

# Gravesites of the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry in South Dakota

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## Sturgis

### Bear Butte Cemetery

- John Pahl - Section 4 Lot 54
- Sami McCormick - Section 3 Lot 33
- Daniel Newell - Section 1 Lot 120
- John E. Hammon - Section 1 Lot 113
- Edward Garlick - Section 1 Lot 144
- Joseph Bates\* - Section 2 Lot 43
- James McGee\*\* - Section 1 Lot ?

\* - Joseph Bates, aka Jos.C. Murphy – another grave was found at St. Aloysius Cemetery for Joseph Bates. The dates of death on the two headstones are only one day apart. A mystery?

\*\* - James McGee is not found in any source that was consulted. His grave is simply marked 'Custer's Last Wagon Master'.

Notes for Bear Butte Cemetery – (1) Daniel Newell and John Hammon are merely 30 feet apart. (2) James McGee's grave is roughly 2 plots over from Edward Garlick. (3) The cemetery is located at the east end of Sherman Street. (4) There is a directory right inside the cemetery entrance on Sherman Street.

### St. Aloysius Cemetery

- John Mahoney – Grave 1 Lot 17 Section A
- Peter Eixenberger - ?
- Max Hoehn - ?
- Joseph Bates\* - Grave 6 Lot 49 Section C

\* - (see above note at Bear Butte Cemetery) - There is also a grave for Joseph Bates at the Bear Butte Cemetery in Sturgis. The dates of death on the two headstones are only one day apart.

Notes for St. Aloysius Cemetery – There are two groups in this cemetery. There is a small area next to the road. The older section of the cemetery is above this on the hill. The graves of the above men are all in the older section.

### **Black Hills National Cemetery**

- Charles Windolph – A239

Notes for Black Hills National Cemetery – Windolph’s grave is located right inside the cemetery across from the Visitor’s Center in the first row next to the road.

### **Fort Meade Old Post Cemetery**

- Abram Brant - ? – unmarked grave
- Alexander Brown – 1-R3-11
- Max Goetze
- Jacob Katzemeir – 1-R3-49
- David McWilliams
- Olans Northeg – 1-R6-87
- Elijah T. Strode (aka Stroud, Stroude, Strond) – 1-11
- George Weaver – 4-R6-184
- Henry Charles Weihe (aka Charles White) – 4-R6-191
- Markus Weiss – 4-R6-192

Notes for Fort Meade Old Post Cemetery – 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.

### **Deadwood**

#### **Mount Moriah Cemetery**

- Jan Moeller – Section 2 Plot 200 Unique ID= 3-2-200

Notes for Mount Moriah Cemetery – Trooper Moeller’s gravestone reads ‘Mollar’. It is very easy to find as it is next to the walking path as you first walk into the cemetery on the right. There is an online searchable database for the cemetery at:

<http://www.deadwoodims.com/mountMoriah/showApp.html>

### **Lead**

#### **West Lead Cemetery (Masonic?)**

- Peter Thompson – Block 9 Grave 1 Section 9

## **Rapid City**

### **Elk Vale Cemetery**

- John Lattman

Notes for 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. The drive-in gate was locked with a padlock and chain. The small walk-in gate was open.

### **Private Land**

- James King

Drive from Rapid City out on Nemo Road. 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.

### **GPS Coordinates for 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Gravesites**

Jan Mollar – N44 22.524 W103 43.465

Charles Windolph – N44 22.207 W103 28.477