

HISTORIC MCCOOL CEMETERY

Also known as the Old Catholic Cemetery, consecrated here on April 21, 1867

This plot of land known as the McCool Cemetery was dedicated in 1867. The Catholic Bishops of Nisqually, because of overcrowding of the Catholic Cemetery at 6th and Alder, purchased 450' x 152' (1.57 acres) from Robert and Margaret McCool on Oct. 5, 1869. After overcrowding here as well, in October 1891 burials here ceased when a new Catholic Cemetery was purchased adjoining the Mountain View municipal cemetery on Second Avenue. The Catholic Church requested that surviving family members of those buried here remove the remains to the Catholic Section of Mountain View Cemetery. All visible signs of the McCool and Old Catholic Cemetery gradually disappeared and it was considered to be abandoned.

On October 31, 1969, on the assumption that all burials here had been moved to the new cemetery, the Catholic Bishops of Spokane, who had acquired the property from the Nisqually Bishops in 1915, sold this ground to developers. Official records, however, show fewer than half of the several hundred Catholic burials here as having been reinterred at Mountain View Cemetery.

In the 1970's, during construction of Pincrest Village and Village Way on portions of the historic cemetery

ground, human remains were encountered according to area residents. In 2002, two professional archaeological studies with excavations, in 2003-04 a third study, and in 2005 a fourth study documented the presence of additional burials inside the deeded cemetery or on adjoining land outside its boundaries.

As required by law, the boundaries of the originally deeded cemetery have now been expanded to incorporate the adjoining area where additional burials were found by these studies. The Cemetery site is now protected from further disturbance by Washington's Historic Cemeteries and Graves Act, RCW Chapter 68.60, unless and until all remaining graves are removed as provided for in RCW 68.24.090.

Partial church records show that the following persons were buried here during the period from October 1869 to July 1872 and from January 1884 to October 1891, and who are not listed as being reinterred at Mountain View Cemetery. Church burial records for the twelve years from 1872-1883 were not available so they have not been included. Presumed burials prior to October 5, 1869 have also not been included. Go to www.wv2020.net/historic-sites for sources of information included in this sign.

Abel, James, April 16, 1888
 Augustin, Michael, April 30, 1884
 Baker, John, Feb. 18, 1870
 Barker, E.E. Jan. 4, 1887
 Barry, Honora, July 8, 1890
 Bauer, Peter, Dec. 11, 1890
 Besset, Henry, June 10, 1870
 Bierger, John, Jan. 26, 1889
 Bishoff, George, Jan. 28, 1887
 Brennan, S. Jan. 16, 1885
 Bressoit, August, Feb. 3, 1888
 Brown, Rosa, May 29, 1891
 Buckley, M. April 13, 1884
 Butler, Thomas Michael, Dec. 30, 1884
 Cahill, Grace, Feb. 23, 1889
 Camaskey, Patrick, Nov. 25, 1885
 Cameron, D., April 5, 1886
 Carolane, Peter, July 10, 1887
 Carpenter, Eduard, June 7, 1885
 Carpenter, Guillemi, Jan. 23, 1887
 Carroll, John, March 15, 1870
 Chabot, Anna, Feb. 26, 1887
 Chisholm, John, Feb. 28, 1870

Clarke, Maria, Nov. 13, 1885
 Clarke, Rosa, Sept. 4, 1888
 Conichen, D, Dec. 7, 1887
 Cooney, Thomas, Nov. 17, 1888
 Coseta, Francis, March 18, 1891
 Costello, Mrs., Oct. 2, 1888
 Costiliones, John, July 24, 1885
 Creighton, James, Oct. 31, 1889
 Cullin, Maria, Aug. 20, 1886
 Dorricott, Thomas, Feb. 28, 1891
 Doyle, Anna, July 11, 1884
 Doyle, Elizabeth, Jan. 7, 1889
 Duffy, Philip, Jan. 12, 1889
 Dunlap, G.W., May 24, 1884
 Dunn, M. Ellen Aug. 11, 1888
 Dyke, Rosa, Feb. 22, 1891
 Egan, John, Dec. 13, 1887
 Elfus, John, Jan. 15, 1884
 Felkey, Maria, Dec. 12, 1887
 Fitzgerald, Wm. Francis, Dec. 27, 1884
 Fitzpatrick, Jacob, May 24, 1885
 Galabere, Rosa, March 17, 1886
 Gaston, Hanna, Dec. 19, 1886

Gates, Henry, April 20, 1887
 Gates, Rudolph, April 14, 1887
 Grant, George, Sept. 25, 1870
 Grow, Hugh, June 21, 1891
 Grow, O. July 17, 1891
 Harer, Francis Anton, Aug. 27, 1884
 Hartman, Maggy, Jan. 25, 1887
 Hayes, John, Sept. 15, 1889
 Hebert, Joseph, Dec. 16, 1869
 Hoffmans, Carolina, Sept. 16, 1889
 Hogarty, D, Aug. 2, 1884
 Hollygan, John, Sept. 18, 1891
 Huchison, George, Oct. 6, 1888
 Hughes, William, Jan. 10, 1884
 Jedges, John Edward, Aug. 31, 1885
 Jacob, Joseph, June 21, 1870
 Keeny, Sarah, March 29, 1884
 Kegan, Ch. Richard, Sept. 28, 1887
 Kelly, James G., Feb. 15, 1885
 Kennedy, William, Oct. 22, 1884
 Krait, Elizabeth, Nov. 18, 1885
 Kinslow, Alice, Oct. 4, 1869
 Kinzie, Catherine, July 19, 1888

Kirk, Mary, Feb. 12, 1891
 Kitchen, Ruby, Sept. 8, 1891
 Klickner, Joseph, Oct. 27, 1886
 Kohlhauff, Mary A. Feb. 20, 1872
 Lafferty, Patrick, April 5, 1889
 Lapierre, Charles, July 15, 1871
 Lanrenz, James, Jan. 30, 1888
 Leboncher, Eugene, Nov. 22, 1889
 Leroux, M. Catherine, April 11, 1886
 Longin, Francis, Sept. 5, 1885
 Lynch, Marguerite, Oct. 26, 1884
 Maloin, Madeleine, Oct. 15, 1871
 Manon, Michael, July 9, 1887
 Mays, Mary, Oct. 2, 1886
 McCarthy, Thomas, March 28, 1887
 McCarty, Jan. 21, 1871
 McDonald, Frank, June 8, 1888
 McGann, Edward, Oct. 16, 1891
 McGolderich, James, Aug. 23, 1888
 McMahan, L, Sept. 19, 1891
 McManus, Patrick, April 6, 1888
 McMullen, Catherine, April 6, 1890
 McMullin, Rober, Aug. 23, 1889

McNamara, John, Feb. 2, 1887
 McNamara, Patrick, May 5, 1871
 McQuaid, Joseph, March 16, 1884
 Michels, Eugene, Feb. 20, 1884
 Miller, Mary, Oct. 11, 1888
 Monion, Mary, Sept. 14, 1888
 Moody, Mary Elizabeth, Nov. 25, 1871
 Moran, Antoine, Sept. 4, 1887
 Moran, Emeline Gagnon, Sept. 30, 1879
 Morrissey, John, Sept. 2, 1885
 Murphy, James, Aug. 4, 1888
 Murray, Eliza, Jan. 5, 1889
 Murray, Morris, Aug. 31, 1887
 Murray, Thomas, Aug. 3, 1887
 Nehue, Charles, April 9, 1871
 Neustram, Johanna, Aug. 15, 1890
 Noel, John Baptist, Aug. 25, 1888
 O'Brien, James, Nov. 1, 1870
 O'Brien, Josef, Oct 9, 1886
 O'Donnell, Elizabeth, Sept. 13, 1886
 O'Donnell, Eva, Oct. 6, 1886
 O'Neil, Eva, Nov. 21, 1886
 O'Neil, Henry, Feb. 13, 1890

O'Neil, Hugo, July 11, 1888
 O'Rourke, Bridget, Dec. 1, 1889
 O'Rourke, Mary, May 8, 1889
 O'Rourke, Patrick, March 17, 1887
 Paquet, Basile, July 7, 1872
 Parent, Simeon, July 14, 1888
 Peasner, John, Jan. 19, 1891
 Phillips, Richard, March 7, 1889
 Poirier, Agustine, Aug. 23, 1891
 Quinn, Charles, March 16, 1891
 Racket, John Baptist, Jan. 5, 1889
 Richardson, Mrs., Dec. 17, 1890
 Roberts, Marie M., July 19, 1886
 Roberts, R Joseph, Aug. 1, 1888
 Roddey, Anna, June 24, 1888
 Rodriguez, Apollonia, Feb. 18, 1888
 Rondema, Andrew, June 11, 1891
 Sachs, John Augustus, Feb. 2, 1884
 Scaroni, Ch. Francis, July 21, 1888
 Sharkey, Daniel, June 5, 1885
 Shea, Mrs. Michael, Dec. 15, 1889
 Shea, Michael, March 10, 1888
 Shea, Mrs. Time, Aug. 17, 1887

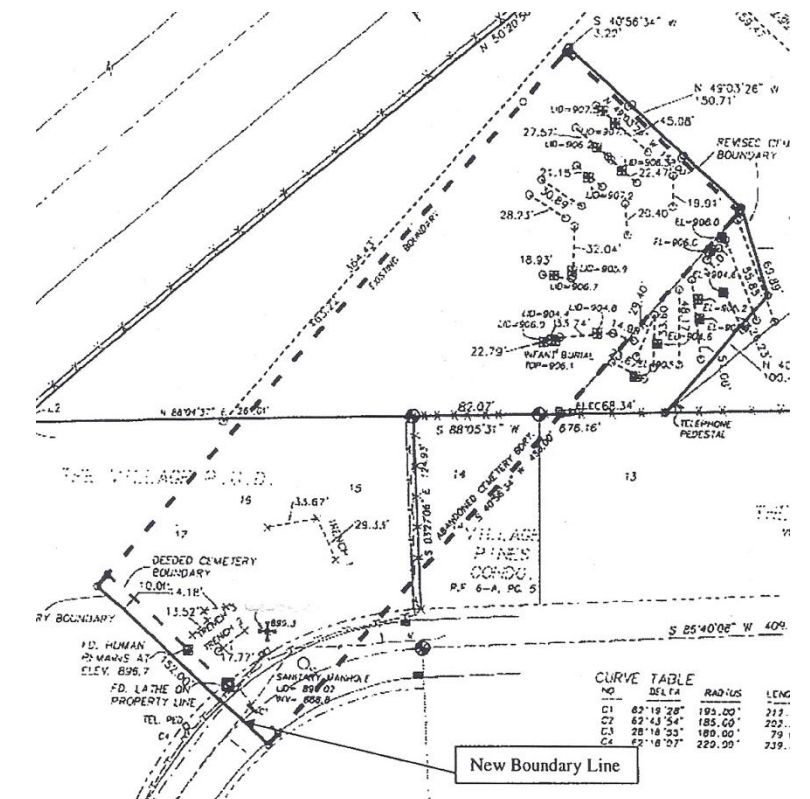
Shea, Tom, March 15, 1884
 Sheppard, Alonzo, March 7, 1889
 Smith, Francis, July 9, 1885
 Smith, Malcolm, Oct. 30, 1889
 Smith, Mark, Nov. 5, 1887
 Stentzel, Edward, July 7, 1887
 Sullivan, John, Jan. 24, 1889
 Sullivan, Michael, May 5, 1890
 Thibaut, Adeleine, Sept. 28, 1889
 Thomas, Francis, Sept. 4, 1871
 Thompson, Eleodora, June 1, 1885
 Tobin, Walter, Oct. 7, 1889
 Walsh, James, Sept. 7, 1886
 Walter, Thomas, Sept. 29, 1870
 Ward, Charles, Feb. 28, 1872
 Washington, Alfred, March 5, 1870
 Weber, M.E. Aug. 1, 1887
 Werner, Anna, Sept 21, 1889
 Werner, John, June 4, 1887
 Wire, Oscar, April 12, 1891
 Zimmerman, M. Magd, Jan. 29, 1889.



CTUIR photo of gravestone and coffin hardware displaced after area construction



2013 aerial view with superimposed 2003 survey of the original boundaries of the McCool Catholic Cemetery



Survey of the expanded McCool Cemetery, January, 2003, showing archaeological excavations

Sign placed in 2015 by Walla Walla 2020 Historic Research Project. More information on the Historic McCool Cemetery is available at www.wv2020.net/historic-sites.