

Warren Union Cemetery Plants

Estimated 100 plants in cemetery and another hundred on three sides. Most of these were planted and nursed into successful growth by Tom Turmel who for many years volunteered his time and labor to make this a beautiful place.

West fence has many plants Grape, mulberry, goldenrod, Chicory, Virginia Creeper vine

Big Sugar Maple at back

Row 1 Remington George Grape, Blue Cherries

Row 2 BERGER --Gesch - Metro Yew Lottie Gesch Red Spruce Effie Distelrod Sugar Maple

Row 3 Reddick Skinner -3-29 Distelrod monument Skinner Burning Bush

Row 4 John Gamble -4-30 Distelrath-5-27 Tatro monument round leaf linden?

Frank Halsey Australian Pine

5 Cole-Tatro by s fence Ninebark. Alt in clusters round, Boxwood White flowers by Hoard Francis
Tatro Black Spruce

Row 6 Edith Halsey 32 Wilson. Cole Pin Oak, Thos Wilson red spruce. Osborn flowers. Hoard
flowers

Row 7 Evarts low 33 Peck May. Evarts Snowball, Pereira Oriental Bush Cherry 2T Tree Peck Iris

Row 8 Tharrett Monument-8-32 Brandon Daniel Theritt flowers DeLecjour, Bench, Red Hybrid Maple

Row 9 Cartwright worn white-4 Murthum 27 Hearn Robert, E of Old Theritt Red Canadian Purple Leaf
Cherry, Iris, Geo Smith flowers, flowers in back

Row 10 Smith -Halsey BF Black Walnut

Lot Row 11 Harwood -11-33 Gillett Iris, 2 junipers, Almeda Hoxsey Burning bush, In area Green
Smoke Tree from Harwood house

Row 12 Barton tall pink -12-34 Walker Etta Round Ninebark

Row 13 Ames 13-33 Morehead-Charles Adair. Lidia Brown Boxwood, Franklin Ames Blue spruce

Row 14 Barr-34 Smith Esther, Baby Wilson Westeria Behind fence at Spalding Black Cherry

Row 15 MASON -15-31 Wilson baby

Row 16 Hoyt TALL PINK - Kingscott Barbara-28 Hitchcock Louisa Norway spruce Red Bench

Row 17 Glazier TALL -43 Masten Herbert Smoke Tree Elgin Van Meer in back

Row 18 STANLEY -18-26 Corey George W Corey 18-37 Hitchcock Melissa-Flynn. Big Wild
black Cherry by S fence, Melissa Hitchcock 2 needle 4" Scotch pine, Wm Corey Burning Bush, Davy
sugar maple

Row 19 West Gate and drive two little Stanley lambs at left, sugar maples in back

Row 20 Gray worn 20-4 Morris Cyrena E wife

Row 21 Case-25 Wilson John -31 Big Hartsig monument Norway spruce. By S fence Case Black dwarf spruce 1997 from Yates, Chas Davy Snowball, Burning bush by Wright

Row 22 Hoxsey-22-40 Reddick Lloyd. Jenny to E Pink cherry, Ross Higgin Schweldier Maple from Harwood house burgundy in spring, Norway spruce in back

Row 23 Jenny_23-43 Willis, Shalott Warrener Burning Bush, Neil Reid White Pine, Black Cherry and sugar maple in back

Lot Row 24 Benson-24- Barton C Lucinda

Lot Row 25 Ames FLAT WHITE-25-14 bench-Small Leaf Linden 25-41 Matthews Esther.

Row 26 McDowall -26-41 Norris W Emmit. McDowall Weeping Mulberry, Christopher Bartels Burning Bush, ornamental grass, Ellen McCoy big Concolor Fir 1985, Memoza tree rare, terigan like oregno, flowers. In back sugar maples

Row 27 Hartlin low stone -42 Rickabus. Hartlin Flowers, White flower barberry like, Red Cedar, in back Walnut, flowers

Row 28 row just east of historical -5 Historic Marker-flowers

8-11 Big Rock Ninebark, Grey Birch

28-21 Flag Pole 2Ninebark, spreading juniper, Iris stone from chimney Harwood house pink mortar

28-34 Cement Bench

28-35-40 Butterfly Garden 10 plants 28-51 Maerz Heinrich. Ormental Grass, Iris, Day Lillies, Vadalina behind fence Ash, Bolina Poplar at corner, Black Walnut

Row 29 Panzer red stone -54 Follhardt Henry. Maria Sirine Deep Purple Lilac, Lizzy Pennow Burning Bush, Gotlieb Pinnow White Cedar, in back Big Norway Spruce

Row 30 Miesel-Qualmann Sophia-59 Schmidt Theodore. Red Cedars by S Fence, Walter Penow BlackEye Susan

Row 31 Cemetery Sign Schiebel-31-58 Eckstein

Row 32 Kusch-8 -53 Rose William. Henry Beherns Big Anthillis, Round Dark leaf 6' by Tall Beier to East, Karn White Cedar White Ceders in back

Row 33 Grimms flat -33-25 Boening Walter, Ed Grimes Spiria, Roundleaf, Baby Luis Steins White Cedar, Ed Bowing Catalpa, Eliz Lorentz little bluespruce

Lot Row 34 Berz LOW DARK 34-54 west. Berz Bidweil Spiria b S fence, big stump, Hanekow William 2 White Cedars

Row 35 Lee Berz flat stone -35-57 Marie Schuer. Meirow 3 Bidweil Spiria, cherry?, Zorn Blue Spruce, Ceders

Row 36 Right Middle Drive Lee Berz to left, water meter in drive. Snowball shrubs on both sides at S fence. Fred Dean Hydranga

Row 37 Baitinger FLAT -18 Cook John-57 Eberhart Liene-37-57 Ide Bermon-58 Barg Joe. S Fence Cedar, Freda Baitinger shrub, flowers, Front White Ceders, Gotlieb Baitinger White Cedar, Emma Kaufman White Cedar, Ernst Lorenz White Mulberry.

Row 38 Stimm small gray stone-38-56 Pinnow Sophia Tochter. Charles Nogy flowers, Schier Flowers, Bard Cedars in back, black walnut.

Row 39 Remms-56 Perry Helen-58 Brinkert, PC Hilderband White Cedar

Row 40 Alexander - 40-53 Malkmas Conrad. Red Cedars in front, Fred Mitchel Snowball from Qualmann, Carl Bittinger Glossy leaf Boxwood white ceders snowball Yew
Korean Lilac near Bittiner

Row 41 Zorn-41-52 Allen W Gesch-55 John G. Junipers in front, H Zorn Rose of Sharon, Geo Hartling shrub Emma Pennow Red Maple, Zorn Big Blue Spruce 1926, Linwood Gold, Forsythia Hartline, Red Maple 19 years, Worth White cedar, Johanna rose White Cedar, Amanda Beyer Big white pine, N fence ceders,

Row 42 Bower BIG RED-42-47 Wolgast Augusta flowers, Frank Wolgast Wt Cedar. Linwood Gold, Forsythia red maple 2 ceders, Rukabanh cottonwood,

mulberry
ground flowers

Row 43 Rickabush low-43-54 Frank Wolgast White cedar, Mo Walgast shrub, flowers, Robt Bottinger White Cedar, Elmer Busch shrub

Row 44 East Driveway Gate SHRUBS

Lot Row 45 Ortman-45-54 Qualmann Carl-45-59 King Fred 6 FLOWERS, Big red Boening Ginko, Fred Minert Big Norway Spruce, in back Black Walnut

Row 46 Momrow low red-46-50 Peter Mistopocous Carl Strouss White Cedar, Ray
Mamrow, Catalpa, orimental grass, flowers.

red spruce by fence

Row 47 Thieme-47-55 Hughes Rose flowers Sophia Arnold White Cedar, Ida Ragenstein White Spruce, Hulda Theme bush
walnut in back

Lot Row 48 Miller -48-52 Jackson Brian Royal. Prtesnel Barbarries, Hellen Keller Black Locus, cedar

Row 49 Hoxsey-Getz-49-45 Sobieck Amilia Weiss. By S fence big black Locus, 5 shrubs Warren flowers Norway Spruce, Thompson White Cedar

cottonwood, Elm, Norway

spruce

East fence many plants, ferns

North Fence low plants with red berries

many shrubs

HISTORY

The Warren Union Cemetery came into being with the First Methodist Church of Warren. The Methodist Church of Warren. The Methodist Church was first organized in November of 1845. On March 29th, 1852 members of the First Methodist Church formed a Corporation called the Warren Union Cemetery Association. The German Evangelical Church (St. Paul's) was not organized until 1864.

1. 1852, April ¹⁶th, original property purchased by W.U.C.A. from Peter Gillet. - *this was the date it was recorded in deed office - Mr. Clem*
2. 1854, ^(first addition) second parcel purchased by St. Paul's from R. Barr.
3. 1863, ^{second} third parcel purchased by St. Paul's from J. McGrath.
4. 1877, ^{third} fourth parcel purchased by W.U.C.A. from F. VanFleet.
5. 1884, May 24, ^{4th} parcel purchased by St. Paul's from First Methodist Church.
6. 1884, November 11, ^{5th} parcel purchased by St. Paul's Church from First Methodist Church.
7. 1895, ^{6th} parcel purchased by W.U.C.A. from C. C. Dubois.
8. 1904, ^{7th} eight and last parcel purchased by St. Paul's from E. H. Peck.

According to these records the Cemetery is own by both the First Methodist Church and St. Paul's Church.

I have included a map and copies of deeds which shows the property and dates that the land was acquired.

I have also included a copy of the initial organization of the Warren Union Cemetery Association (W.U.C.A.) by trustees of the First Methodist Church, recorded April 16, 1852.

*Deed from Gillet to "trustees" - written June 21, 1845
signed & witnessed - June 30, 1845
recorded in Mr. Clemens - April 16, 1852*

COPY

CEMETERY INVENTORY FORM

Michigan History Division
Michigan Department of State
Lansing, MI 48918

IDENTIFICATION

1. Name: Present name Warren Union Cemetery
Other names -
2. Address: Chicago Rd. (13 1/2 Mile Rd.) Warren, Mi.
3. Closest Street: Ryan Rd. Township: Warren County: Macomb
4. Present Ownership: Private Property; Religious Organization;
Private Non-Profit Organization; Revenue or Income Producing;
Municipal; Township; County; State; Federal
5. Present Owner Name and Address:
1/2--St. Pauls Church United- 31654 Mound Rd. Warren, 48092
1/2-- ? (Warren Union Cemetery Assoc. no longer viable)
6. Founding organization or affiliation (e.g., St. Mary's Catholic Church;
Potawatomis Indians; Smith family; Jones Township, etc.) In June, 1845,
18 pioneer families received deed as Grantees; in April, 1852,
of these families later formed the Warren Union Cemetery Assoc. 8
7. Name and address of representative of group named in Item 6, if different
from present owner: NA
8. Present Use: Cemetery Other (Explain: _____)
Is the cemetery still active (still accepting burials)? yes
9. Accessibility: open to the public; open to the public with
permission only; closed to the public.

DESCRIPTION

10. Dates used as a cemetery: since 1845
Date of earliest known grave: 1838 Most recent grave: 1898
11. Approximate total number of graves: 720
Approximate number of 19th century graves: 325
Approximate number of graves earlier than 19th century: 0
12. Most common grave marker style and material (e.g., fieldstone headstones
with carvings of angels; spirit houses, etc.): vertical tablets from the
1800's in marble; uprights and bevel tops in both marble and
granite; pedestals with urns and crosses on top; plus 1 slate
stone.
13. Unusual grave markers: lambs sculptured in stone; vertical tablets
from the early 1800's; tall obelisks and cylinders; pedestals wit
urns and crosses; many stones with epitaphs; plus many stones
entirely engraved in the German language.

14. Other features, such as mausolea, crematoria, columbaria, fountains:

NA

15. Distinctive natural features (e.g., distinctive landscaping, prairie flora, ponds): The cemetery contains a 200 year old Norway Spruce tree, believed to be an Indian Trail Marker Tree.

The property borders the Red Run (creek) and an old Indian

16. Condition: unmarked; no fence or markers; overgrown, markers damaged or hidden; good condition but undermaintained;

X good condition, well maintained

17. Integrity: X intact; graves vacated (year:);

 contains burials moved in from another cemetery (place and year:)

 unknown.

18. Surroundings: farmland; forested; X residential;

 industrial; other (explain):

SIGNIFICANCE (reference all sources of information)

19. Prominent persons buried here: (see attached sheets)

20. Historical Significance: This is the oldest cemetery in Warren, Michigan and is the site where many of the earliest settlers of Warren Township (now the city of Warren) are buried.

21. Other Significance (archaeological, architectural, natural, etc.):

The cemetery property was the original site of the first Methodist Church of Warren in 1858. (from Stewarts Atlas of Macomb Co. 1875.)

22. Please attach a) recent photo; b) map showing exact location and boundaries; c) letter of permission from the present owner; d) letter of approval from the founding organization, if different from the present owner.

23. Prepared by: Dorothy Peck Cummings Date: June 1990

Address: 4824 Chicago Rd. Warren, Mi. 48092

Organization: Warren Historical Society

Telephone: (313) 264-4522

33
Reg. No.

QC DEED

No.

MACOMB COUNTY
L 81 P. 481

Hudson C. Mason
Frank Reddeck
to
the Trustees of the Evangelical
St. Paul Church of Warren

Dated 5/24/84 Con. \$ 100

Ack. same

Rec'd 5/31/84

Conveys land in the
of Macomb County, Mich.,

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of sec 5-1-12 ~~MUM~~ Reserving the shed & brick now on the ~~xxxxx~~ prop

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Reg. No.

W DEED

No.

NW 1/4 of Sec 5 in Twp 36 N R 15 W
L 77 P. 485

Anthony Miller &
Annie K " hw
to
William Gillett &
Jane C " hw

Dated 7-7-1884 Con. \$ 1000.

Ack. same

Rec'd 7-16-1884

Conveys land in the Twp
of Warren Macomb County, Mich.,

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& 120 lks th w 7 chs & 82 lks th n 9 chs & 142 lks to the pob contg 10 acs of
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Disagreement leads to removal of tombstones

By Gordon Wilczynski
Macomb Daily Staff Writer

Warren police were baffled earlier Thursday why someone would take five tombstones from the Warren Union Cemetery on Chicago Road.

Now they know. The missing stones result from a disagreement between a caregiver and the Warren Historical Society, police said.

But Detective Lt. Dan Beck was quick to point out that as soon as the missing stones were listed on The Macomb Daily's Internet page a woman who said she is a member of the historical society said she had the tombstones removed because cemetery caretaker Wesley Arnold had no authority to put them there.

"These people seem real nice, but we really don't know at this time who is right and if



Macomb Daily staff photo by David Posavetz

Cemetery caretaker Wesley Arnold looks at the spot where some of the tombstones were previously set.

anyone violated the law," Beck said. "The big thing is we know where the tombstones are now located."

The tombstones have little value to anyone other than families of Union soldiers who fought during the Civil War, according to Beck. He said police just started investigating the incident so they have very few details.

Beck said the caretaker

filed a complaint with police on Wednesday claiming someone who had no permission had taken five tombstones from the cemetery.

Arnold, also a member of the Warren Historical commission, said the cemetery was owned by a Methodist church that abandoned it in the 1960s. The cemetery is now private and operated by St. Paul United Church of

Christ and the historical society.

He said the people who work at the church are volunteers and don't get paid.

Arnold provided Warren police with a description of the tombstones. Beck said the tombstones were taken sometime between 10 a.m. Tuesday and 9 p.m. Wednesday.

He valued the grave markers at \$4,000 and he believes names of the deceased

could be removed and the tombstones resold.

"The cemetery has documented where every tombstone was located and a description of the inscription on each of them," Beck said.

The inscription on one tombstone reads, "Memorial to all veterans. We honor your service. Remember those who died on 9-11 and other attacks."

Another inscription said, "In memory of the hundreds of children and adults buried in this cemetery who have no marker." Another said, "Warren veterans partial list" and has the names of 30 deceased soldiers.

One stone said: "Our flag stands for liberty, justice, free speech, press, maintain our freedoms. Stop the suffering and dying. Create ample for all."

Arnold said 1,000 people have been buried in the cemetery since 1845. He said most are veterans from the Civil War era.

He also said many of the deceased buried in the cemetery are children. He said that around 1900 more than

50 percent of the deaths in the area were of children.

"The children had diseases such as scarlet fever, small pox, diphtheria and others," Arnold said. "Many of the kids died from spoiled milk and spoiled food because of the lack of refrigeration."

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Five memorials were secretly stolen by two persons without notice to public, or vote of membership or vote by Village Commission.

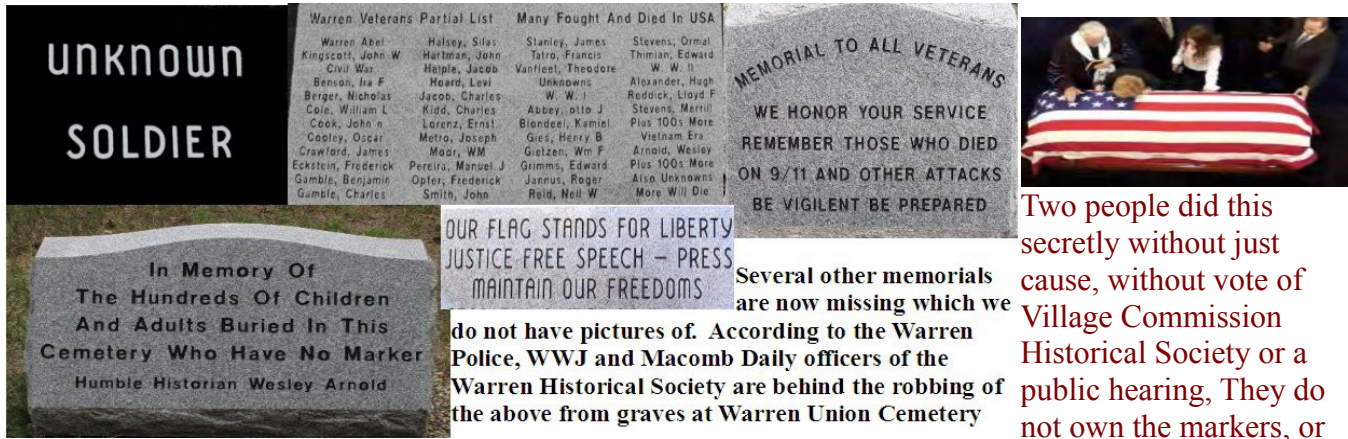
There is ample room for the memorials here.

They were not causing any harm, were not a threat to anyone.

Nothing was found wrong with the memorials in a later meeting.

We veterans are asking that The Warren Village Commission simply acknowledge that these memorials are not a threat to anyone, harm no one, honor our Warren Soldiers many of which are buried in Warren Union Cemetery which has lots of room for them and does so without cost to the city. We also ask that the people who removed them without public notice or the vote of The Village Commission simply return them without cost to the city.

This will also avoid costly and ugly legal battles supported by hundreds of veterans. This simple and cost free action would make The Warren Village Commission heroes to thousands of Warren children, and veterans who look to them to preserve our Warren Village Historical and American Heritage to future generations. We are looking for attorneys to sue the grave robbers. It is wrong to steal memorials they don't own out of a cemetery they don't own.



Two people did this secretly without just cause, without vote of Village Commission Historical Society or a public hearing, They do not own the markers, or

OUR FLAG STANDS FOR LIBERTY JUSTICE FREE SPEECH – PRESS MAINTAIN OUR FREEDOMS

Several other memorials are now missing which we do not have pictures of. According to the Warren Police, WWJ and Macomb Daily officers of the Warren Historical Society are behind the robbing of the above from graves at Warren Union Cemetery

the cemetery. They robbed Warren's unknown soldier memorial from a grave and they stole a memorial that listed Warren soldiers who are buried there. **This was the only memorial showing the names of these soldiers. Nothing was found wrong with these memorials in a later public meeting** And they stole the memorial to all veterans and to those who died on attacks on our country (Pearl Harbor affected many families) and 9-11 (including over 400 policemen and firemen among the 3000 killed) and they stole another that told what our flag stood for and yet another that honors those many children and pioneers buried there without markers. **These memorials were causing no harm. There is lots of room for them. They posed no threat. There is nothing disrespectful or wrong about these memorials.** The memorials were there to honor men who died and to educate visitors especially young people who no longer learn about history in school. We veterans saw friends die. We served our country with honor and integrity. We feel it is wrong to steal memorials showing soldiers honored service to future generations. They at least earned their name on a granite stone. Now visitors including young people will not be able to see who these soldiers were. Now many of our soldiers have no marker at all because the only one they had was stolen. This was not done by the historical society but by two persons, without a vote of the membership. Taking property that is not yours is called stealing and when it is worth several thousand dollars it is grand larceny. It has been over a year and they have not returned them. **Stealing memorials that name our soldiers is worse than disgraceful. They are robbing our history left for our young people who no longer are taught history in school. No one should be allowed to steal memorials they don't own out of a cemetery they don't own. We veterans feel that they have disrespected our soldiers, our flag and those who died on attacks to our country. These memorials were donated without cost to the city possibility by out of town descendents of those buried there.**

We veterans are asking that The Warren Village Commission simply acknowledge that these memorials are not a threat to anyone, harm no one, honor our Warren Soldiers many of which are buried in Warren Union Cemetery which has lots of room for them and does so without cost to the city. We also ask that the people who removed them without public notice or the vote of The Village Commission simply return them without cost to the city. This will also avoid costly and ugly legal battles supported by hundreds of veterans over the improper removal (grand larceny) and disrespecting of our soldiers. This simple and cost free action would make The Warren Village Commission heroes to thousands of Warren children, and veterans who look to them to preserve our Warren Village Historical and American Heritage to future generations.

This also fulfills the missions of The Warren Historical Commission, the society and Village Commission to preserve our history and educate future generations. **But if they choose to disrespect our soldiers and veterans and those who died defending our**

freedom and on attacks on our country let it be known that we (and there are hundreds of us) will mount a campaign against those few disrespectors. We veterans are not going to allow men and women who died to be disrespected and their history stolen from our local cemetery. Attention attorneys we are looking for attorneys who are willing to help us fight this cause. We are willing to do fund raising to pay you. We are looking for banks or organizations who are willing to accept donations directly to them for this cause. None of us is to accept funds rather they are to go directly to the banks. History will note whether these disrespectors of those who died for our freedom shall be known as the Warren "Hysterical" grave robbing society, or shall be known as Historical Heroes who preserved our American Heritage, educated future generations and respected our soldiers.

Warren Hysterical Society Officers have stolen several soldiers memorials and have stopped historians from putting marker bricks at unreadable stones and unmarked graves. What? Yes this is sad but true.

Now they are stealing epitaphs and grave memorials they don't like.

For almost 170 years Warren Union Cemetery existed even though often neglected without need for published rules. When a family wanted to put flowers on a grave or set a marker on a grave it was done without a problem. **Never in the 170 year history has there been a bad marker or one in such bad taste that it should have been removed.** But an eight active member social clique, the Warren hysterical society (Who really do very little if any historical research.) decided that it was going to control and supervise the cemetery which they had neglected for years. They wanted to take credit for any memorial placed there and when some families placed a beautiful black granite Unknown Soldier stone to honor the now unknown soldier that is buried there. The officers of this group decided to rip it out. The same fate happened to a memorial to all veterans including those who died on attacks on our country which affected many Warren families. They ripped out a memorial listing soldiers buried there and a memorial to the flag that these men fought for. And they also had ripped out the children's memorial of beautiful granite newly placed that honored the many children and pioneers buried there without markers. They did not own those markers or the cemetery but they ripped these out. Then they started taking out other memorials that they did not like including a beautiful epitaph off of a grave. None of these memorials belonged to them. Again they do not own the cemetery. This group did not give any public notice, take a vote of the membership, nor get permission from the city or the owners of the stones. They did not make a formal request to the Village commission and we checked with the Mayors office and no vote or action was taken by the Village Commission. They removed these stones without just cause. It only seems to make sense if one considers that they were mad that families would place stones without their permission and they could not take credit for them. They are now so ashamed of their actions because public support for stealing memorials out of cemetery is against them that they are now trying to blame others.

Nothing was found wrong with these memorials in a public meeting a week following the removal of these memorials. A police report was filed. This hit the news media but soon Sue Keffer called the Warren police and stated that this group had taken the memorials. She could not give any reason why they did this. The police seeing that this was done by the local historical society decided that it was not a police matter.

To add further insult to injury this society has drafted rules it wishes to dictate. This historian feels that these rules are unnecessary as the cemetery is full. They demand that foundations be built for any future marker and that the foundation must be 42" deep with concrete with a rating of no less than 3,000 psi and shall be air entrained with 5-6% aid using an entraining admixture. They are demanding this for all markers.

This is harmful because in old cemeteries like this one, remains may be located less than 42 inches deep. Many babies were buried here in shallow graves and sometimes they were buried on top of adult burials. In the old days depending on weather and whether it was raining the graves were dug by hand usually by a family member and the remains may not be that deep. Even now a six foot grave the top of the vault is often less than four feet deep. Remember this was never a commercial cemetery. This was an old village cemetery with hand dug graves and hundreds of babies buried at shallower depths.

It is absurd to request such a deep foundation for a identification brick or 4 inch flat identification marker. Several marker companies suggest a layer of pea gravel is all that is necessary under a thin four inch thick or thinner marker. For big monuments yes cement foundations are necessary.

But why force families to pay the huge expense for special concrete and take a change on disturbing the remains. In effect what they have done is stop families from marking family graves and they have stopped this historian from placing results of his research in identifying grave sites.

There now appears the probable real reason for this action. They are so jealous that a local historian has done research that they can't take credit for. They are doing everything they can to discredit his work. They have stopped him from placing ID markers And they tore out the markers he encouraged people to place there. It is a shame because the markers helped educate people especially young people who no longer learn history in school. And those soldiers have had their marker stolen and many do not have their name on any other stone. So in effect they have stolen these soldiers memorial and their history forever. **We former soldiers feel this is morally wrong and disrespectful.**

This group decided to create even more rules telling families that they could not even leave a simple flower on a grave. They have dictated when people can leave flowers and now demand a receptacle. We do not need people bringing in more plastic, wooden, metal or cement containers. There is no need in this historic cemetery for containers for the few flowers that are brought in.

They are allowing rubbings which are dangerous. This is potentially destructive and putting side pressure on an old stone is dangerous. This information gathering can be done with photographic side lighting.

They are requiring all markers to be of one piece construction is unnecessarily limiting. If you look at any cemetery there are many good markers that are not just one piece. We should not be dictating to families or the government what they "style of marker" to honor their loved ones.

But they also state in their dictated unnecessary rules that they will remove any marker, memorial or other object they do not like without notice. And they have already removed several markers. They have no right to steal property that does not belong to them. Again they do not own the memorials or the cemetery. And their stealing of memorials especially of soldiers who fought for our country is not only disrespectful but is treason.

This is a historical society in name only. They do little if any historical research They are a social clique that is interested in self taking credit for everything historical in this city.

Lastly they have totally neglected this historians request to fix the foundations of the leaning stones. Some of these are tall and could now fall on a child. Children have been hurt in the past and they may be hurt or killed if this situation is not corrected. This social group has nit picked on frivolous matters while actually removing and disposing of family property while totally neglecting serious matters like the threat of children being hurt. This article is placed here to inform you of what has happened.

Additional Information on Warren Civil War Soldiers
Silas Halsey disabled during POW Civil War

Moore Christopher 26 s Dec 12 1869 wound received in Army rec 430

Pvt Joseph Metro from Warren in the Civil War Priv K 8 MI Inf. 2/1863 5/1863

Cooley Oscar Priv G 20 IL Inf. 1/1/1862 2/16/1863 1 1 16 Warren Warren ???

Hartman John Warren Warren Lost a thumb

Heipple Jacob Priv H 2 MI Cav. 9/1/1861 10/1/1862 1 1 0 Sterling Warren

Jacobs Charles Priv H 41 IL Inf. Warren Warren

Kidd Charles Priv H 8 OH Inf. 1861 1861 3 Warren Warren Deafness

Moor William Priv G 16 MI Inf. 3/28/1865 7/8/1865 3 0 20 Warren Roseville

Opfer Frederick Priv A 1 MI Art. 5/31/1861 5/31/1864 3 0 0 Warren Fraser

Smith John Priv I 3 MI Inf. 4/4/1865 4/4/1866 1 Warren Warren

Stanley James M. Priv A 22 MI Inf. 4/5/1865 8/25/1865 3 20 Sterling Warren Chronic Diarrhea

Tatro [widow] Frank [Larette] Priv H 2 MI Cav. 9/3/1861 10/11/1864 3 1 8 Warren Warren

Wodie ? Samuel ? Priv D 10 U.S. Inf. 11/28/1856 11/3/1864 8 0 0 Sterling Warren Hernia

Grandma lived temporarily in the house at 31751 Flynn.

Dr. Addison's house is now the Lyle Elliot Funeral Home.

The church at 31707 Seventh St. was where Grandma's family went to services. Grandpa Chipchase (George Best) tolled the bells when Emory Wilson died. The bells were traditionally rung once for every year that the person lived.

- * George and Amelia Chipchase were buried (in the Bartel area) of the Warren Union Cemetery. A grave marker was never purchased. Homer Harwood purchased four spots around 1909 and planned to be buried there; however, about 25 years later he was buried in White Chapel in Troy.

Marker finally placed in Bartel area,
in cemetery in fall of 1988 - by Bernice
Wilson Burnett + her grandson Gary Burnett
I was present at this event - I took
pictures of Bernice Wilson Burnett, her grand
Gary Burnett + 4 other members of her family
- Dorothy Cummings

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BURIAL GROUND DATES BACK TO CIVIL WAR DAYS

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An Old Cemetery Yields to Progress

By ROBERT ANKENY
Warren Bureau Chief

WARREN — Another "historic landmark" has succumbed to the bulldozers of progress here.

But this time the progress was painfully slow, as workmen and a funeral director carefully sifted through tons of sand seeking remains of early Warren settlers.

THE SITE was the family burial grounds at the Weier Centennial Farm properties on Bunert Road near the Macomb County Community College south campus.

"The burials here date back at least to the Civil War days," said William DuRoss of the DuRoss Funeral Home, who handled the exhumations.

"The most recent burials we knew

about took place about 1914," he said.

Mrs. Ida Weier, who at 83 years of age is still active on the historic farm, recalled where her grandparents had been buried, back in the early 1890s, when she was about seven.

BUT MOST of the other burials were unrecorded, and no family Bible or other records indicated who had been buried where.

"We did know that there were other old farm families who buried relatives here," said DuRoss, mentioning the Theuts, Greens, Hessesels and Schoenherr.

The 60 by 60 foot square burial plot had remained some 18 feet higher than surrounding ground during years of development near the farm, as topsoil and sand was cleared away around it.

THE RESULTING "hill" stood out like the proverbial sore thumb, DuRoss noted, and children from the nearby subdivisions used it as a play area.

"About a year ago, they began finding bones when digging into sand, and we started to collect them for reburial," he said.

One skull, some jawbones and fingerbones were recovered in this fashion, as well as what DuRoss said he thought was "the hipbone of a cow or horse," that had somehow strayed into the site.

ABOUT A YEAR ago too, DuRoss and the Warren Woods school officials, began efforts to secure permission from State Health officials and Macomb Circuit Court to remove the cemetery.

The entire rear portion of the Weier Farm west of Bunert had been sold to Warren Woods for construction of Briarwood Elementary.

Removal of the cemetery was made necessary by requirements for additional playground space, according to school superintendent Robert Tower.

AT MRS. WEIER'S request and under the direction of state law, all remains had to be "removed in a Christian manner" and reburied appropriately. Reburial was at Clinto Grove Cemetery in Mount Clemens.

And although the bones and the cemetery are gone, "ghosts" of 19th century farm days remain very much alive when one drives down the shady dirt road that is Bunert between red-painted farm buildings that recall an earlier and calmer



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Warren Excavation Yields Human Bones

WARREN — A human skull and several bones were unearthed during a housing project excavation here and police today theorized the remains were part of the burial grounds of a pioneer area family. 4-14-67

Officers said they were called Thursday to the scene on Irvington west of Hayes by a 15-year-old boy who reported finding the bones in a pile of dirt. Detectives said pioneer Weier family, who once homesteaded in the area.

Otto C. Heussner, 38, East Detroit, and Clara Weier, 23, Warren.

LITTLE KNOWN LANDMARK DISAPPEARS

In the latter weeks of May, another Warren tie with the past disappeared. The Weier Family, still living on their centennial farm, sold a portion of that farm years ago. On it was a portion of the family cemetery, dating back to before the Civil War. This cemetery eventually ended up as a part of the Briarwood School site. When Briarwood was first begun, legal work started on securing permission to vacate the plot. At long last, the last hurdle was cleared in early May and the work completed a week later.

The residents near Briarwood were especially cheered because now the balance of the site can be graded out, seeded, and removed from the category of eye sore.

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Prof. Wesley Edward Arnold Historian



And this is not the only one. All over the world are big and small burial grounds forgotten and abandoned.

In fact most of your family is buried in them.

Well this0 is probably true.

Just answer this question where are your great great great grandparents buried?

For most families this is unknown and unmarked.

Above is Bunert Road at left side. The top of the foto is South. the right wide is West. The location is just south of Martin Road. The Bunert red farm house is labeled as is the Bunert, Bidell, Green, Hessel, Indian Pioneer Cemetery. The C Bunert farm is located at the top right and the A Bunert farm at the left middle. The Dark square was the cemetery covered mostly in Lilac bushes. the mound was around eighteen inches (not feet) high and was surrounded by packed down dirt from vehicles. It had its own access dirt single land road directly to Martin.

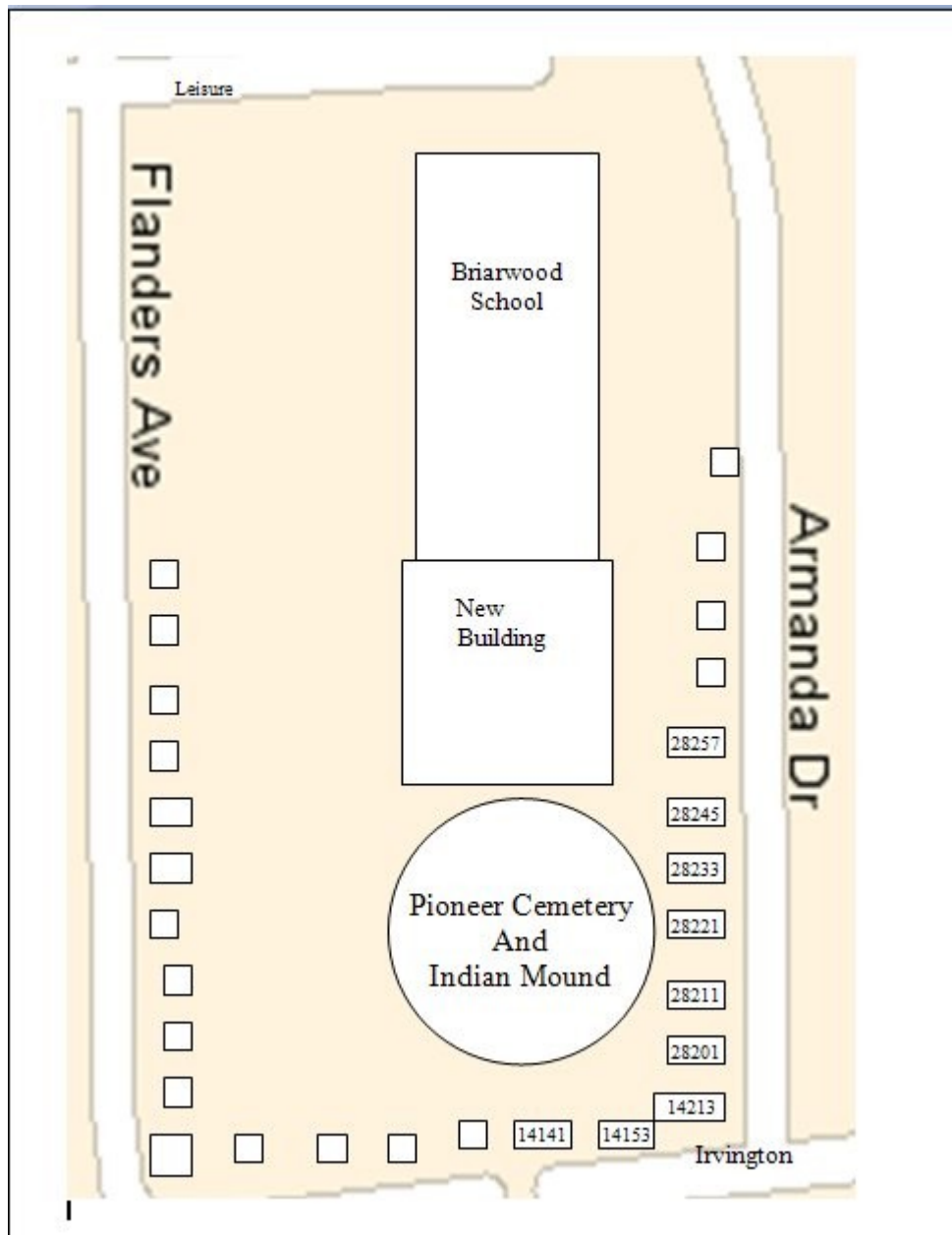
Our area had many cemeteries. For thousands of years persons whodied were left to be eaten by animals. Europeans also often left the dead to be eaten by animals. After 1818 settlers buried their dead in shallow graves not far from where they died in the back yard, without a casket or stone marker. After 1850-1855 most of the dead were buried in one of three cemeteries: The Bidell-Green-Weier Cemetery, The Warren Union Cemetery or the St Clement Cemetery. After 1880 many were buried at Mt Olivet. There were almost no grave stone makers locally until after 1855. Many were buried without a casket or marker. Both the St Clement and Warren Union cemeteries date from 1850-1855 but both appear to be preceded by the Bidell-Green-Weier Cemetery. In Warren Township I have found that the oldest **recorded** cemetery burials were at the Warren Union Cemetery, followed by the St Clement Cemetery. But between the A Bunert Farmhouse and the C Bunert Farmhouse Just N of Martin Road and West of Bunert Road, was an Indian mound which was reported to be "18 feet tall". It was most likely an Indian burial mound but this is uncertain.

This mound existed prior to the settlement of their farm in 1849. It had become overgrown with weeds and shrubs so much that it was not particularly recognizable as an Indian mound and was missed on the early surveys. The settlers certainly were not in the habit of building mounds 18 feet high. The family reported that Indians came around often in the early days. They would read the sun like a clock and would disappear when the sun reached a certain angle. Indian artifacts have been found in the area. Local legends also give credence to the Indian mound theory. This area is generally flat and there is no logical geological explanation for a sand mound given the flatness of the surrounding area. Also considering that there was at least evidence of forty human remains removed from this site and that no archeologist was called in to evaluate the site so that there may have been other evidence that was certainly overlooked. Also consider that at least two dump truck loads of remains were trucked out of the site before it was discovered that at least one of them contained human bones. The family reported that other families sometimes brought relatives there for burial. I talked with one of the older Weiers and was told that their grand parents told them of a man who carried his dead baby for several miles to have it buried there as it was the only cemetery he knew about. Around this landmark early settlers from several families buried their dead. They probably did not know or care if it was an Indian mound or not. Whether or not it was will probably remain unknown as the evidence was destroyed and removed. Early farmers often raided Indian mounds to get pots. There was a road that led from Martin road directly to this cemetery. I have it on an aerial foto and showing the mound in the 1960s. I shall call it the Bunert-Indian Pioneer Cemetery for shortness but it was supposedly registered on the State of Michigan registry as the Bidell-Green-Weier Cemetery. I saw a 8 mm movie in about 1970 showing three burial vaults in which bones were being piled to be buried at Clinton Grove. It is now located on the southern half of the Briarwood school property. I spoke with the undertaker who performed the last removals. I found newspaper articles. And weirdly also found reports of ghost sightings believe it or

not.

By the 1960s it was overgrown with Lilac shrubs that waved in the breeze. The Lilacs were planted by other families to mark the burial places but had become overgrown over the years. The family was forced by economic reasons to sell the property. The school district would have taken the property anyway as they wanted to build a school there. It was transferred about 1966. Mrs. Ida Weier told the school district that it was a burial ground and wanted all remains to be treated in a Christian manner. Bunert family burials were removed and reinterred at the Clinton Grove Cemetery in Mt Clemens. There were no other stone markers and all of the wood markers had rotted away and the little stone pebble markers were displaced so it was not particularly recognizable as a burial ground. But she also warned the principal that it was a burial ground. He called her a crazy lady. During construction a skull and other human bones were discovered. (Per Tri City Progress 4 14-1967) In May of 1969 children playing in the school playground discovered more human remains. Imagine the look of shock on the teachers face when they brought the remains into the classroom. Later the principal went over to Ida Weiers house and wanted to question her about the remains. She reminded him that he had branded her a crazy lady for even suggesting that it was a burial ground. One contractor dug a load of dirt for fill dirt and dropped it off on someone's property. The homeowner receiving the fill dirt found skulls and human bones and called the police who contacted the contractor. Imagine asking for fill dirt and getting human remains dropped off in your driveway. Wow was he in trouble. It wasn't very long when that kids were also showing off human remains from the mound. That finally got the officials attention. The school district wanted everything hushed up so no archeologists were called in and in fact it was them who hired a funeral director. The school certainly did not anyone to discover that this was anything other than a single family burial plot. But human remains **of at least 40 humans** were removed from what was left of the mound and the rest of the area was not explored. Historian Wesley Arnold states that he saw movies of this mound being excavated.

William DuRoss the funeral director mentioned that Theuts, Greens, Hessels, and Schoenhers were probably buried there. So it was for sure a pioneer cemetery. Whether or not it was also the remains of an Indian burial ground had not been determined by scientific investigation and will never be never known as the evidence has been removed and scattered. And even though a few bones were removed the balance of the remains of those pioneer families remain underground. This historian does not believe in ghosts but must report many of sightings over the years by homeowners adjacent to the Briarwood School property. Several families and even children have reported sightings and strange happenings there. As a historian I am honor bound to tell the truth. Strange. This historian feels that a plaque should be erected at least on the on a bench on the grass next to the paved path that goes around the ball field that would and mark this as at least a pioneer cemetery. See historian Wesley Arnold's CD of Warren-Center Line Records which has pictures of all of the old grave stones in both Warren's Union Cemetery and St Clement's Cemetery. These two cemeteries hold most of the remains of the pioneers of Warren.



After much research including consulting maps of that time and interviewing many people it appears that the location is as above in regard to present buildings. The cemetery also appears to have extended into the back yards of houses on West side of Amanda Dr possibly from 28245-28201. It is also possible that the cemetery could have extended into the land onto which the houses were actually built. The builder did not inform the buyers of the houses that their property was on a cemetery . If someone wants more accurate measurements simply compare old aerial maps with newer ones. The problem of course is how extensive was this cemetery and where were burials made prior to the earliest aerial maps. When I interviewed now deceased family members they reported that Indians often came around

to visit the cemetery. This leads to speculation but not proof that it may have been also an Indian burial ground. The alleged unproven sighting by more than one old resident of an Indian woman apparition adds more mystery to this site. Although this historian does not believe in ghosts reports of sightings by children and supported by animal behavior deepen the mystery further. Perhaps you could stay on the cemetery for a few full nights and report back to us on your findings.