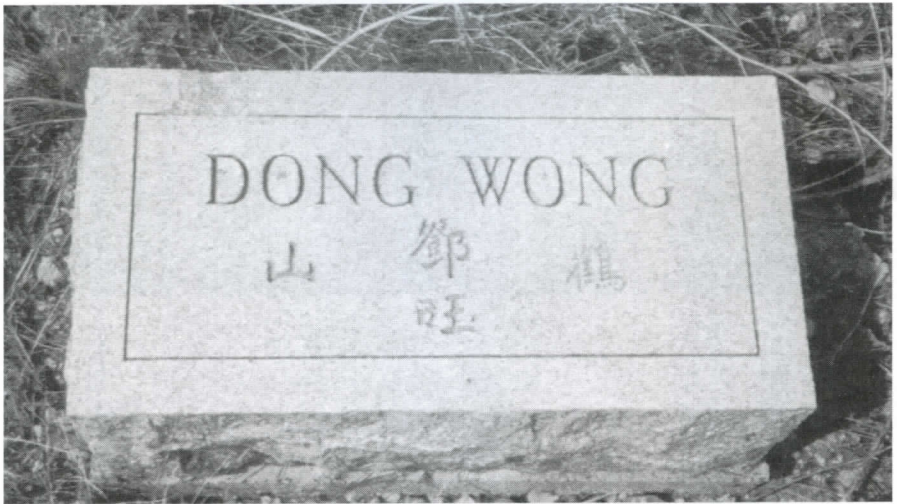
A large pond with a small raised island in the center was located in the heart of the cemetery grounds. The pond is now lined with sod and is used for burials. It is now the Arbor Garden Section.

The Board of Trustees donated a large parcel of land in the Glendale Section to the county for burials of indigent persons and children of the Montana Children's Home, a local orphanage.



## CHINA ROW

“Montana's once substantial Chinese population dwindled into the 20th century. In the 1970s, urban renewal erased all vestiges of Helena's early Chinese neighborhoods. Only a few descendants of Chinese pioneers remain in Helena today. Along with the two hundred burials placed outside the maintained grounds in China Row between 1892 and 1955, were colorful offerings, religious objects and altars. These tributes to the dead were long ago vandalized and desecrated. During the 1940s, relatives removed perhaps a dozen graves and returned the bones to ancestral soil in China. Evidence of these exhumations is clearly evident. Most of the dead, however, lie today in the untended plots outside the green and peaceful landscaped cemetery grounds. Five distinct rows and a few headstones are all that mark the pioneers who rest in this wind-swept field among the prairie grass and prickly pear.” *Montana Historical Society*



**Tombstone of Dong Wong from He Shan**

For more information or the location of specific graves,  
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A Board of Trustees consisting of three members and a  
Historical Preservation Committee consisting of five  
members guide the business of Forestvale Cemetery.  
The Lewis and Clark County Commissioners appoint all  
members.

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## YOUR DASH

*"I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning...to the end. He noted that first came her date of birth and spoke the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years (1934-1998) for that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth.*

*And now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth. For it matters not how much we own; the cars...the house...the cash, what matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash. So think about this long and hard...are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left, that can still be rearranged. If we could just slow down enough, to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel, and be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more, and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before. If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile, remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.*

*So, when your eulogy's being read with your life's actions to rehash...would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?" - Author Unknown*

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