



General Information

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Rutherford Cemetery Association Newsletter

A message from our president:

Warm Greetings to everyone,

The care and keeping of a cemetery may seem routine to most people, but to Rutherford Cemetery Association members and friends this is exciting stuff. I am enthusiastic about our accomplishments over the past year and would like to share some of them with you.

❖ Cleanup day last May was attended by over 20 members and friends of all ages resulting in beautiful grounds for Memorial Day, when we were proud to welcome members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 323 for a brief ceremony to honor our veterans.

❖ We would like to acknowledge those who have so generously donated funds, time, and goods throughout 2010. In these tough financial times, we thank you sincerely for remembering Rutherford Cemetery, it is because of your physical care of the grounds and your attention to the cemetery's financial well-being, that Rutherford Cemetery has avoided being on the list of Minnesota's abandoned cemeteries.

We can't thank you enough.

Khal Slayhi President



Newsletter

Keeping Our Members Informed
January 2011

2011 Annual Meeting 7:00pm Tuesday April 12, 2011

- Members of the Rutherford Cemetery Association, friends and the public are invited to the annual meeting of the Rutherford Cemetery Association. The meeting will be held next door to the cemetery, at the Stillwater Evangelical Free Church.

Pot luck snacks will be served after the meeting.

Stillwater Evangelical Free Church
7671 Manning Ave N
Stillwater, MN 55082

Need Information?

If you are interested in a cemetery lot or just want some information, your source would be the team of Ron Johnson & Kathy Henke. Ron, our vice president / grounds chairperson / & lot salesman, has been involved with

Rutherford Cemetery for many years. He is assisted by Kathy, our secretary who is an executive assistant with a Minnesota-based international company.



A Reminder.....

Flowers and plants may not be planted on grave sites and no artificial plants are permitted. It is important that everyone is aware of the governing rules of the Rutherford Cemetery Association. You'll find a copy of the current Rules & Regulations and By-Laws on the website or if you ever need another copy we will mail it to you.

Burial Lot Rates

New brochures have been printed and there is a supply kept in the stand at the front of the cemetery. This information will also be kept updated on our web site.

Lot Prices:

Full Burial	\$ 575.00
Cremation	\$ 575.00
Columbarium	\$1,500.00
(includes first interment)	
2nd Internment in a single niche	\$ 250.00

Opening/Closing Charges:

	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>
Full Burial	\$575.00	\$725.00
Cremation	\$375.00	\$400.00
Cremation with vault	\$575.00	\$575.00

There are no additional fees for a weekend burial/cremation.



Honoring our Veterans

We are honored that Rutherford Cemetery is the resting place for veterans dating from the Civil War and we want to make sure all veterans are acknowledged. Please let us know if you have any updated information. A bronze flag holder will be provided for a Memorial Day flag.

Call 651-481-4021 (Kathy Henke) or email RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com



Is your information current?

Please let us know if you have a change of address, phone or email.

Please note that any newsletters returned which had no forwarding address will be removed from the mailing list for future notifications. If you know of members who have had changes, please ask them to contact the secretary, or perhaps you could make the contact in order to keep our records accurate. Updates can be sent to the secretary at

RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com or by phone to Kathy Henke 651-481-4021.

Remember to add this email address to your email contacts to ensure delivery.

Monuments

•As I'm sure everyone is aware, the Association Rules and Regulations state that a headstone or marker must be placed within twelve months of burial. Links will be included on our web site to monument suppliers we've used in the past. These companies are familiar with the styles found within Rutherford Cemetery and can advise you of a variety of options.



Markers for donated trees

•This is the style of plaque the Association will provide to recognize all trees donated.

advertisements

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www.meaningfulfunerals.net

CLEAN UP DAY Saturday May 7, 2011



•The 2011 Annual Clean Up day is set for **Saturday May 7** with a **backup date of May 21** depending on weather. We gather at 9a.m. There is always something for everyone, so please come along and join your fellow members in giving the area a good sprucing up. We will have several tools and supplies available, but buckets, rakes, shovels and gloves will no doubt come in handy. If you have questions regarding this day, please contact **Ron Johnson, 651-430-2669** or e-mail us for further details.

And remember. We will provide a plaque to acknowledge all Veteran graves - if you know of anyone missing from our Veteran list please contact/email a Board Member.

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2800 Curve Crest Boulevard
Stillwater, MN 55082
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www.bradshawfuneral.com



CIVIL WAR

Fairbanks, Joseph N.	CO D 28 ME INF
Hall, Watson W.	GAR -- Co. E. 113 ILL. INF
Keene, John M.	CO C 16th Maine Vol.
Powell, Stephen W.	GAR MN 24th INF 1861-1865
Ramsden, Thomas P.	CO B 11 MN INF
Rutherford, Wm. H.	CO K 13th Reg MN Vol. (Soldier Rest) (in WWI and WWII)

SPANISH AMERICAN

Masterman, Joseph	Cpt.
Rutherford, Wm. H.	CO K 13th MN INF (in WWI and WWII)

WORLD WAR I

Beecroft, Albert	MN PFC Signal Corps
Ramsden, Charles J.	WWI??
Seifert, Frank L.	MN Sgt 161 Depot Brigade

WORLD WAR II

Benson, Ronald	US Army
Brosious, James E.	US ARMY
Brosious, William	US Army
Chizek, Shirley	June 14, 1944 to June 18,1946 U. S. Navy - PHM 2 c
Gimmestad, Richard A.	US NAVY
Grund, Robert	US NAVY
Guse, Wm.	Tech 4 US ARMY
Jordan, Robert	US NAVY
Kruger, Fred	US Navy, Seabee
Marshall, Warren	US NAVY
Masterman, Royal James	US NAVY
Michaletz, Raymond H.	Seabee
Peterson, David LeRoy	AVCAD US NAVY
Schilling, Clinton John	PFC US ARMY
Schoonover, Charles	MN SF 2 USNR
Stone, George D	US COAST GUARD
Stone, Ronald S.	Navy Seal

MERCHANT MARINE

Carlson, Dale	
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KOREAN WAR

Brosious, William	US Army
Kruger, Roland	US Army
Speltz, Donald	US Army

VIETNAM WAR

Haire, Gerald	US Navy 1958-1961
Michaletz, Raymond A.	US Army
Welke, Harold "Skip"	US Navy

Others

Masterman, Daniel	(1856-1941)
Van Duren, Arthur Dale	(03/31/1919 - 12/30/2010) Army Air Corps

Current Veteran Members

Johnson, Ronald	US Navy
Benson, Darryl	
Christison, Dean A.	veteran of the Korean War: 1957 – 1959 – US Army
Dahler, Jodi	UA Air Force
Collins, Robert C.	WWII

This is the current list of Veterans
 If you can provide any additional information or if you know of any incorrect information, please contact the Secretary with updates.
 Contact: Kathy Henke email: RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com
 Phone: 651-481-4021



Thank you for your donations

•The Rutherford Cemetery is a nonprofit cemetery governed by a board of trustees. We continue to incur costs for grass cutting, tree trimming, plowing, liability insurance premiums, postage, maintenance and improvements; just to name a few. This makes the Association extremely dependent on donations and we want to sincerely thank all of those who have generously donated to the Association – both in the past and in the future. Remember too that all donations are tax deductible.

•We would like to acknowledge those who have so generously donated funds, time, or goods throughout 2010. In these tough financial times, we thank you sincerely for remembering Rutherford Cemetery.

•If you'd like to send a donation, please contact Ron Johnson or Kathy Henke through RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com or mail to:

The Rutherford Cemetery Association,
C/o 5264 Stillwater Blvd North, Stillwater, MN 55082.

2011 Donations to-date	In Memory of
Florence Emme	Arlene Peterson
2010 Donations	In Memory of
Kahl & Clara Slayhi	donation
Maxine Enfield	A tree in memory of Husband, Frank Enfield
Leslie Dorendorf	A tree in memory of parents Jeanette & Royal Masterman
Khal Slayhi, David Stone, Ron Johnson, Bob Wilfer	Installation of the new 'Rules' Sign
Joe Joslin & his dad Bob	Web site set up & yearly upkeep in memory of his mom/wife (Millie)
Ronald & Joan Johnson	Leonard Seifert
Ruth & Reinhold Guse	Leonard Seifert
Iona Holsten	Leonard Seifert
Maxine Enfield	Leonard Seifert
June McComas	Ramsden Family (Erin Anderson's Mom)
Kathy Henke	donation
Dick & Beryl Schoonover	Charles Schoonover
Corey Welke, Mathey Sign & Design, Inc.	Donated the new cemetery "Rules" sign
Elizabeth Welke	Skip Welke
Ruth & Reinhold Guse	Daniel Masterman
Doris M. Nelson & Debra L. Magnuson	Daniel Masterman
Ron & Joan Johnson	Daniel Masterman
Mr. Larry Maslowski, VFW Post 323	Generosity in supporting the RCA on Memorial Day
John C. Jentink	donation
Dick/Beryl Schoonover	Charles Schoonover



Rules Of The Rutherford Cemetery Association

Rules as at April 13, 2010

1. All graves must be ground level.
2. All headstones must be level with the ground.
3. Monuments are no longer allowed on the old cemetery area. A family marker or monument, if used in the new cemetery area, is to be placed on the east end of the family lot with a ground level footing of light material extending a minimum of four inches beyond the marker on all sides.
4. A head stone or marker must be placed within twelve months after burial. A lot must be paid in full before a head stone or marker is placed.
5. All headstone bases shall be predrilled to accommodate urn stands. All urn stands must be placed in predrilled holes or adjacent to the head stone.
6. In case of vandalism, damage caused by the elements, common enemy, thieves, malicious mischief makers, explosions, invasion, insurrections, riots, etc. in Rutherford Cemetery, lot owners or their descendant shall be responsible for any damage incurred. If a lot owner is deceased and there are not direct descendants, Rutherford Cemetery Association will attempt to repair the damage.
7. Casket burial vaults shall be required in Rutherford Cemetery. They must be made of cement or a material approved by the cemetery association.
8. Two overburials of cremains in approved caskets or three urns will be allowed on an existing grave. No more than two cremain caskets or three urns will be allowed per burial lot. The top of said container(s) shall be no less than 18 inches from ground surface.
9. Burial prices: refer to Lot Salesman for current rates
10. Rutherford Cemetery will assess a \$15.00 transfer fee if a person sells (or gives) a lot to another person.
11. Twenty five percent (25%) of this amount is designated to the permanent care fund.
12. No artificial flowers nor flowers or plants are to be planted on the graves. The cemetery grounds committee reserves the right to remove any tree, shrub, vine, plant, flower, or any other object which may become unsightly, dangerous, or not in keeping with the landscape design of the cemetery. This also includes the placing of vases or other containers for flowers at ground level.
13. Annual salaries to be paid are:
 - Lot Salesperson \$200.00
 - Treasurer \$200.00
 - Secretary \$200.00
14. A fall meeting of the Board shall be held at the discretion of the President.
15. Definitions:
 - A family marker or monument is a stone designating a family lot of four contiguous lots.
 - A monument is a stone greater than two feet high that can be used either as a family lot marker or a headstone.
 - A marker is a stone of two feet wide and eighteen inches high that can be used either as a family lot marker or headstone.
 - A headstone is flush with the ground and will designate an individual lot but may contain multiple names.

A reminder to all members regarding grave markers or monuments.

- Any marker or monument must have prior approval from the Ground and Improvement Committee before proceeding. Contact Ron Johnson
- Any marker or monument must comply with the current specifications as laid down by the current Board.

THAT MAN ON THE LOG? HE'S A FARMER

**A PIECE OF ST. CROIX VALLEY HISTORY EMBLAZONED
ON A STORE MURAL HAS A STORY OF ITS OWN.**

The photograph is iconic Stillwater, a city with history around every corner. It's sold on postcards and in framed prints, graces book covers and was transformed into a mural on the wall of a Main Street store seen by thousands of tourists.

The year is 1884, the peak of the St. Croix Valley logging boom. A massive logjam has occurred on the St. Croix River, and a photographer captures the scene, along with about a dozen people standing or sitting, looking expectantly at the camera. One figure who sticks out, literally, is a man perched jauntily, and precariously, on the end of a log jammed into the morass at a crazy angle.

It is often presumed that those in the photo are lumberjacks or, more specifically, the log drivers known as "river pigs" who had the perilous job of rafting the white pine timber down the Namekagon and St. Croix rivers to the mills in Stillwater and other cities.

But a closer look finds that most of the figures are in their Sunday best, some wearing straw hats. And the man looking a little uncomfortable from his lofty vantage point? He's Edward Ramsden, a farmer who apparently just wanted to get into the picture, according to his granddaughter, Dorothy Koepcke. Little did he know he would be gaining a snippet of immortality.

"The story is, the family had been to church, and they were on their way home, and they went to see this dam that had been created," said Koepcke, who now lives near Los Angeles. She still has cousins in the Stillwater area, but is likely Ramsden's last direct descendant.
[correction to article: *but is likely Ramsden's oldest living direct descendant.*]

Ramsden was born in 1864, making him about 20 years old when the photo was taken. She remembers her grandfather as a serious man who had farmed all his life before moving into Stillwater in retirement. When she was 6, in 1931, she and a younger cousin were called to his deathbed.

"We had been playing, and someone told us 'Come in and be by grandpa's bed,'" she said. "And he just stopped breathing."

Such was the custom of the time, Koepcke said, and she doesn't recall it as traumatic. The house where her grandfather died was on Myrtle Street W. Today, about a mile to the east, at the corner of Myrtle St. E. and Main Street, his image stands, larger than life, on the mural seen by hundreds of people each day. Tourists often stop to snap a picture.

Painting the mural

Artist Randall Raduenz, who has painted more than two dozen murals in and on Stillwater buildings, said it took about six or eight weeks to paint the logjam scene.

Raduenz, whose own grandfather was a log roller, did the work with an assistant in the summer of 2007 on the former Pulp Fashion building (Pulp Fashion, now Mara-Mi, moved down Main Street).

"It was pretty warm. We'd start early and quit before the sun got too hot," said Raduenz, who is part-owner of the nearby Stillwater Art Guild Gallery. "Painting on the hot brick made the colors hard to blend."

The scene was picked by building owner Greg Gartner, and Raduenz used the building's big slabs of block as a guiding grid to transfer the design. On the windows, he used a pressure-sensitive film instead of paint to complete the scene while still allowing light to pass through.

Logjams like the one in the mural were a common aggravation during the lumber boom, said Brent Peterson, executive director of the Washington County Historical Society. It wasn't unusual for families to pack up and go take a look.

"Up in the Dalles of the St. Croix, the stream narrows, and what happens is, one log gets stuck, then another goes on top of that, then another and another," he said. Logs at the bottom were eventually rammed into the riverbed. It often took weeks to unclog. The river pigs would look futilely for a "key log," but the common solution was dynamite. The famous 1884 photo was taken near Taylors Falls, a common pinching point. "It's not really an image of Stillwater per se, but is an image of the lumber industry" that was pivotal to the region's development, Peterson said.



Update to this article:

Ancestors of Edward Ramsden, with a connection to RCA, are:

- Ron Johnson
- Dorothy Koepcke
- Ann Mastro (nee Ramsden)
- June McComas (nee Ramsden)
- Bruce Ramsden
- and their respective families

In Closing....

Each of us has an opportunity to serve our association, to create a cemetery that helps to heal our losses, to celebrate life and to preserve our heritage.

If you are interested in taking a more active part in the Rutherford Cemetery Association, please contact any one of the board members listed below or email us at: RutherfordCemeteryAssociation@hotmail.com

Term of Office

The Current Board

Khal Slayhi	President	2010-2013
Ronald Johnson	Vice-President	2008-2011
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Kathy Henke	Secretary	2009-2012

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