

**General Grave/Cemetery Information**  
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Here is some basic information about the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry gravesites and the cemeteries in South Dakota.

**STURGIS** – Most of the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry troopers are buried in Sturgis. There are four cemeteries located here – the Post Cemetery at Fort Meade, Bear Butte Cemetery, St. Aloysius Cemetery, and the Black Hills National Cemetery. Bear Butte Cemetery and St. Aloysius are on opposite ends of Sherman Street.

**Bear Butte Cemetery** – This cemetery is located on the east end of Sherman Street. There is a directory right inside the entrance to the cemetery. All the troopers are buried in roughly the same area. Most of the graves are rather close together. Daniel Newell and John Hammon are merely 30 feet apart. James McGee's grave is located about 2 plots over from Edward Garlick's. There is no stone marking the grave, only a small metal plate.

**St. Aloysius Cemetery** – This cemetery is located on the west end of Sherman Street. There are two sections to this cemetery. The newer section is on a lower level next to Main Street. The older section is above this on the hill. All of the troopers are buried in this older section. The easiest way to get into this cemetery is to simply follow Sherman Street right to the gates. The troopers are all buried in the "front" half of this section.

**Black Hills National Cemetery** -- Windolph's grave is located directly across from the Visitor's Center in the first row next to the road. He is buried next to his wife, Mathilda. His white stone denotes his status as a holder of the Medal of Honor.

**Fort Meade Old Post Cemetery** – Most of the troopers are buried in the Old Post Cemetery. The cemetery is reached by turning onto the gravel road near the entrance to Fort Meade. There is a sign marking the road. The road will wind its way south and the cemetery is on the left. There is a directory for the cemetery right outside the gate. McWilliams and Northeg are buried side by side. Strode is buried behind and to the right of Brown. Weaver is buried behind Strode. There is now a memorial marker for Abram Brant. The actual location of his grave has not been determined.

**DEADWOOD** – While checking out Deadwood, be sure to pay a visit to the Adams Museum. There you will find an amazing amount of Black Hills history, including quite a bit on the 1874 Custer Expedition. Mount Moriah is located on a hill overlooking Deadwood. A self-guided walking tour is available. Among the notables buried here: Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, Preacher Smith, and Seth Bullock. Be sure to spend some time wandering around here.

**Mount Moriah Cemetery** – Although technically Wild Bill Hickok did some scouting for the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry in Kansas back in the 1860s, there is only one cavalryman buried here. Trooper Jan Mollar's grave is very easy to find as it is next to the walking path on the right as you enter the cemetery. The path is on a lower level so look up to your right as you walk along the sidewalk.

After visiting Mollar, continue on the sidewalk to see the graves of Hickok and Calamity Jane. After you leave the cemetery you may want to take a drive past the former residence of Trooper Mollar at 63 Stewart Place. Please respect the privacy of the current residents.

There is a searchable database for Mount Moriah located at <http://www.deadwoodims.com/mountMoriah/showApp.html> .

**LEAD** – Peter Thompson is buried in the West Lead Cemetery in Lead.

**West Lead Cemetery** - The cemetery is located on the side of a hill and it can be a little difficult to traverse. Thompson's grave is located toward the back. His headstone indicates his history with Custer. There is also a plate that points out the fact that he is a holder of the Medal of Honor.

The home where Charles Windolph died is located nearby at 614 West Main.

**RAPID CITY** – Elk Vale Cemetery is located northeast of Rapid City. Here you will find the grave of John Lattman.

**Elk Vale Cemetery** -- From I-90, take Exit 61 about 8 ½ to 9 miles north. The road will turn to gravel. The cemetery is located on the right hand side. Lattman's grave is located toward the back of the cemetery a little left of center. It is a very small cemetery with few graves. There is a small walk-in gate.

**YANKTON** – James Rooney brings a different situation. He is buried in the cemetery at the [South Dakota Human Services Center](#), formerly the State Hospital.

**SDHSC Cemetery** -- You can't merely walk around the cemetery. You must call ahead to make an appointment for your visit. I sent them an email explaining my interest and then followed up with a phone call. When I arrived security met me and escorted me to the grave. It's not that big of a deal. You just have to plan ahead. The security guard who escorted me was awesome. We had a great talk about Custer, the Little Big Horn battle, and history in general.

**PRIVATE LAND** – Private James King is buried on private land in the Black Hills.

Drive from Rapid City out on Nemo Road. His grave is off to the left. It is easily visible from the road. It is on private property. You must go through a barbed wire fence to make the short walk out to the grave. Ask permission from the landowner who lives next to the property before venturing out onto private land. If in Deadwood, Hill City, Lead, or other points west of Rapid City, get on Highway 385 and then turn onto Nemo Road. You will go through the small town of Nemo before coming to the grave. It is a nice scenic drive through the Black Hills. The grave will be off the road to your right.

7th Cavalry Gravesites in South Dakota -- compiled by Scott Nelson.

NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	GPS	LOCATION	CEMETERY	GRAVE INFO	NOTES
Bates, Joseph	06/10/1838	09/13/1893	N44 24.654 W103 29.685	Sturgis, South Dakota	Bear Butte Cemetery	Section 2 Lot 43	
Bates, Joseph (2) aka Joseph Murphy	6/10/1838		N44 24.655 W103 29.688	Sturgis, South Dakota	Bear Butte Cemetery	Section 2 Lot ??	
Bates, Joseph (3)	6/10/1838	09/14/1893	N44 24.849 W103 31.165	Sturgis, South Dakota	St. Aloysius Cemetery	Grave 6 Lot 49 Section C	
Brant, Abram	??/??/1849	10/04/1878	N44 24.155 W103 28.605	Sturgis, South Dakota	Fort Meade Post Cemetery		MOH, marker placement incorrect. Actual gravesite unknown.
Brant, Abram - marker only	??/??/1849	10/04/1878	N44 24.166 W103 28.596	Sturgis, South Dakota	Fort Meade Post Cemetery		This is only a memorial marker. It does not mark his actual grave.
Brown, Alexander	02/19/1844	04/07/1884	N44 24.148 W103 28.594	Sturgis, South Dakota	Fort Meade Post Cemetery	Section 1 Row 4 Grave 44	
Courtney, Rose	06/??/1847	11/26/1907	N44 24.159 W103 28.598	Sturgis, South Dakota	Fort Meade Post Cemetery	Section 2 Row 4 Grave 148	
Eixenberger, Peter	06/12/1860	09/12/1917	N44 24.843 W103 31.174	Sturgis, South Dakota	St. Aloysius Cemetery		
Flint, Moses	??/??/1819	11/23/1902		Pollock, South Dakota	Spring Valley Cemetery		
Garlick, Edward	5/08/1846	01/25/1931	N44 24.655 W103 29.728	Sturgis, South Dakota	Bear Butte Cemetery	Section 1 Lot 144	
Goetze, Max	3/??/1847	02/25/1903	N44 24.146 W103 28.559	Sturgis, South Dakota	Fort Meade Post Cemetery	Section 3 Row 9 Grave 133	
Hammon, John	12/04/1857	01/19/1909	N44 24.652 W103 29.708	Sturgis, South Dakota	Bear Butte Cemetery	Section 1 Lot 113	
Hoehn, Max	12/26/1854	01/06/1911	N44 24.832 W103 31.153	Sturgis, South Dakota	St. Aloysius Cemetery		
Katzemeir, Jacob	??/??/1852	1/27/1880	N44 24.135 W103 28.602	Sturgis, South Dakota	Fort Meade Post Cemetery	Section 1 Row 3 Grave 2	
King, James	??/??/1849	8/13/1874	N44 08.137 W103 23.481	Sturgis, South Dakota	Private Property		On Nemo Road west of Rapid City
Lattman, John	??/??/1848	10/07/1913	N44 13.449 W103 09.012	Rapid City, South Dakota	Eik Vale Cemetery		I90, exit 61, north about 8 1/2 to 9 miles
Mahoney, John	05/31/1845	07/27/1918	N44 24.826 W103 31.147	Sturgis, South Dakota	St. Aloysius Cemetery	Grave 1 Lot 17 Section A	
McCormick, Samuel	??/??/1848	09/20/1908	N44 24.623 W103 29.689	Sturgis, South Dakota	Bear Butte Cemetery	Section 3 Lot 33	
McGee, James	07/15/1832	11/12/1905	N44 24.652 W103 29.729	Sturgis, South Dakota	Bear Butte Cemetery	Section 1 Lot ??	Roughly 2 plots over from Edward Garlick grave
McWilliams, David	??/??/1849	9/19/1882	N44 24.138 W103 28.565	Sturgis, South Dakota	Fort Meade Post Cemetery	Section 3 Row 7 Grave 31	Widow married Max Goetze
Mollar, Jan	09/13/1849	02/23/1928	N44 22.524 W103 43.463	Deadwood, South Dakota	Mount Moriah Cemetery	Section 2 Plot 200	<a href="http://www.deadwoodims.com/mountMoriah/showApp.html">http://www.deadwoodims.com/mountMoriah/showApp.html</a>
Newell, Daniel	03/17/1847	09/23/1933	N44 24.651 W103 29.698	Sturgis, South Dakota	Bear Butte Cemetery	Section 1 Lot 120	
Northeq, Olans	06/26/1841	11/5/1882	N44 24.138 W103 28.565	Sturgis, South Dakota	Fort Meade Post Cemetery	Section 3 Row 7 Grave 33	
Pahl, John	01/05/1850	01/28/1924	N44 24.633 W103 29.728	Sturgis, South Dakota	Bear Butte Cemetery	Section 4 Lot 54	
Rooney, James	??/??/1848	08/05/1918	N42 54.553 W097 24.422	Yankton, South Dakota	SD HSC Cemetery	Grave 593	Must call SD HSC to get permission. Security will escort.
Strode, Elijah	3/??/1851	2/14/1881	N44 24.146 W103 28.600	Sturgis, South Dakota	Fort Meade Post Cemetery	Section 1 Row 3 Grave 11	
Thompson, Peter	09/01/1853	12/03/1928	N44 20.922 W103 46.683	Lead, South Dakota	West Lead Cemetery	Block 9 Grave 1 Section 9	MOH
Weaver, George	??/??/1843	10/14/1886	N44 24.144 W103 28.605	Sturgis, South Dakota	Fort Meade Post Cemetery	Section 1 Row 2 Grave 65	
Weihe, Henry Charles	09/16/1847	10/29/1906	N44 24.161 W103 28.561	Sturgis, South Dakota	Fort Meade Post Cemetery	Section 4 Row 7 Grave 143	
Weiss, Markus	09/??/1846	11/15/1879	N44 24.138 W103 28.600	Sturgis, South Dakota	Fort Meade Post Cemetery	Section 1 Row 3 Grave 6	
Windolph, Charles	12/09/1851	03/11/1950	N44 22.206 W103 28.476	Sturgis, South Dakota	Black Hills National Cemetery	Grave A239	MOH, grave located right across from visitor center