Evergreen Cemetery Association

> 75th Anniversary 1879-1954

BRAINERD, MINNESOTA

EVERGREEN CEMETERY has a most beautiful setting for the last resting place. Situated along the Mississippi River with its well kept lots, it is a beautiful spot, restful, with its many birch, maple, oak and evergreens, in a changing panorama of colors as the seasons come and go.

The Cemetery receives the care which comes from the reverence due the memory of the loved ones that are gone. It is not only a burial place for the dead, but it serves as an inspiration for the living, a sacredness of memory and the loving care which is a symbol of unforgetfulness.



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Third Avenue Gate



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EARLY HISTORY OF EVERGREEN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Compiled by Mr. C. Bruhn

In pursuance of a call of the citizens of Brainerd, County of Crow Wing, State of Minnesota, a meeting was held at the office of Chauncy B. Sleeper in Brainerd at 8 o'closk on the evening of May 13, 1879, for the purpose of organizing and forming a cemetery association under the title "V" Chapter XXXXIV of the general statutes of Minnesota.

The following named citizens attended this meeting: Lyman P. White, A. S. Campbell, Wilder W. Hartley, J. R. Pegg, J. C. Congdon, Thomas Bason, C. F. Kinderd, J. M. Martin, Ed White, Ed. R. French, Herbert Root, Thomas W. Wakelle, W. P. Spalding, Adam Beardsley, M. D. Ford, William Paine, Thomas Cantwell, M. McFadden and Chauncy B. Sleeper.

Chauncy B. Sleeper was elected as Chairman and Wilder W. Hartley as Secretary; The name of "THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION"; and incorporated; and it was voted to have nine trustees to manage the affairs of said Association.

The following trustees were duly elected:

To serve three years . . W. P. Spaulding
Thomas Bason

J. R. Pegg

To serve two years . . . T. J. Delamere

A. S. Campbell L. P. White

To serve one year . . . C. F. Kinderd

Herbert Root W. W. Hartley

The time for holding the annual meeting of said Association, for the election of trustees, was fixed at the first Tuesday of May each year.

The piece of ground chosen for the Cemetery was a plot of 15.2 acres bought from Lake Superior Pudget Sound Company for the sum of One Dollar and other valuable considerations.

The Evergreen Cemetery Association was duly incorporated in the Office of Register of Deeds, F. B. Thompson, May 16th, 1879.

The first regular meeting of the Association was held in the office of the County Auditor on May 17, 1879.

Present at this meeting were: Rev. Herbert Root, Capt. W. P. Spalding, C. F. Kinderd, Lyman P. White, W. W. Hartley, Thomas Bason, A. S. Campbell, and J. R. Pegg.

This meeting selected Capt. W. P. Spalding as Chairman and A. S. Campbell as Secretary, pro tem. The following officers were duly elected: L. P. White, President; A. S. Campbell, Secretary; Rev. Herbert Root, Treasurer; Thos. Bason, Actuary; A. L. Heath, Sexton.

The President was authorized to perfect the title to the grounds.

The following committees were appointed to draft schedule of prices of lots: L. P. White, Rev. H. Root, C. F. Kinderd.

To draft By-Laws: W. P. Spalding, W. W. Hartley, A. S. Campbell.

Also decided to have a surveyor taking off the grounds, and get cost of wire fence.

Within the next month, the By-Laws were completed, the grounds were staked out, prices set on the different lots, and the fence ordered.

The following committees were appointed:

On Accounts—L. P. White, W. W. Hartley, and A. S. Campbell. On Grounds—W. P. Spalding, Rev. Herb. Root, and C. F. Kinderd. A vault was built in 1902 by Andrew Olson for the sum of \$1350.00.

June 30, 1900, an additional piece of land was bought from Mr. Samuel Walker for the sum of \$350.00.

March 16, 1921 another piece of land (17 acres) was bought from Mr. C. E. Parker for the sum of \$1800.00. On June 18, 1926 still another 8 acres addition was bought from Mr. Nels and Ellen Olson for the sum of \$3000.00.

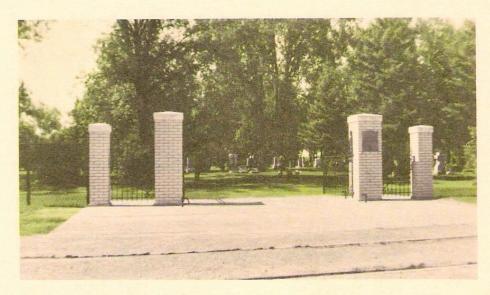
The first burial on record was Mrs. Charlotte Cowley, mother of Mrs. A. J. Forsythe - Lot 69, Block 11.

The following Trustees have served as President of the Association:

Lyman P. White	1879-1902
Henry Spaulding	1902-1908
J. F. Sanborn	1000 -001
E. P. Slipp	
G. F. Mitchell	1928-1930
G. N. Grant	1930-1935
C. Bruhn	1935-1939
B. L. Lagerquist	1939-1943
Wm. Graham	1943-1948
Alb. Englund	
C. Bruhn	1950—



Lyman P. White (92) died August 28, 1902



First Avenue Gate

Evergreen Cemetery Association is a non-profitable institution serving Brainerd and the community, and allows no segregation in burials. The corporate powers of this Association are vested in a Board of Trustees, consisting of nine members of the Association, three of whom shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the Association, and shall hold their offices for a term of three years or until their successors are elected and qualified.

It has a Perpetual Care or Trust Fund of \$128,000.00 in U.S. Government Bonds and other securities. The interest of this fund, which grows year by year, will take care of all lots and graves having Perpetual Care.



Evergreen Cemetery has a record of 332 Veterans buried. Of these five were women.

136 Civil War

134 First World War

46 Second World War

10 Spanish American War 3 Indian War

1 Mexican War

2 Korean War



Our MOTTO is the Golden Rule, which has a definite plan in all our management. Our help is courteous and willing to serve the public at all times.

Our gates are open every day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Sundays and holidays between May and October, but the small gates are open all the time.



Burning leaves in fall, an example of our policy of keeping our cemetery tidy



Southwest Gate