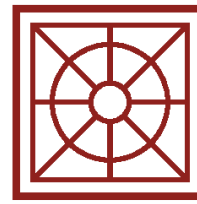


Research Guide: Locating a Grave at Prospect Hill Cemetery



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Historic Cemetery & Arboretum

Burials at Omaha's historic Prospect Hill Cemetery, located at 3202 Parker Street, Omaha, Nebraska, began before the cemetery was officially established in 1858. The cemetery has had a long and sometimes turbulent history and not all burials were properly documented. In addition, many remains were removed and relocated. When researching a burial at Prospect Hill Cemetery, please consider the following:

- remains may have been disinterred and reinterred elsewhere, sometimes in another location within the cemetery
- documents may have incorrect information, including newspaper articles such as obituaries, vital records such as death certificates, and even documents at Prospect Hill Cemetery
- spelling variations were frequent and should be considered
- verify the individual is buried at *this* Prospect Hill Cemetery – there is another in Douglas County, Nebraska in the city of Elkhorn
- Not all burials at Prospect Hill Cemetery were documented

We are always happy to assist in finding the location of a grave. The cemetery is managed purely by volunteers. To submit a request to locate a burial, for a records search, or to request an appointment to meet at the cemetery, please email prospecthillcemeteryomaha@gmail.com.

Location

Section

There are three sections of Prospect Hill Cemetery. In order to locate the grave, it is imperative to know the section of the cemetery where the burial was made. We can make no assumptions regarding where a burial is located. Each section can contain burials for any year.

The Old Part

The northern most section of the cemetery, sometimes referred to as “the wheel” or “the spokes”. This section contains lots numbered 1-1009.

The First Addition

The center portion of the cemetery. This section contains lots numbered 1-234 and 392-671. To clarify, there are no lots numbered 235-391 in the first addition.

The Second Addition

The southeastern portion of the cemetery. This section contains lots numbered 1-74.

Plot or Lot

The terms plot and lot are interchangeable at Prospect Hill Cemetery. These are measured sections containing a certain number of grave spaces. Some lots are uniform in size containing twelve graves – two side by side east to west, six north to south. However, there are sections in the Old Part that are triangular in shape and contain a unique number of grave spaces. There are lots in every section that were laid out to contain up to twenty graves.

In short, lots at Prospect Hill Cemetery are not uniform in size, dimension, or layout.



3202 Parker Street, Omaha, NE 68111

Access this document online at: <https://tinyurl.com/PHCRsearch>

Graves

Knowing the grave number as listed in a lot is important in locating the actual location of the grave.

Resources

Requests for look-ups of burial permits, plot books, and interment lists can be sent to prospecthillcemeteryomaha@gmail.com and the records management team will provide digital copies of the pertinent documents.

Burial Permits

Most burials at Prospect Hill Cemetery have a burial permit. There are exceptions to this rule. Some permits were inadvertently destroyed, and some never existed.

Many burial permits do not indicate the section of the cemetery where the burial took place, though it may provide hints on where to look.

If the grave location is noted, it may not list the grave numbers as we organize the lots today. Many earlier permits will list the grave location similar to *east side grave 2*. When looking at the plot map (which is discussed below), this would not be grave 2 of the lot. It would be the second grave from the north in the east side of the lot.

NOTE: read the entire permit. Many times when remains were reinterred elsewhere, there is a note on the burial permit indicating they were "removed". Some burial permits were issued only for the removal of remains.

Most of the Prospect Hill Cemetery burial permits have been digitized by Creighton University and can be located at this web address: kokensparger.com/PHCBurialPermits/PHCBurialPermits.php

When using this website please note the following restrictions to the search engine.

- Entries must be entered EXACTLY as they were entered in the database
- Partial search and wildcard searches are not possible. If *mill* is entered in the LastName field, the returned results will **not** include Millard. If 12 is entered in the LotNumber field, only entries listed as lot 12 will be returned. If 12* or *12 is entered in the Lot Number field, no results will be returned
- Spelling variations should be considered. The search will not yield results if
 - there was a transcription error
 - the original record was spelled incorrectly/differently than the search entry
 - there was an error entering the information into the database
- Lot Number searches will yield results for lots in every section of the cemetery with that lot number

Plot Books

There are four plot books at Prospect Hill Cemetery that provide maps of the lots in the cemetery. The books are named as listed and contain the following plot maps:

- Volume 1-Old Part: Contains lots 1-507 of the Old Part except for any triangular lots
- Volume 2-Old Part Continued: Contains lots 508-1009 of the Old Part except for any triangular lots
- Volume 3-1st Addition: Contains lots 1 – 505 of the 1st Addition
- Volume 4-2nd Addition: Contains lots 506-672 of the 1st Addition, all triangular lots from the Old Part, and all lots for the 2nd Addition

These books are not available digitally. They are available to view on-site at the cemetery by appointment. Email us for lookups in these books. They are also available on microfilm at the Omaha Public Library in their Genealogy and Local History department.



Interment Lists

Index Cards

Most burials at Prospect Hill Cemetery have a corresponding index card. The information contained on the cards varies by burial. These have not been digitized and can be reviewed on-site at the cemetery by appointment only. Email us for lookups.

Books

An interment index was created through a volunteer effort in the 1990's. This index book is not digitized, but copies can be viewed on-site at the cemetery by appointment. Email us for lookups in this book. A copy is also held with the Omaha Public Library in their Genealogy and Local History department.

There is an additional interment book listing more recent burials. This book is not digitized but can be viewed on-site at the cemetery by appointment. Email us for lookups in this book.

Database

Through volunteer efforts, many burials at Prospect Hill Cemetery are listed in a [database](#) on the cemetery's [website](#).

Find-A-Grave

Not maintained by or affiliated with Prospect Hill Cemetery, findagrave.com is a crowd-sourced website and database where volunteers document burials. This website is a good resource to help locate a grave at Prospect Hill Cemetery, but these entries are made by volunteers and information could be incorrect.

Plot Map

A map showing the location of the numbered plots is available.

Contact Us

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