

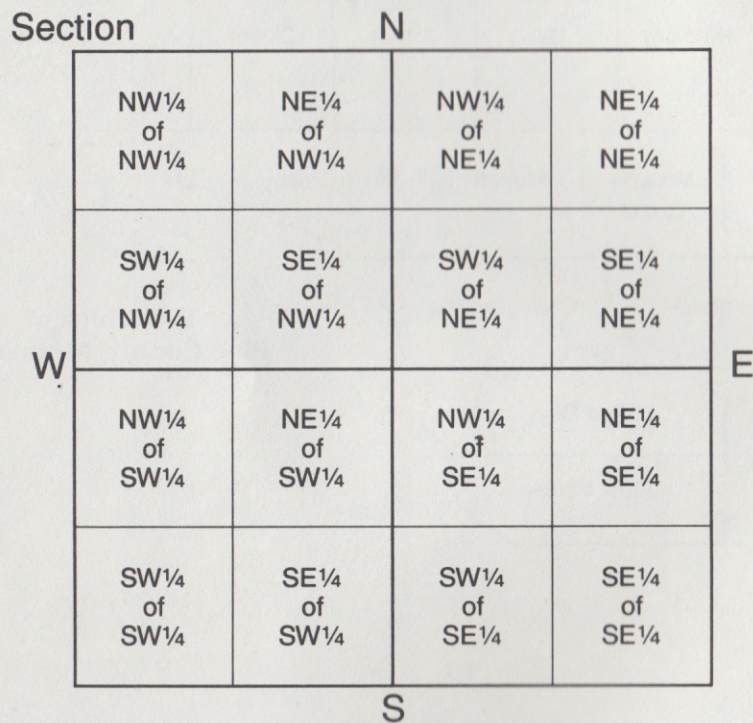
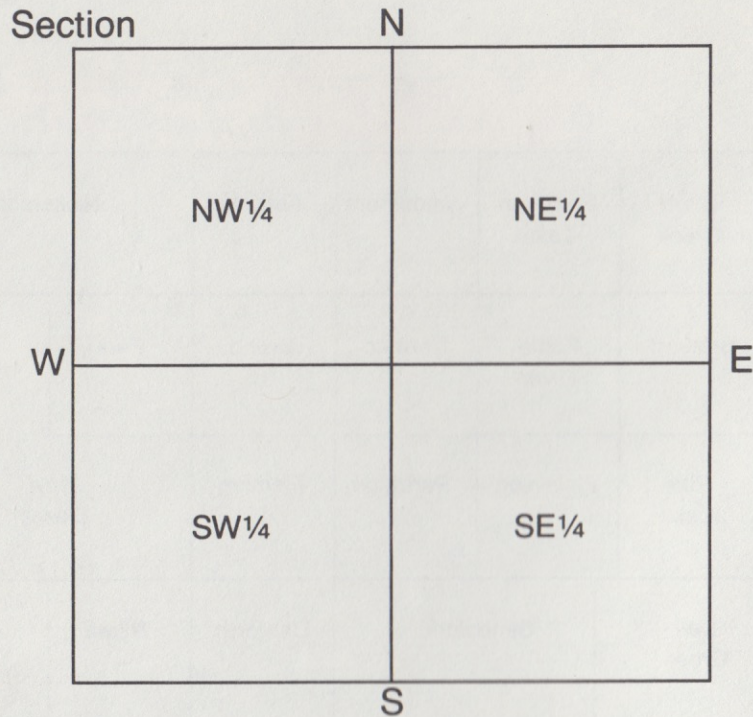
PINE COUNTY  
CEMETERIES

*"Remove not the ancient landmark,  
which thy fathers have set."*

Proverbs 22:28

Birch Creek	Sturgeon Lake	Windemere	Kerrick	Nickerson	
Bremen	Kettle River	Norman	Bruno	Park	
Pine Lake	Finlayson	Partridge	Fleming	New Dosey	
Dell Grove	Sandstone		Danforth	Wilma	Arna
Hinckley	Barry	Arlone	Clover	Ogema	
Brook Park	Mission Creek	Munch	Crosby		
Pokegema		Chengwatana			
Royalton	Pine City				
	Rock Creek				

**Townships of Pine County, Minnesota**



Cemeteries in Pine County located in following townships and cities.

**Townships**

Arna, Barry, Birch Creek, Brook Park, Chengwatana, Clover, Danforth, Dell Grove, Kerrick, Mission Creek, New Dosey, Nickerson, Ogema, Partridge, Pine City, Pokegama, Rock Creek, Royalton, Sturgeon Lake, Windemere.

**Cities**

Beroun, Bruno, Duquette, Finlayson, Hinckley, Kerrick, Pine City, Rock Creek, Rutledge, Sandstone, Sturgeon Lake, Willow River.

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## **Arna Township**

Township owned cemetery of five acres located in SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 25 on County Road #25. First burial in 1913. Town Clerk has records.

## **Barry Township**

Cemetery of two acres located in SW corner of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 19 (bordering City of Hinckley on east), on Highway #48. Started by Swedish Lutheran Church of Hinckley, Warranty Deed dated May 26, 1892. Above church now known as First Lutheran, but cemetery is under a separate corporation. The cemetery contains the Fire Monument (Hinckley Fire of 1894) and many fire victims are buried there. Two hundred forty-eight unidentified victims buried in four long trenches north of the monument.

## **Birch Creek Township**

There are two church-owned cemeteries in this township:

1. The Northland Cemetery started about 1895, located on east side of Section 16 on County Road #169, was turned over to the Faith Lutheran Church for perpetual care.
2. Faith Lutheran Cemetery started 1898 on five acre tract in southwest corner of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23 — County Roads #168 & #169. The Faith Lutheran Church built in 1940 was the merger of the Swede Park Church and the Oak Hill Church, started in 1891 and 1898 respectively.

## Brook Park Township

1. Brook Park Cemetery located in SW corner of Section 22. The Protestant side started in 1915 under Brook Park Cemetery Association and Catholic side started in 1925 under Brook Park Catholic Cemetery Association.
2. At the original site of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Brook Park in the SE corner of the city, there is a small cemetery of five or six graves. It was started in 1902.
3. A Pre-Hinckley Fire (1894) cemetery in NE corner of Section 21.

## Chengwatana Township

1. Hustletown Union Cemetery on five acres of land donated by John S. Collette in 1905 is behind the Hustletown Church, and articles of incorporation of the Union Cemetery Association were adopted March 17, 1905. NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 19.
2. Czech National Cemetery started 1900 is located on County Road #14 between Mission Creek and Chengwatana townships in NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 1 in Chengwatana.

## Clover Township

Clover Township purchased 4.11 acres in SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21 from Mrs. Ellen Cox of St. Charles, MN, for \$25.00 an acre and Warranty Deed was recorded November 22, 1929. The cemetery is located on Highway #48 and the Town Clerk has the records.

## Danforth Township

Township Clerk has records for the cemetery located in SW corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 4. It was started in 1915 and the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres were purchased from John Lundeen for \$75. The first burial was in 1917.

## Dell Grove Township

1. Cemetery located in Section 22 on County Road #27 (Grindstone Lake Road) in Emmanuel Lutheran Church yard. First burial on record was in 1907. The Dell Grove Emmanuel Cemetery Corporation was founded 1971.
1. Evergreen Memorial Cemetery is located in NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 35 on County Road #26, Friesland community. It was started in 1901 by the cemetery association on two acres of land donated by F. Koch Land Co. First burial, before association formed, was in 1896.

## Kerrick Township

1. Oak Lake Church Cemetery located in SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11.
2. Oak Lake Community Cemetery.
3. Kerrick Riverside Cemetery Association cemetery located in SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 20.
4. Catholic Cemetery in Duquette Townsite.
5. St. Michaels Catholic Cemetery in Village of Kerrick.

## **Mission Creek Township**

Calvary Cemetery of the St. Joseph Catholic Church located in Beroun. Cemetery lots were drawn up in 1887.

## **New Dosey Township**

(Includes former Belden, Dosey and Keene townships)

Township owned cemetery located in SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34.

## **Nickerson Township**

Cemetery located in NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4 east of Highway #23 and across RR tracks from Nickerson village.

## **Ogema Township**

1. Bangs Brook Cemetery located on County Road #137 in NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 22 is owned by the township and was started in 1920. First burial was in 1921. Lake Lena was the Post Office at that time.

2. Indian Burial Ground on Mille Lacs Reservation at Lake Lena in Section 2. First burial was in 1904.

## **Partridge Township**

1. Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Askov owns the cemetery  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile west of Askov, managed by the Cemetery Board. The cemetery was started in 1906.

2. Vilstad Cemetery owned by Lutheran Church located NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 4 on County Road #149.

## **Pine City Township**

1. The Milburn Cemetery is located about one mile north on side road off of Highway #8, NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32, about three miles east of Pine City. An early tombstone gives 1898 as year of death.

2. Pine Grove Cemetery located about four miles southeast of Pine City on County Road #4 SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11.

3. Cesko Narodni Hebitor Association, Bohemian Cemetery located in Section 2 on Highway #8 about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of Pine City.

## **Pokegema Township**

Cemetery located north  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile and west  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from City of Henriette was started in 1918 during flu epidemic. SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7.

## **Rock Creek Township**

West Rock Cemetery started 1894 is located on east side of #108,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles south of #70 west.

## Royalton Township

1. Cemetery of the Royalton Cemetery Association is located in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29.
2. Johnson Memorial Cemetery located in NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 25, west side of #108, across from West Rock Cemetery.

## Sturgeon Lake Township

1. Sturgeon Lake Cemetery in NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14.
2. St. Isadors Catholic Cemetery located in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 13.
3. Cemetery located on Rockettes Road on land donated by Blojos in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 20.

## Wilma Township

Indian burial ground located on Tamarack River across from Wilder Foundation Camp in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  in Section 28.

## Windemere Township

1. The Blomskog Cemetery was started by the Blomskog Lutheran Church and is located in NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8, west of I-35. When Blomskog Church merged with Hope Lutheran Church of Moose Lake, the cemetery was incorporated as the Blomskog Cemetery Corporation September 9, 1972. The secretary has the records.

2. The Methodist Cemetery of 10 acres is on County Road #50 in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15. It was started in 1897 on land purchased from St. Paul, and Duluth Railroad Company for \$1.00. There are only seven graves and last burial was in 1927.

## City of Bruno

City owned cemetery is located  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile west of Bruno on County Road #43, NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19. It was started in early 1900's and records are at the City Hall.

## City of Finlayson

The cemeteries within the city limits are church and association owned.

Peace Lutheran Church

Catholic Church

Finnish Lutheran Cemetery Association

## City of Hinckley

The Rosehill Cemetery is located on Fire Monument Highway—#48, east of I-35, and is owned by the Rosehill Cemetery Association. It was established about 1896.

### **City of Pine City**

1. The city owned cemetery is located between 3rd Ave. W. and 6th Ave. W. and west of 10th Street in Pine City, and was started in the 19th century.
2. The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church cemetery is adjacent to the city cemetery.

### **City of Rock Creek**

The cemetery is located on County Road #2 about 1/2 mile east of Post Office, in SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 22. Was given to the city years ago by a church but there apparently are no records of the burials. City keeps grounds mowed.

### **City of Rutledge**

Lakeview Cemetery, city owned, is on west side of Rutledge. City Clerk has the records.

### **City of Sandstone**

The city owned cemetery named Spring Park Cemetery is located on the old Government Road in southwest part of Sandstone. It was started in 1896. City Clerk has the records at the City Hall.

### **City of Willow River**

1. The city owns a cemetery dating back to 1896. First burial June 1, 1896. City Clerk has records.
2. St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery.

Both cemeteries are located within city limits just west of I-35.

### **Miscellaneous Single and Unmarked Graves Private Burial Plots**

#### **City of Finlayson**

Two private graves behind Methodist Church.

#### **City of Hinckley**

There are unmarked graves in church yard of First Lutheran Church, possibly 12 graves.

#### **City of Sandstone**

Two fire victims (1894) buried beneath large tree on street now closed off south of hospital.

Robinson Park — Powder house connected with Quarry operation blew up and several men perished. Remains found buried in common grave in Spring Park Cemetery.



### **Arlone Township**

Two graves on Noyes property in Section 34, County Road #21.

### **Birch Creek Township**

Private grave of Tolina Larson on homestead in E½ of SW¼ of Section 10.

### **Bremen Township**

Private burial plot of Olean family on County Road #39, 6¼ miles west of Rutledge, SW¼ of SE¼ Section 28.

### **Bruno Township**

SE corner of SW¼ of SW¼ Section 32, on County Roads #48 and #22 is shown as cemetery on plat map. As far as is known, contains no graves and is not kept up. Township officials do not know origin.

### **Chengwatana Township**

Two burial plots on Art Purdy farm.

### **Clover Township**

Two private graves of Allen children, west side of Pathfinder Village on Highway #48.

### **Kerrick Township**

One private grave—Carlson—north of Little Oak Lake E½ of SW¼ Section 10.

Four graves in SW¼ of NW¼ Section 25. Three of them are Petersons, one Green.

### **Mission Creek Township**

Only evidence remaining of once thriving village of Mission Creek are traces of the community cemetery on hill on Sollberg farm. About 15 people buried here, the last in 1895.

(Information from book *100 Years in Pine County*, pub. 1949.)

### **New Dosey Township**

One private grave — Clementson baby.

### **Nickerson Township**

Grave of Oscar Berg in LeMay field across from cemetery.

### **Ogema Township**

One private grave — Anderson baby.

### **Windemere Township**

Still-born babies buried but sites not known.

"To begin with there was no church and no cemetery. The dead were buried here and there in the woods."

From Denham and Birch Creek Township  
*100 Years in Pine County*  
(pub. 1949)

"Mention must be made of the beautiful cemetery just outside the town (Brook Park). Here the state erected a monument in 1915 in honor of the 26 persons who died in the fire; 23 are buried in two long graves."

From Brook Park  
*100 Years in Pine County*

"There was no cemetery until 1894 when the first burial is recorded. Meanwhile the eldest Blost girl, who died when she was seven years old, was buried in the orchard of her home, where grave is marked."

From Rock Creek Township—West Rock community  
*100 Years in Pine County*

"If anyone died in those days, there was no preacher or priest to commit the bodies to their last resting place, so the neighbors performed the rites themselves. Three people were buried in a small plot by the roadside. They were later reburied in Pine City cemetery.

From Royalton Township  
*100 Years in Pine County*

Warren Eldred grave in Hustletown in grove of pines at burial and grave marked. By 1948 was a spot unmarked in a plowed field.

From "Early Days in Chengwatana"  
*100 Years in Pine County*

First cemetery in Pine County was at Presbyterian Pokegema Mission, 1836-1847. Located Section 25, east bank of Pokegema Lake.

From *Vach Research Files*  
Pine City

Cremated remains of Reba Merrill buried in Steve Vach property. She worked at Pokegema Sanitorium and was killed in a car accident in August 1929.

From *Vach Research Files*  
Pine City

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