

History of Lambrecht Cemetery Association of Pierce County, Nebraska

1883-1938

Up from Willow Creek on the prairie in the western portion of Pierce County, NE, to the north about a mile, there is situated what is now called the Lambrecht Cemetery, an acre of prairie on the homestead claim of August Lambrecht originally set aside for the burial of the old settlers of the area and sadly, their young children.

The tragic reason creating the cemetery was the death due to diphtheria of two young boys of August and Louise Lambrecht, Louis and Phillip, days apart in January of 1883.



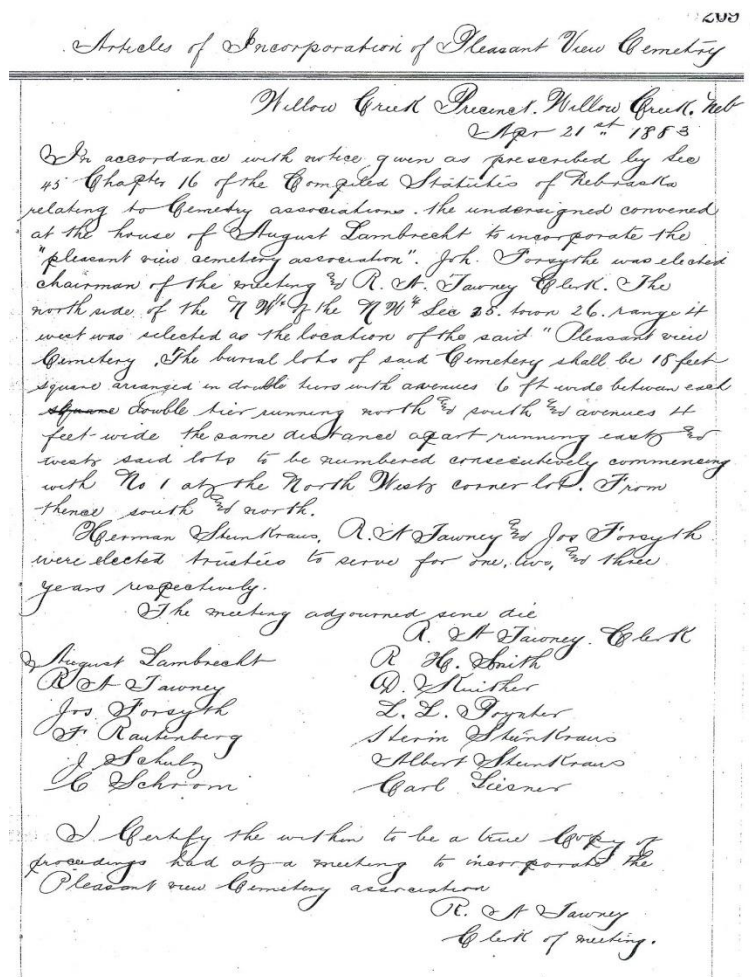
As the homesteaders and settlers of the Willow Creek area of western Pierce County began to fill in the Sections of the Willow Creek Township, they became numerous enough that there arose the need for the amenities of a civilized society such as post offices from which to send and receive mail, schools to educate their children, churches in which to profess their religious faith, and unfortunately, cemeteries in which to buried their loved ones. As in the Lambrecht family, the settlers and homesteaders in the Willow Creek area of Pierce County, Nebraska were in their childbearing and raising years meaning that the young adults/parents were not the ones dying but it was their young children who were susceptible to contracting the diseases of that era, especially diphtheria, and succumbing to those afflictions. From those unfortunate circumstances, a cemetery association was formed to provide a lasting place of rest for those children and adults living in the area would have a final resting place.

The cemetery association was formed on April 21, 1883 in the home of August Lambrecht, at which time, the following twelve individuals, serving as incorporators, to wit:

August Lambrecht
 R. A. Tawney
 Jos. Forsyth
 F. Rautenberg
 J. Schulz
 C. Schrom

R. H. Smith
 D. Kuther
 L. L. Poynter
 Herm Steinkraus
 Albert Steinkraus
 Carl Liesner

gathered there together to incorporate the Pleasant View Cemetery Association pursuant to Section 45, Chapter 16 (Sic. 11) of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska relating to cemetery associations. The new cemetery would be known as the Pleasant View Cemetery, located on the farm of August Lambrecht on the north side of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 26, Range 4 West of the 6th P.M., Pierce County, Nebraska.



The Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws adopted at the same time by the incorporators consisting of 11 Articles provided for the governance of the Pleasant View Cemetery Association. These Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws indicated that the burial Lots of said Cemetery were to be 18 feet square arranged in double tiers with avenues 6 foot wide between

each double tier running north and south and avenues 4 feet wide the same distance apart running east and west, said Lots to be numbered consecutively commencing with number 1 at the northwest corner Lot.

100 ASSOCIATION RECORD No. 1, PIERCE COUNTY.

PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.

Secretary's Journal.

By Laws enacted by Citizens of Willow Creek Precinct, Pierce County, Nebraska, at the house of August Lashrecht, on the 21st day of April, A.D. 1883.

Article 1st.

Feeling the necessity of suitable burial ground in this community we the undersigned hereby form ourselves into an association, to be called and known by the name of the Pleasant View Cemetery Association of Pierce Co., Nebr. for the purpose of procuring ground for a Cemetery and protecting the same according to Law.

Article 2nd.

Said Cemetery shall be located upon the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 25, Township 26 Range 4 West in Willow Creek Precinct Pierce County, State of Nebraska.

Article 3rd.

The burial Lots in said Cemetery shall be 18 feet square arranged in double tiers, with avenues 6 feet wide between each tier running north and south and avenues 4 feet wide between each tier running east and west. The lots to be numbered consecutively commencing with No. 1 at the N West corner lot thence south and north.

Article 4

The price of burial lots purchased and paid for prior to the 15th day of May A.D. 1885 shall be one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) the price of all burial lots thereafter shall be two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50).

Article 5th.

Four lots in the South East corner of Cemetery are to be reserved for a potter's field.

Article 6th.

Any person tendering the price to the proper officer will be entitled to select any lot not already purchased and shall receive a sufficient title to the same.

Article 7th.

Any person owning a lot or lots in said Cemetery and signing these by Laws shall be a member of this association, and be entitled to one vote at any meeting.

Article 8th.

The members of this association shall meet once in each year to elect a trustee and transact such other business as necessary. Said meeting shall be on the first Saturday in March of each year. A notice in writing shall be posted at two public places in the precinct at least ten days prior to said meeting. The trustees shall further have power to call meetings when they think necessary by giving notice as provided above.

Article 9th.

The government of this association shall be in the hands of three trustees; one to serve until the first Saturday in March A.D. 1884; one to serve until the first Saturday in March A.D. 1885; and one to serve until the first Saturday in March A.D. 1886; thereafter the successors of the trustees elected upon the day of organizing shall serve for three years, one of said trustees shall be president of the board, one secretary and one treasurer. Said board of trustees are to be vested with all powers granted by the revised statutes of Nebraska. The secretary shall have power to dispose of burial lots, and have in his possession all papers pertaining to said cemetery and belonging to this association. The secretary shall be provided with a well bound blank book in which he shall keep a true and correct record of all business transacted by him for this association. In the intervals of the annual meetings to be examined by the lot owners at that time. He shall also keep therein a record of meetings of the Association.

Thereafter, the aforementioned incorporators authorized W. E. Bishop, the Pierce County Surveyor, to cause a survey to be made of said Cemetery. On May 16, 1883, W. E. Bishop created a Plat of the Pleasant View Cemetery, the Cemetery containing one acre, in which there were 25

Article 10

A majority vote of all members present at any meeting shall decide all questions, in case of a tie vote the president of the board of trustees who shall preside at all meetings, shall cast the deciding vote.

Article 11th.

The foregoing by Laws may be changed or amended by a two third vote of all members present at any regular Annual meeting.

Nov 11, 1889

At the Annual meeting held at the Ramsey School house on the above named date, Article 4 of the By Law was amended to read as follows; from this date price of lots shall be \$4.50.

F. Birch, Sec.

May 20, 1928.

Article 4 was amended to read as follows; hereafter all lots shall sell at \$10.00 each.

Homer Birch, Secretary.

(Name of Lot-owners.)

Charter members.

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| No. 42 August Lashrecht, | \$1.50 |
| No. 43 Rufus A. Ramsey, | \$1.50 |
| No. 41 Joseph Foreyth, | \$1.50 |
| No. 40 Fred Bartschberg, | \$1.50 |
| No. 37 Julius Schultz | \$1.50 |
| No. 44 Chris Brown | \$1.50 |
| No. 39 R.H. Smith, | \$1.50 |
| No. 40 Frank Burck, | \$1.50 |
| No. 48 D. Naether Sr, | \$1.50 |
| No. 40 L.L. Poynter, (Cancelled) | \$1.50 Sold to Mary Raymond |
| No. 48 Herman Steinkraus | \$1.50 |
| No. 45 Albert Steinkraus | \$1.50 |
| No. 44 Carl Liesner | \$1.50 |
| No. 38 C. Ulrich | \$1.50 |
| No. 40 August Hayer | \$1.50 |
| No. 39 S.W. Kinkaid, | \$1.50 |
| No. 38 Geo. W. Kinkaid | \$1.50 |
| No. 33 I.G. Barnes | \$1.50 |
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| No. 79 John Kerr | \$2.50 |
| No. 80 Robert Kerr | \$2.50 |
| No. 78 James Kerr | \$2.50 |
| No. 61 George Vinson | \$2.50 |
| No. 35 W. Gray | \$2.50 |
| No. 27 August F. Buhlow | \$2.50 |
| No. 28 Mrs Mary Raymond | \$2.50 |
| No. 27 Mrs Ross Williams | \$2.50 |
| No. 72 Anton Pared | \$2.50 |
| No. 27 Wm. Kirtzins | \$2.50 |
| No. 29 N. Katsenberger | \$2.50 |
| No. 33 J. H. Neal | \$2.50 |

Record of meetings

Willow Creek Precinct, Pierce County, Nebraska. April 21st, 1883.

In accordance with notice given the undersigned convened at the house of August Lashrecht to incorporate a Cemetery Association. Joseph Foreyth was elected chairman of the meeting and Rufus A. Ramsey Clerk. The north side of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25 Township 26 Range 4 west was agreed upon as the location of the cemetery. Jos. Foreyth, R. A. Ramsey and Herman Steinkraus were elected trustees to serve three, two and one year respectively after adopting by laws. The association adjourned.

August Lashrecht.

Rufus A. Ramsey

Joseph Foreyth

F. Bartschberg

Julius Schultz

Christ Bohman

R. H. Smith

D. Naether

L. L. Poynter

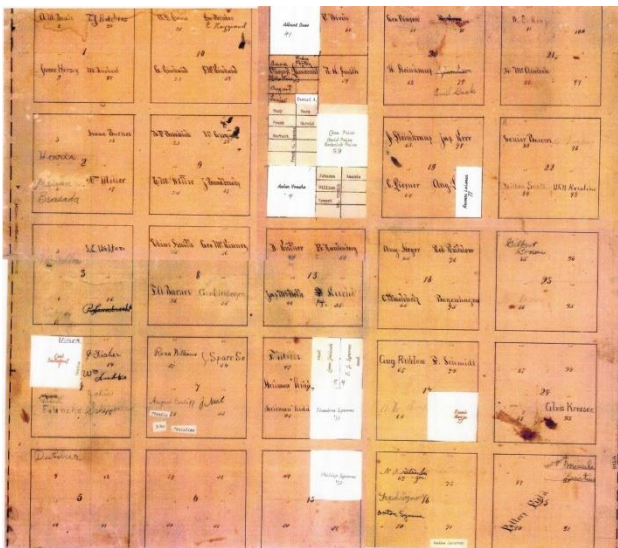
Herm. Steinkraus

Albert Steinkraus

Carl Liesner

S. W. Kinkaid

Geo. W. Kinkaid



Blocks, each Block being 36 feet by 36 feet in width and length; there were four Lots within each Block, each Lot being 18 feet by 18 feet in width and length and within each Lot, 8 Burial Spaces, each Burial Space being 4½ feet by 9 feet in width and length. In the Survey Record Book, at Page 17, in the office of the Pierce County Clerk/Register of Deeds, the notes

THE FOREGOING WERE COPIED FROM ORIGINAL BOUND RECORD OF THE PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION. AND INCLUDES COPY OF ANNUAL MEETINGS TO MARCH 24th, 1890. FILED FOR RECORD JUNE 17th, 1937, at P.M. H.J. Backlund, Deputy Clerk, by A.P. Gottsche Deputy.

of Bishop were recorded stating that the Pleasant View Cemetery Association was called the Willow Creek Cemetery Association.

RECORD BOOK.

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1888
CHAINS.
May 16th

Surveyed Cemetery for Willow Creek Cemetery Association on NW 1/4 25-26-4 Commencing at a point 5' Ch >> links East of NW Cor of said Sec said Cem being square & containing one acre more or less according to plat on file with said Association.

Day, Ebert, & Eldlar, Davenport.

Throughout the years, the aforementioned Cemetery was informally called the Tawney Cemetery due to its location near the schoolhouse of School District No. 22 of Pierce County, Nebraska, commonly known as the Tawney school.

On May 22, 1938, at a meeting of the members of the Association, the members approved an Amendment to the existing Articles of Association of the Cemetery changing the name of the Cemetery from the Pleasant View Cemetery Association to the Lambrecht Cemetery Association.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF
PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
OF
PIERCE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

The undersigned, President and Secretary of the Pleasant View Cemetery Association of Pierce county, Nebraska, hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the members of said Association, duly called and held at the cemetery of said Association on May 22, A. D. 1938, the following Resolution was adopted by a 11 to 0 vote of all members present and attending said meeting:

"Resolved, that Article 1st of the Articles of Association of this Association shall be amended to read as follows:

Article 1st
Feeling the necessity of providing suitable burial ground in this community, we hereby form ourselves into an Association to be called and known by the name of the Lambrecht Cemetery Association of Pierce county, Nebraska for the purpose of procuring ground for a cemetery and protecting the same according to law.

Resolved further, that the President and Secretary of this Association be and they hereby are authorized and directed to sign, acknowledge, record, publish and take all other necessary steps to make this Amendment effective."

In conformity with the above resolution, we, the President and Secretary of said Association, have executed and signed this instrument for and in behalf of said Association this 22 day of May, A. D. 1938.

E. A. Lambrecht
President
Homer Brach
Secretary.

Filed for record this 21st day of December, 1939 at 3 P.M. A. P. Gottsche, County Clerk