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Time to pay your**DUES**

Editor's Note



Hello!

Thank you for your patience this past year and half. I consider myself an organized person and to have late issues really disappoints me.

I know many of you have experienced the same situation in aging parents with declining health. I am hoping 2013 is a little less eventful!

My son deployed to Afghanistan again in late October. We are looking forward to his return mid Summer 2013.

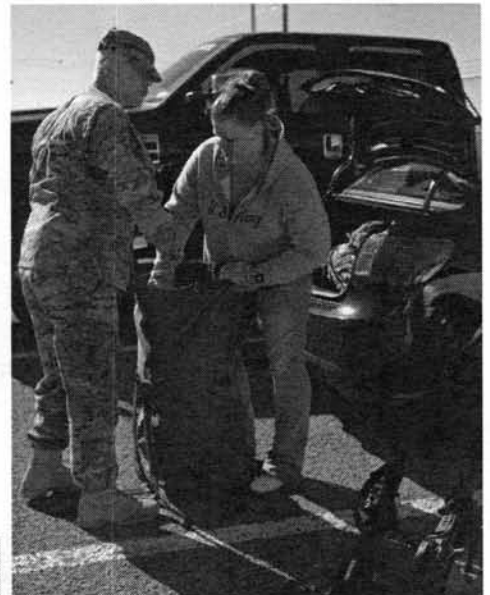
I thought I'd wrap up my last quarterly about my favorite subject - Cemeteries. Specifically, the cemetery sign project that I suggested in 2009. The idea was well received by our board and members. The last of the signs were purchased in 2012 and awaiting good weather for installation.

With my resignation as quarterly editor and web coordinator I do plan to continue as cemetery coordinator and help out when I can, including providing content for the quarterly.

As always, I encourage you to share your Reno County Roots here and help Ruth as she takes over the reins again as your editor.

I'll leave you with a few photos of my son, Clayton and his family.

Clayton, Tiffany, Kurtis and Kieli.



The Community Connections Cemetery Sign Project

In early 2009 the board approved a project that would place signs in the 17 county cemeteries without one.

The society received one several donations toward the project and a grant from Megan Smolenyak of Honoring Our Ancestors. <http://www.honoringourancestors.com/index.html>

The sign purchases began in late 2009 and were completed in 2012. What a wonderful way to give back to our community and honor those that came before us.

Published articles on the project:

August 2009 Sunflower | First article with updates to follow in other issues

August 2009 The Hutchinson News

September 2009 The Clarion News

June 2010 The Western Front section of The Hutchinson News

I would like to give a special THANK YOU to members Jay Moore, Dwayne Gobin and Vivian Gobin for their help in delivering and installing the signs.



KEITH Newway, back, shows Gale Hall, right, and Chris Shults, left of the cemetery.

Antioch Cemetery

Our first sign placement was at Antioch. We held a special dedication ceremony with a few of the caretakers and descendents.

The cemetery is located in Sumner Township, on Rayl Road, about 1/2 mile South of Silver Lake Road.

For years this was an unkempt cemetery on the east side of the road, two and a half miles north of St. Joe. No name was known for it. Later it was thought to be the Weise cemetery - based most likely on a land owners name. An obituary called it the Antioch Cemetery. The condition of the site changed when Keith Neuway started taking care of it in the 1980's. Today you will find a visitor's register in the box attached to the flag pole. Thanks to Keith and all that help him mow and maintain it!



Bainum Cemetery

The cemetery is located in Langdon Township, on Andre Road about 1/2 mile South of Irish Creek Road.

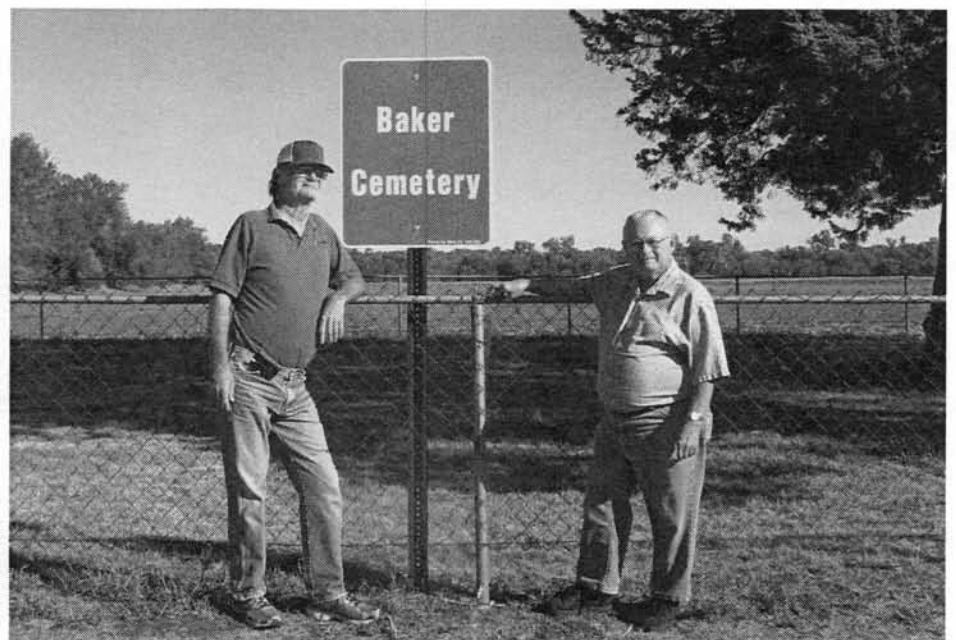
Bainum Cemetery is one of a few family plots in the county. Local residents state that the ten people buried here are related to each other. In 1883, Oscar Bainum was the first person to be buried here.



Baker Cemetery

The cemetery is located in Troy Township, on Pleasant Valley Road about 3/4 mile East of Partridge Road.

Baker Cemetery is located on a tract of two acres given by Fredrick W. Baker to Samuel Slack and trustees on April 16, 1878 for a burial plot. At the time of the survey conducted in the 1978 time-frame it was noted there was evidence of 19 graves. There are no known cemetery records.



Buhler Municipal East Cemetery

The cemetery is located in Little River Township, on 82nd Ave [Dutch Ave] about 3/4 mile East of Worthington Road.

Buhler Municipal East Cemetery is sometimes called Old Ebenezer Cemetery. It consists of approximately four acres 3 & 1/2 miles East of Buhler. Originally, two acres was purchased in 1887 by the Alta Mennonite Church.

In 1906 the Ebenezer Mennonite Church acquired the two-acre plot and purchased an additional two acres. It is not known whether there was ever a church at this site. It is used to augment the Buhler Municipal Cemetery.

There are many unmarked graves on the old section. The city office has a hand drawn sketch with names for a number of burials.



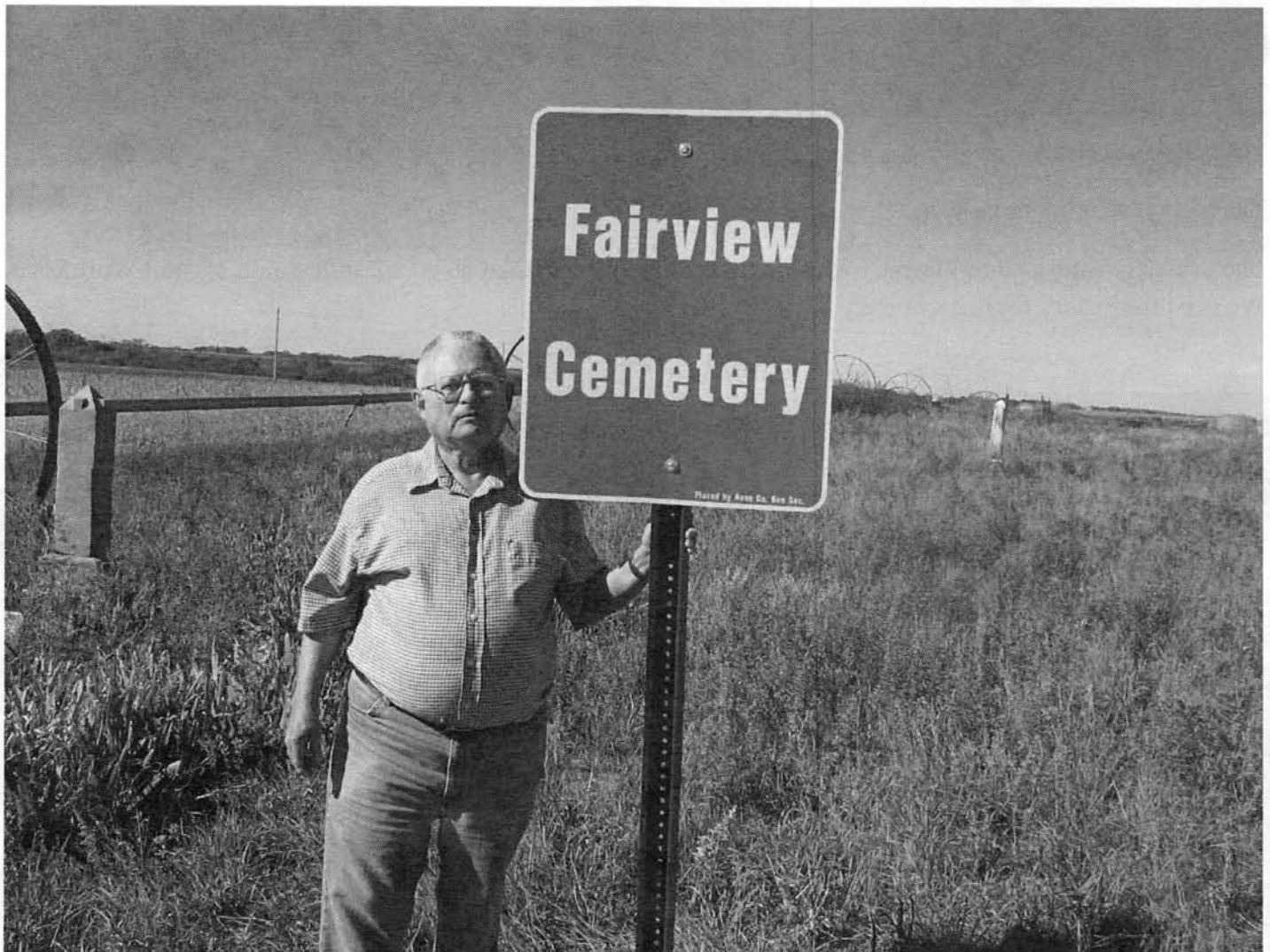
Fairview Cemetery

The cemetery is located in Albion Township on the NW side of cross roads Whiteside Road and Boundary Road.

W.S. Clark deeded 1 ½ acres for burial purposes in 1884.

1978: The cemetery is an inactive, unkempt, small cemetery in which only five marked graves can be found. No known record of the burials, but there is an historical account of how the cemetery started. In the early days, there was a school on this land. A family traveling in a covered wagon stopped at the school and asked for help, because their small daughter had died. The school teacher dismissed school, sent for a minister and had a funeral in the school for the child. Then the mourners buried her in a corner of the school yard.

2006: The area was overgrown and neglected.



Haven Cemetery

The cemetery is located in Haven Township, on Castleton Road 1 1/2 miles East of Haven road.

William Priest deeded land to the Priest Cemetery Association for burial purposes on July 11, 1888 although there were several graves on the land before that date. The earliest person buried was Emmie Priest in 1880.

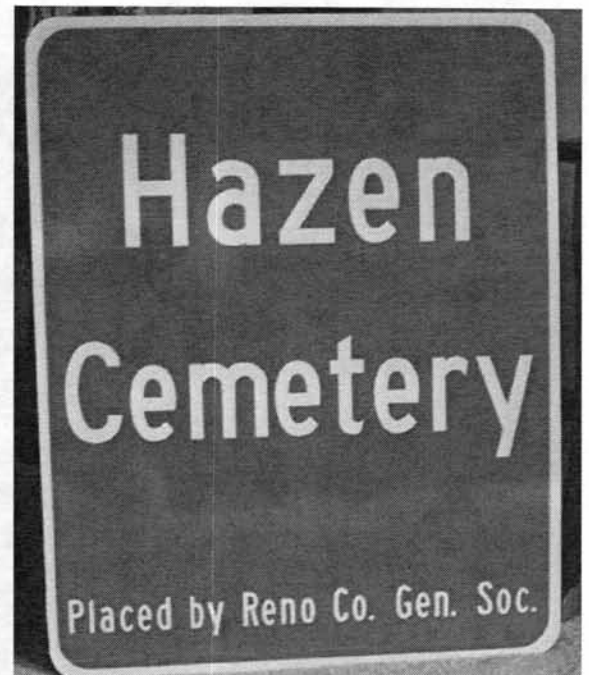
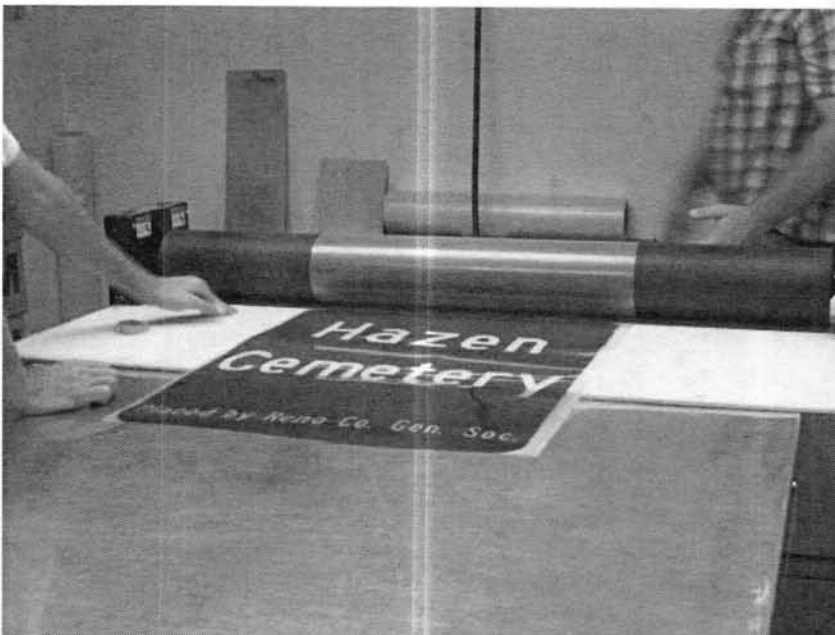
The cemetery has been called Haven Priest for several decades.



Hazen Cemetery

The second sign in our project.

The cemetery is located in Plevna Township on Jordon Springs Road about 1/2 mile South of Trail West Road. We need the history for this cemetery.



Langdon Cemetery

The cemetery is located in Langdon Township, on Pleasant Valley Road, East of Langdon Road .

Formerly called Maple Hill

A local resident said that at one time the cemetery was across the road and north of its present site.

However, the researchers could learn of no reason for its having been moved. More research is needed.

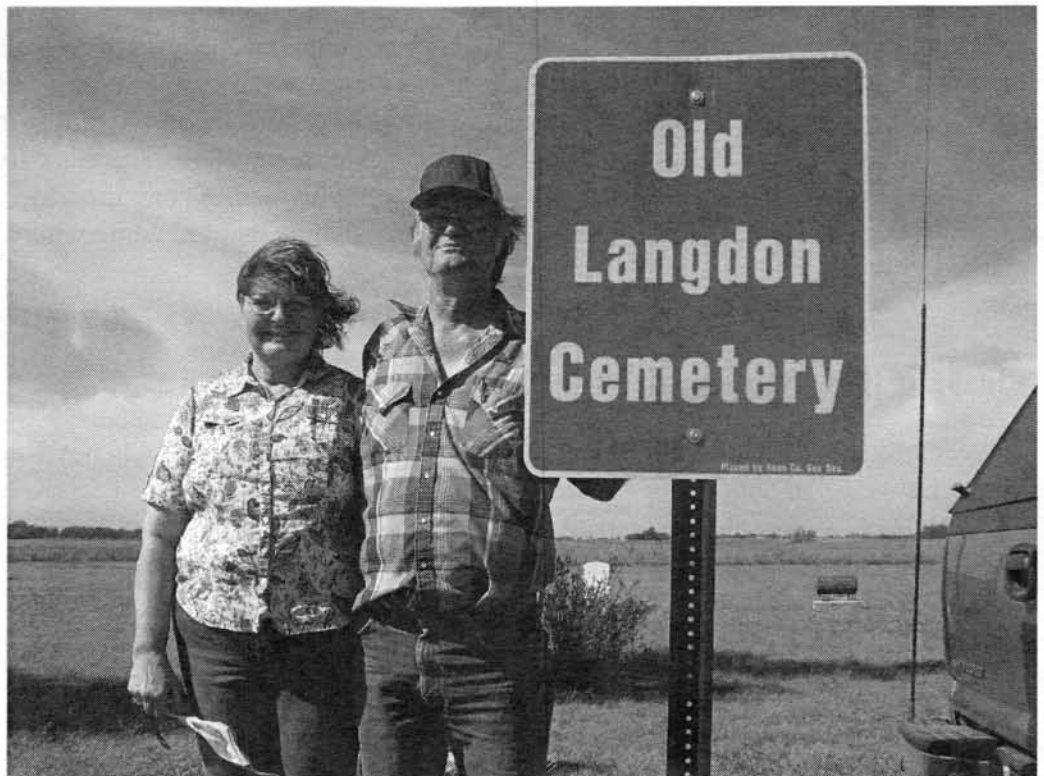


Old Langdon Cemetery

The cemetery is located in Langdon Township, on Sterling Road, 1/2 mile South of Arlington Road.

Old Langdon Cemetery was used by the community before Langdon (AKA Maple Hill) Cemetery was opened.

The land was set aside for burial purposes by Julius Elliott on 18 December 1878.



Lutheran Cemetery

The cemetery is located in Huntsville Township, on Clark Road, 1/2 mile West of Langdon Road.



Land was deeded to the Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul Church in March 1902.

This small cemetery was used by people of German descent.

Pleasant Hill (Loda Twp) Cemetery

The cemetery is located in Loda Township, on Sun City Road, about 1/2 mile East of Sterling Road

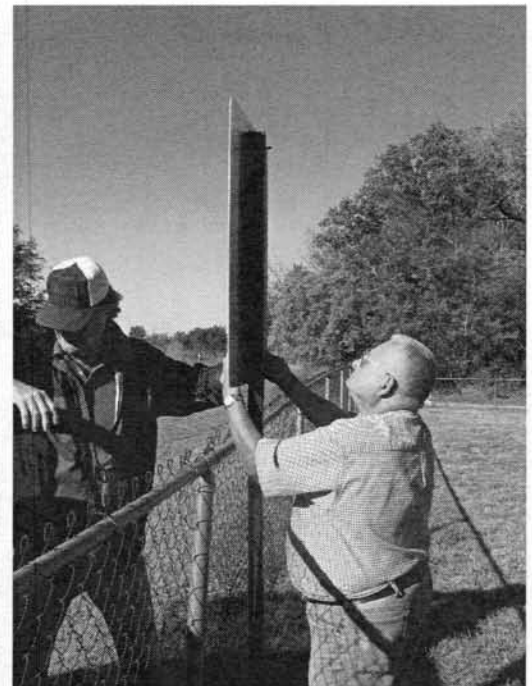
Pleasant Hill is a small old cemetery. Originally, land was transferred from J.W. Banks to the trustees of Pleasant Hill Cemetery on 2 March 1886. Another acre of land was acquired from William Cole on 7 March 1893 for a church building. Eventually, the church was closed and the building moved. Many of the graves were moved to Lerado Cemetery. There was a new grave stone placed on the grave of the infant son of Wallace and Nancy Cole in May 1978 but the infant had died 12 February 1889. There are five grave stones with legible names and three with names so weathered they cannot be read. At one time Mr. McKinney, a neighbor who cared for the cemetery, installed 27 wooden crosses that he painted white where he thought there were unmarked graves.

Pleasant Hill (Ninnescah Twp) Cemetery

The cemetery is located in Ninnescah Township, on the SW edge of Cheney Reservoir. From the crossroad of Maple Grove Road and Yoder Road - go North 3/4 mile.

The land was purchased from Lorenze Birch by trustees of Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association on 9 March 1895.

No photos of cemetery signs at this time.



Reformatory Cemetery

The cemetery is located in Clay Township at the intersection of Avenue G and Hwy 61.

Reformatory Cemetery is a small plot of land located on the state-owned property of the Kansas Industrial Reformatory. There are several white stone crosses marking the graves of the former inmates whose bodies were never claimed by relatives. Most markers have no names on them. There are also several unmarked graves in this small burial place. Recent burials have been cremains.



Thiessen Cemetery

The cemetery is located in Little River Township, on Buhler Road, near Westport Avenue. About 1/4 mile South of 82nd Avenue [Dutch Avenue]

Thiessen Cemetery is a small family burial plot believed to have been started in 1893. It holds only five graves, two of which were moved from other locations on the Thiessen farm. Some time ago the farm was sold and the burial plot was to be destroyed. Members of the family purchased the small burial plot in 1977 and had a fence placed around it. [1978]

2009 Update: The cemetery is maintained through a foundation overseen by the Zoar Mennonite Church in Inman, KS.

From the August 2010 issue: This is the name affectionately given to a small family cemetery located on the Northeast quarter or section 17-22-4 in Reno County just west of Buhler, Kansas. It is on the section of land originally homesteaded by Gerhard Thiessen and can be found by going about a quarter-mile south of the Buhler Municipal Cemetery. The plot is about one-eighth acre in size. The grass growing in it is native blue-stem, and reportedly the sod has never been turned on this portion of the land.

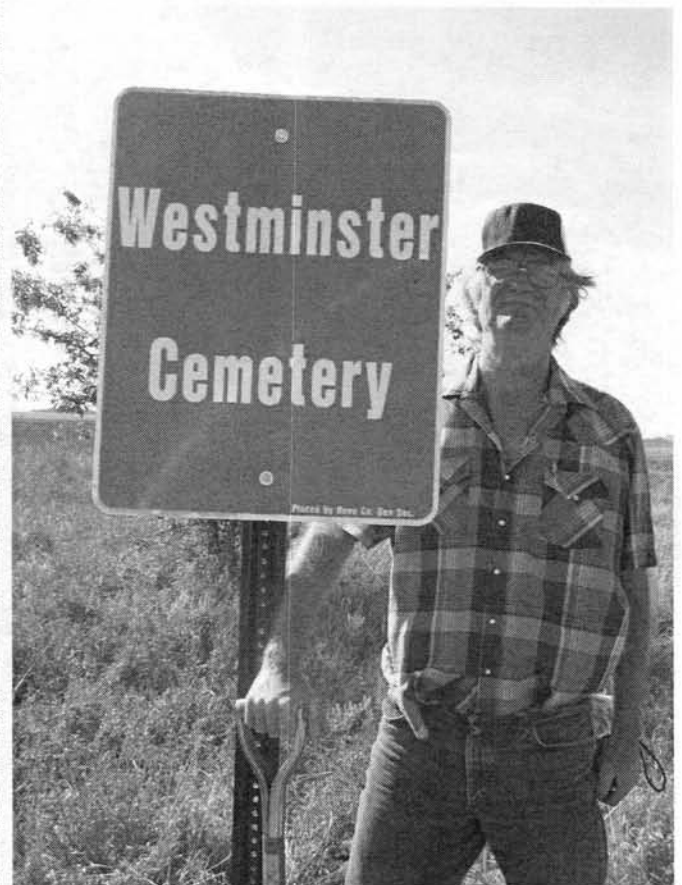


Westminster Cemetery

The cemetery is located in Westminster Township, on Red Rock Road, 1/2 mile East of Highway 14

Westminster Cemetery is a neglected cemetery. Most of the stones are lying on the ground. One large upright stone is probably the reason the plot has not been plowed. A neighbor has noticed that almost every Memorial Day a family comes to decorate one of the graves. The researchers found only 5 graves; however, there could be others. [1978]

2006: Only one headstone visible



West Center Cemetery

The cemetery is located on the north side of Mills Avenue [Hwy 50] on the West side of the Hwy 50 & 61 interchange.

Formerly called Amish Cemetery

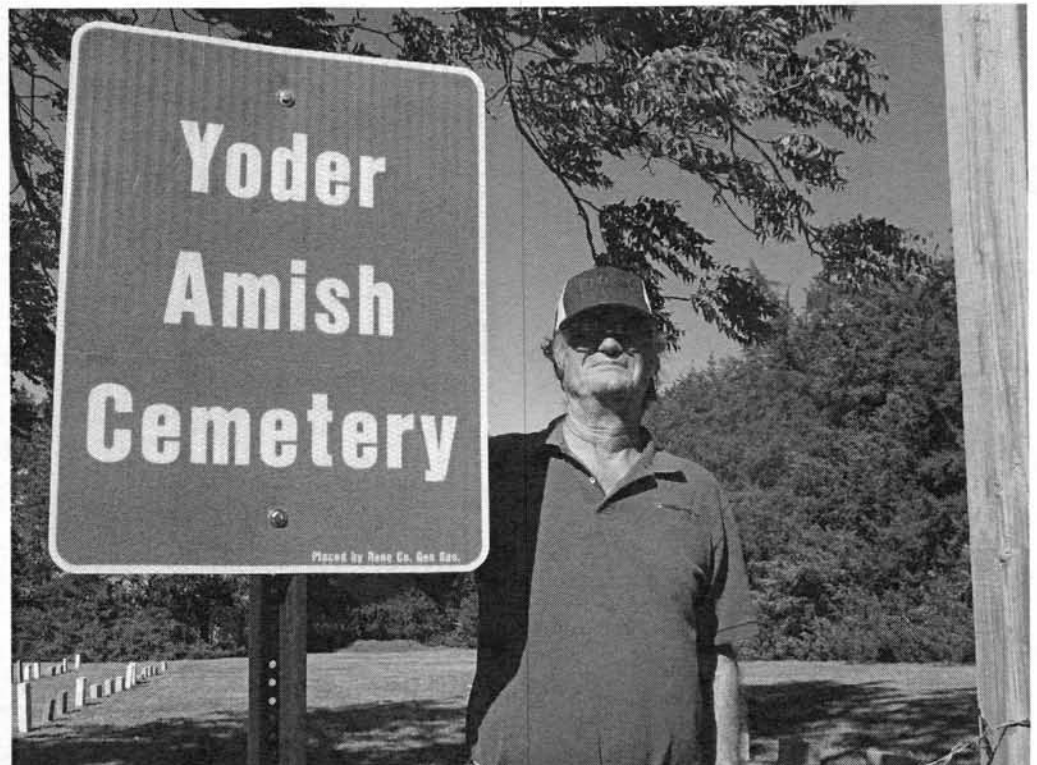
E.E. Borntrager deeded a one-acre tract to the Amish Church Society of Center Township for a cemetery on 23 January 1900. The legal description is SE corner SW¼ Sec. 2-24-7. This cemetery can be found on the north side of Highway 50, two miles north-east of Partridge. Most graves are marked with identical, round-topped, white, flat stones. The bodies of sixteen children were moved to this cemetery from a settlement in Ford County near Bucklin, Kansas.

No photo of sign at this time.



Yoder Amish Cemetery

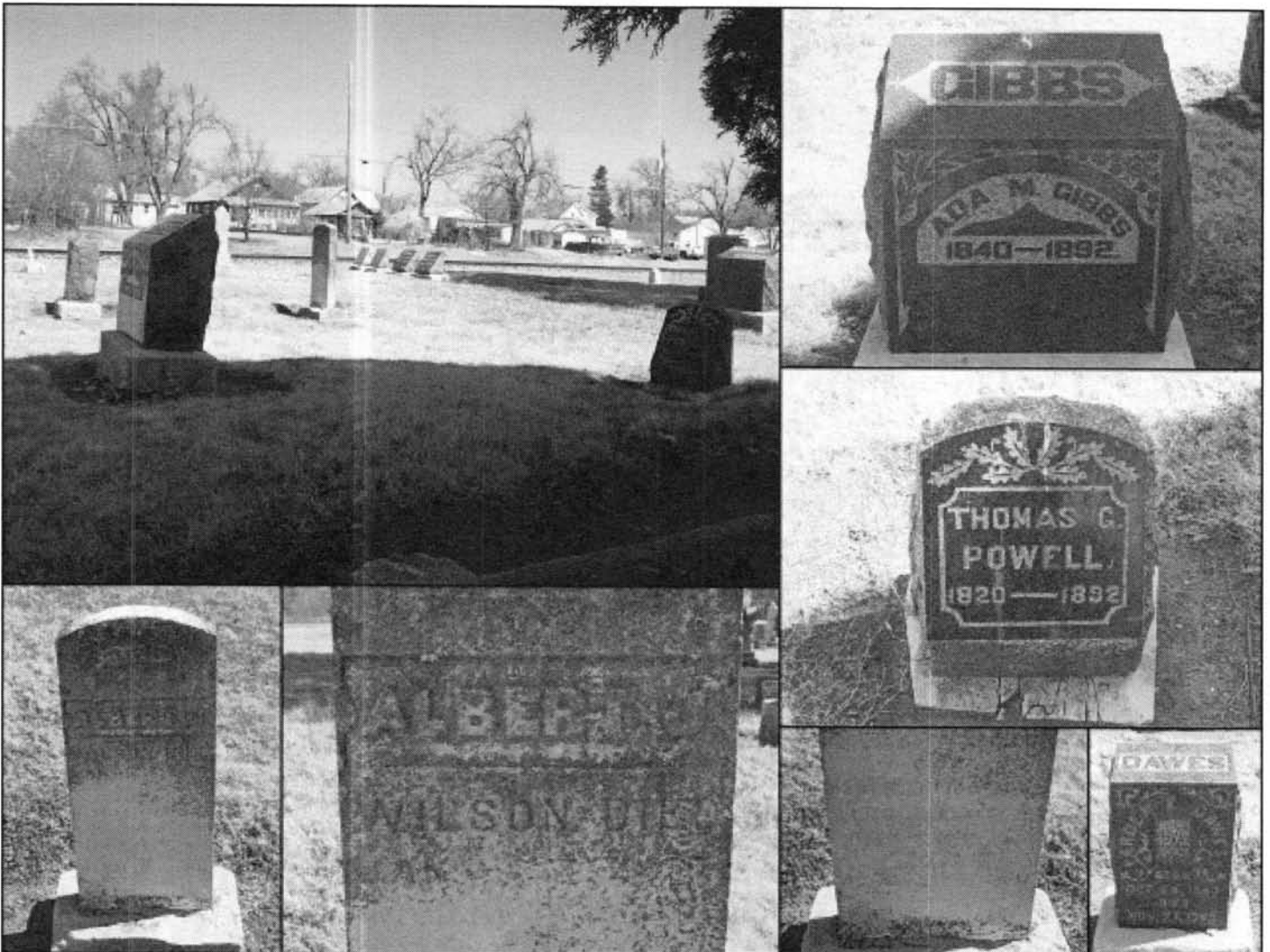
The cemetery is located in Yoder Township, on Red Rock Road, about 1/2 East of Obee Road. We need the history of this cemetery.



Eastside Cemetery

Lot 6

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>	Do you have family buried at Eastside?
Dawes	Paul	?	10/31/1896	Please share with us.
Dawes	Arden	10/24/1883	11/27/1905	RenoCoGenSoc@gmail.com
Gibbs	Ada	7/25/1840	9/2/1892	Subject line: For Eastside Project
Gibbs	Dennis S.	12/25/1825	10/7/1916	
Gibbs	Lula M.	08/08/1864	8/7/1937	
Masters	Infant	9/12/1910	9/12/1910	
Masters	Infant E. S.	3/17/1899	3/22/1899	
Powell	Thomas G.	3//18/1892	8/8/1892	
Wilson	Albert J	?	1897	
Wilson	M. J.	?	9/10/1892	
Wilson	Mattie J.	?	1893	



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