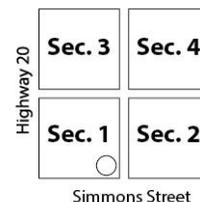


Stockton Ladies Union Cemetery Challenge list of people and grave decorations

The following persons are buried in sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 at Ladies Union Cemetery. The sections are bordered by Simmons Street on the west and Highway 20 to the west. Enter by the Ladies Union Cemetery Arch. *We ask that you respect the area where you walk as the final resting place for our forebearers.*



Sec.	Find the grave of...	Found!
1	Marvin Carpenter owned the principal portion of the land in Stockton at the time the young village was conceived. Carpenter's farmland lay south of what is currently Front Avenue. In 1887 he surveyed and divided a portion of his farmland into blocks, lots, streets, and alleys and sold his lots for reasonable prices, encouraging the growth of the village. He served as its mayor in 1988.	
	Merwin Kingsbury (M.K.) Hammond was an expert dairyman and acquired considerable land in 1888. He built the first grain elevator in Stockton, a two-story building on the south side of the railroad tracks. He served as township supervisor and organized the second bank in the Village of Stockton in 1891.	
	Helena (Lena) LaCock was one of the first milliners in Stockton. She also joined the group that produced and staged the play "School District" to raise money for the Ladies Union Cemetery Society's cemetery fund.	
	Fred Hermann and Theodore Hermann were brothers who ran the Hermann Brothers general store on West Front Street. In 1900 Fred opened a Furniture store next to the general store. He also got his embalming license and eventually moved the furniture and funeral businesses into the first floor of the Masonic temple. Theodore (Tede) was also a farmer.	
2	Walter Eaton was a Stockton attorney born in Pleasant Valley in 1872, and attended Mt. Carroll High School and the Fulton Academy. He never attended law school, but as was common in that era, sat for and passed the bar exam and practiced law in Stockton and the area for 53 years. His office was above Hermann's Clothing Store, now Stella's.	
3	Benjamin Franklin (BF) and Della Simmons. BF was a large and wealthy landowner and pioneer in the Stockton area. His wife Della Justus Simmons was a strong Stockton figure who helped found the Public Library. She also convinced BF to sell the prime farmland to the Village for the cemetery.	
	Mehitable "Mitty" Wait Moore Sharp , the wife of Dr. Charles Sharp was instrumental in having the World War I monument commissioned and placed in Railroad Park. She was a founder of the Stockton Woman's Club and its first president.	
	Peter M. Rhindesbacher was born in Stockton township in 1858. By 1887, he was a successful farmer and owned 320 acres of land. He realized the growing town would need a banking facility and so rented space in the O'Rourke Building on the corner of Main and Front Streets (now the site of Stella's) and started the first bank. He also started a second grain elevator to compete with M.K. Hammond's grain enterprise.	
	J.N. Sharp, MD was a pioneer physician and druggist who came to Stockton from Morseville in 1888 after serving as a Union Army surgeon. He built a fine block of brick buildings on Main Street.	
	Alvira Claypool Rindesbacher was born in Woodbine in 1832, into a family of 6 brothers, (which may explain her strong support for women's suffrage!) She was also a primary investor in the first bank in Stockton, started by her very community-minded son, PM Rindesbacher. She died in 1919 at the age of 80.	
4	Lucius D. Benton was one of the early pioneers of the village of Stockton. He acquired 120 acres of farmland (north of Front Ave. and west of Main Street) that later became part of the village.	
	Prestone Valentine Goodmiller was a well-known architect. He was regarded as one of the most competent architects in this section and had drawn plans for the city hall, Holy Cross parsonage, the High School, and other public structures. He learned the carpenter trade from his father John Goodmiller.	
	George and Huldah Justus. George was known as Squire Justus and was an important citizen of JDC. He was a Justice of the Peace, school treasurer, postmaster and secretary of the Stockton Wards Grove Insurance Co. Huldah was a pioneer who came here in a wagon pulled by oxen. She became a teacher, and at age 70, an editor on the newspaper.	

Other things to look for at the Cemetery:

Looking for:	Found!
Find someone with the same name as you (first or last).	
Find an all-white tombstone	
Find a tombstone with an angel on it	
Find a tombstone with a red cardinal figurine	
Find a grave of a soldier	
Find a tombstone that has a year before 1850 on it	
Find a tombstone with an animal on it	
Find a tombstone with a name of more than 9 letters	
Find a tombstone that looks like a log(s)	
Find a tombstone of a person born in Ireland	
Find a tombstone of a hand holding a bible	
Find a tombstone of a person born in Germany	
Find a tombstone with a butterfly	
Find a tree stump tombstone, with ivy, flowers, and a rope	
Find a heart shaped tombstone	
Find a tombstone with a scenic view of mountains and pine trees.	
Find a tombstone with two holding hands	
Find a tombstone with a tractor and cow.	
Find a tombstone with only the letter K	
Find a tombstone with a guitar	
Find a tombstone that lists the person's occupation on the back.	
Find a tombstone that list the persons age in years, months and days	

Keep track of some other interesting markings	Found!