

La Plata County Cemetery Database

Notes and Sources

Twelve cemeteries were studied for this project. They include: Elco, Florida/Hood, Hay Gulch, Ignacio East, Ignacio West, Kline, La Posta, Martinez, Marvel, Oxford, Pine River/Bayfield, and Redmesa Cemeteries. The burial information for these cemeteries is included in this database.

Burial information from previously studied cemeteries will be included in this database at a later date. The cemeteries to be included in the future are: Animas City, Hermosa, La Boca, Rockwood, Tiffany and Thompson Park Cemeteries. These cemeteries were documented and discussed in reports found in the Database Sources list following notes. These data sources are also included in the References and Resources at the end of the project report.

The burial information for the cemeteries included in this database is derived from field observations and in limited cases, reported burials that were not observed during field documentation.

Because these cemetery recording projects were conducted over the past almost four years, some of the most recent burials may not be included in this database and recent obituaries should be consulted. Some of the more active cemeteries have had field rechecks for recent burials. The cemetery name and date of field recording, a field rechecks, are shown in the table below.

Table A-1: Cemetery Field Recording Date

Cemetery Name	Date of Field Recording	Date of Field Recheck	Active/Inactive
Animas City	2014	-	Inactive
Elco	2015	-	Active
Florida/Hood	2017	2018	Active
Hay Gulch	2016	-	Inactive
Hermosa	2014	-	Active
Ignacio East	2017	2018	Active
Ignacio West	2015	2018	Active
Kline	2016	2018	Active
La Boca	2012	-	Active
La Posta	2015	-	Active
Martinez	2014	-	Active
Marvel	2017	2018	Active
Oxford	2016	2018	Active
Pine River/Bayfield	2017	2018	Active
Redmesa	2017	2018	Active
Rockwood	2013	-	Inactive
Tiffany	2013	-	Active
Thompson Park	2013	-	Inactive

Some La Plata County cemeteries are not included in this database. These cemeteries are omitted from the database because they were inaccessible for recording or the burial information is included in other databases. These cemeteries are: Folsom Family, Old Fort Lewis, Greenmount, Hesperus, and the Ute/Ouray Memorial in Ignacio. Some citations for these cemeteries are found in the Database Sources list following these notes.

Photographs of the markers from the 12 project cemeteries are included in the photo database. Marker photos from cemeteries that were previously recorded for other projects and shown on Table A-1, will be included in the photo database at a later date. These photos are available on-line at the Center of Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College website at <https://swcenter.fortlewis.edu/>.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the cemetery database is accurate and comprehensive. However, individuals may be omitted due to recording errors, incorrect readings in the field, and illegible and missing grave markers. Human error is also possible.

Database & Data Fields

For the print reports, the cemetery burial data are located in Appendix Two of the report organized alphabetically by surname for each cemetery. Partially legible and unknown burials with some information, are listed alphabetically when possible. The electronic database is an Excel database with several searchable data fields. These include: last name, first name, other name, cemetery, data of birth (month, day, year) and date of death (month, day, year). This database is accessible on the Center of Southwest Studies website at <https://swcenter.fortlewis.edu/>.

The following fields are included in the database.

Last Name: This is the family surname for the individual. For married women, this is the final married name. Previous married names are listed in the 'other name' field. Known hyphenated surnames are alphabetized in this field.

First Name: This field includes known first names and middle names or initials if known.

Other Name: Family names and/or previous married names are listed in this field.

Cemetery: Name of cemetery where the individual is buried.

Date of Birth: Day, month and year of birth if known. Blank fields indicate missing information.

Date of Death: Day, month and year of death if known. Blank fields indicate missing information.

Observed/date: This field records the most recent date that the physical marker was observed at the cemetery. If the marker has not been observed in the field or it was illegible, this field will be blank.

Observed Source: This field indicates the source of the observation data. The number in this field corresponds with the list of database sources included with these notes.

Reported: This field lists individuals that are reported to be buried in a cemetery but the individual's marker has not been observed.

Reported Source: This field indicates the source of the reported data. The number in this field corresponds with the list of database sources shown at the end of these notes. If the source of information is unknown, this field is left blank.

Photographs: All markers were photographed for this project. This field provides a link to the photograph of that grave. This field does not appear in the print report and the reader is referred to the on-line database to access the photographs.

Several other cemeteries have been documented and photographed for previous projects. These cemeteries are listed in the table above and the photographs of these markers will be included in the photo database at a later date.

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