

Hazel Dell Cemetery, Pottawattamie County, Iowa

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Notes:

- Added to the Local History area of the Big Pigeon website 20 Jul '17.
- Hazel Dell Cemetery adjoins the Hazel Dell Methodist Church in southern Hazel Dell Township, about eight miles north of downtown Council Bluffs, Iowa.
- This report is part of my ongoing study of the early history of rural northwestern Pottawattamie County.
- A companion report, *Hazel Dell Cemetery Burials*, lists individuals from my *St. Paul's* database who are interred in the Hazel Dell Cemetery. My companion report includes names and birth and death dates.

In producing this report, I have used three major sources.

- The 1980s *stone index* produced by the Botna Valley Genealogical Society by reading the Hazel Dell Cemetery stones.
- Today's *findagrave.com*, which contains 783 Hazel Dell Cemetery records, many with obituaries or partial family trees.
- My *St. Paul's* database, containing entries for over 36,000 individuals having family ties to rural northwestern Pottawattamie County, Iowa.

More information is in the *Hazel Dell Cemetery Sources* section.

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Brief History of the Hazel Dell Cemetery and Methodist Church

- The area around the Hazel Dell church and cemetery was the site of Allred's Camp, from 1847 to 1853, where some Mormon families stayed prior to crossing to Utah.
- A precursor Presbyterian church was evidently established in Hazel Dell Township in 1871 and disbanded in 1884.
- 1875 – The Records of the Presbyterian Church in the United States: Home Mission appointment of the Rev. T. K. Hedges to Logan and Hazel Dell, IA.
- 1880 - First known burial.

Hazel Dell Cemetery Wall of Honor

No entries in this section yet.

Hazel Dell Cemetery Sources

I list my general sources in the **Resources > Big Pigeon Links** page of my website, bigpigeon.us. This section mostly lists sources specific to the Hazel Dell Cemetery.

On-line sources:

- The Winter Quarters Project (winterquarters.byu.edu/pages/townships.aspx)

On-line Hazel Dell Cemetery burial information:

- BillionGraves.com - 131 records as of Feb '17.
- FindAGrave.com – 783 records w/ 76% photographed as of Jul '17.
- IowaGravestones.org - 617 records as of Feb '17. I believe this is mostly due to the work of Chris Wilkin around 2005.

Printed sources:

- The "**stone index**:" The Hazel Dell Cemetery gravestones were read around 1983 and the results transcribed into a book (Volume 2, Book 1, first part) produced by the Botna Valley Genealogical Society. This index is quite accurate, but it does not include burials since 1983 and those burials before 1983 that lacked stones.

This gravestone index for the Hazel Dell Cemetery is one of many prepared by the Botna Valley Genealogical Society. You can see a complete list for West Pottawattamie County in my **Big Pigeon Links** webpage.

General Sources checked:

- ancestry.com, which includes US and Iowa censuses through 1940, many Council Bluffs city directories, and numerous family databases.
- Social Security Death Index (SSDI).
- Other Pottawattamie County sources listed in **Big Pigeon Links**.

Female Hazel Dell Burials - Maiden Name Unknown
 (taken from my St. Paul's database)
 ("*" denotes known burial in Hazel Dell Cemetery)

Husband	Maiden	Wife First Name	Birth	Death
* Angerth, George M., 1882 - 1947	unknown	* Rose	abt 1886 England	1963
* Arbaugh, Gerald "Jerry" 1933 - 2016	unknown	Josephine	intentionally blank	still living
* McIntosh, Glen E., 1928 - 1971	unknown	* Joanne M.	24 Apr 1931	8 Jan 1977
Osborn, John Lee, burial place unknown	unknown (1st wife)	* Nellie A.	abt 1 Jun 1846	19 Oct 1889
* Pedersen, Soren, 1847 - 1924	unknown	* Ane Kirstine	2 Feb 1854	23 Jul 1934
* Peterson, Christen, 1833 - 1913	unknown	* Mary	3 Jun 1843	13 May 1914
* Smith, Howard, 1894 - 1981	unknown (2nd wife)	* Clara J.	8 Nov 1890	14 Jun 1971
Springer, George W. 1809-1896 bur. Valley Cem., NE	unknown	* Hannah	16 Feb 1811 England	27 Dec 1892
* Swanger, Roger Roy 1938 - 2014	unknown	* S. Karlene	3 Dec 1939	3 Aug 1996
unknown	unknown immi. ~ 1887; mother of Mrs. Hans P. Peterson	* Maren S.	23 Apr 1825	26 Aug 1902
* Watkins, Harry A., 1919 - 1995	unknown	* Ruby J.	7 Oct 1929	4 Jul 1973

Hazel Dell Burials in the 1980s Stone Index but not in St. Paul's Database

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2	Christensen, Christen, 23 Oct 1866 - 11 Jun 1876, s/o M. W. & Anne Christensen	Findagrave.com stone inscription: may have died in 1877
2	Smith: Guy C., 20 Dspt (sic) - 23 Apr 1877 - Apr 1877 & Clemens D., 11 Oct 1869 - 9 Apr 1877 c/o H. & N. A.	ancestry.com: c/o Hopkins Smith & Nancy Ann Conklin who came from east, stayed a few years, and continued to Julesburg, CO.
2	Barrett (sic): <i>John J., 6 Jul 1840, s/o L. & M. Barrett</i> Harry H., 15 Jan 1879, s/o L. M. & M. Barrett <i>Garret, s/o L & M. Barrett</i>	John J. (d. ~ 1851) and Garret (d. 1840) are Lemuel & Mary Ann Barritt children who died prior to Hazel Dell Cemetery. They are in my <i>St. Paul's</i> database. Harry H. Barritt is unknown.
2	Mortensen, Christian, 1832 - 1906	Can't find on-line Dec '16
3	Terry, Harold Glenn, 1931	Pott. Co. Death Index: age 6 months
4	Lowry, William, 31 May 1913, age 90y & Sarah Ann 18 Sep 1901, age 72y	1885 Hazel Dell census: childless; see probate record.
5	Kannedy, (sic) Nathan Duane, 7 Feb 1980 - 7 Feb 1980	
5	Conaway, Jeffery Wayne, 26 Sep 1963 - 28 Jan 1967 Son	Buried near probable grandparents Harry & Edna (Sales) Conaway.
6	Heist, G. F., 14 Apr 1883, 69y 9m 10d, w/o John Heist Marshall, Jennie, Jan 1879, 6y	Heist family came from Virginia w/ dau. Laura Jennie d/o Lorenzo D. Marshall & Laura Heist who m. 1871/2; Lorenzo s/o Alexander Marshall, early Pott. Co. settler. No known relatives in Pott. Co.
7	Morris, husband/ wife: Morris N., 9 Nov 1830 - 10 Aug 1883; Susan, 18 Sep 1829 - 8 Jan 1915 Ace, Charles J., 27 May 1916	See MorrisMorris database. Born in Wales; Morris & Susan Morris went to Utah 1856, backtrailed 1861. They lived just west of Weston; childless. Charles and Willie Ace were nephews; see probate records for more relatives.
7	Jensen, Bruce H., b. & d. 20 Jun 1943	
7	Ryan, John Fitzgerald & Dean Allen, Nov 1967	
8	Coldwell, Elmer A. 31 Dec 1885 - 3 Apr 1928	See findagrave.com. Elmer s/o Andrew Jackson Coldwell & Florence Modene Collins; maybe from MO

	Florence 1860 (sic) - 24 Apr 1936 Mother	Florence b. Bartow Co., GA 25 Nov 1861 d/o John Franklin Collins & Mary Jane Stanford; married Andrew Jackson Caldwell (sic); d. Howell Co., MO 24 Apr 1936.
9	Mitz, William, 24 Oct 1881, age 11y, s/o John and Susannah	Mother may be Susannah Roberts; father may be a soldier. 1880 census: not found.
9	Fienhold, Joseph Z, 1921 - 1960	See Fienhold database and familysearch.org.
11	Iverson, Anton, 1852 - 1921 & Anna Marie, 1852 - 1919, husband / wife Anders, 1878 - 1898, son Matilda, 1884 - 1899, daughter Iverson, Ellen, 1879 - 1939	See IversenAnton database. findagrave.com: Stone says "Iversen". Anton & son Christian "Chris" were long-time Weston blacksmiths / machinists. Ellen b. NE d/o John H. Andersen & Ann Hansen; m. Chris Iversen 1920-24. Chris & Ellen: 1925 & 1930 Hazel Dell.
11	Westby, Lester Joseph, 7 Jul 1906 - 8 Mar 1980	1925 in Allamakee Co.; married Hyacinth Danaher; sign painter in Omaha; divorced?: SSDI: last res. Council Bluffs.
11	Jensen, A. Nels, 1877 - 1938	Bachelor, RLDS, mother's maiden name Sorensen; may have obit.
11	McMillian, Arthur, 13 Mar 1877 - 18 Apr 1964, Father & Bertha, 9 Apr 1879 - 21 Sep 1960, Mother	Can't find on-line Dec '16.
12	Petersen, Nels, 1863 - 1942	immi. 1885, single laborer in Weston 1900 - 1940
14	McElroy, Darry, 1955 - 1956, in loving memory	
15	Urban, Nellie Ann, 1914 - 1983	SSDI: 26 Jul 1914 - Jul 1983; issued KS 1968; res. Wichita, Sedgwick Co., KS
15	Coffelt, Baby b & d 2 Dec 1915	
15	Jensen, Catharine, 29 Jun 1892, age 29y 8d, w/o J. James	
16	McKee, Lauretta M., 1904 - 1950, Mother	can't locate on-line
17	Jensen, Andrew, 14 Dec 1860 - 27 Jul 1930 & Maria 13 Feb 1865 - 15 Apr 1931, husband / wife	See Jensen_Andrew+Maria database. Carpenter in Hazel Dell Twp. for many years, childless, nephews Alfred and George Nelson lived in Pott. Co.
17	Gilbraith, Edward M., 25 Jun 1835 - 7 Sep 1900	1900 Hazel Dell: farmer b. NY; wife Sarah b. IL; m. 16y, no kids.

18	Comstock, Marie, 1932 - 1981	Maybe daughter-in-law of Howard Comstock. SSDI: Marie Comstock, 16 Jul 1932 - Oct 1981, last res. Crescent.
18	Fields, Viola V., 9 Aug 1896 - 19 Aug 1967	1954-59: w/o William A. Fields trash hauler in Council Bluffs; SSDI: issued KY bef 1951; last res. Omaha.
19	Nelson, Temple R., 28 Jun 1958 - 2 Jul 1958 Nelson, George M. b & d 29 Jun 1959	buried alongside each other
19	Newkirk, Jason Allen, 3 Apr - 11 May 1972	
20	Opperman, Gilbert C., 1905 - 1973 & Lillie, 1911 - _____	See Opperman-Donohoo database & findagrave.com Gilbert 1925 Crawford Co.; Lillie b. Olson
20	McCormick, Keith E., 14 Nov 1976, "Our darling son, we love you"	stone adjoins Robert Pendgraft's stone
21	Drake, Kenneth F., 11 Nov 1960 - 6 Jan 1980	SSDI: issued NE 1971, last ben. Council Bluffs. s/o James "Fred" Drake & Elnora "Nordie" Hite who married Pott. Co. 1955. findagrave.com: Fred 1935 - 2006 also buried Hazel Dell.
21	Rigby, Steven Earl, 4 Dec 1951 - 26 Aug 1981	SS b. Omaha, issued IA, benefit Park Rapids, MN; mother's maiden name Basil
21 & 22	Ryan, Roy R., 17 Jan 1948 - 28 Apr 1974, Brother Ryan, Roy R., 17 Jan 1948 - 28 Apr 1974, Pvt. US Marine Corps	middle name may be "Reuben" died in Lake Manawa. findagrave.com Dec '16: no additional info. SSDI: issued MN 1961. military: joined 20 Jan 1965., released 8 Mar 1966. Minnesota Marriages: Roy R. Ryan 25 and Vickie Kannenberg 19 married St. Lus 6-15-73.
22	Lundberg: Jason Dean, 19 May 1980, age 5m 29d & Theodore James, 17 Nov 1974	buried alongside each other
22	Struble, Leora B., 1920 - 1982	Leora B. (Polly) Struble w/o Warren Wesley Struble of Rt. 4, Council Bluffs. findagrave.com: b. 15 Mar 1920 in Whiting, IA d/o Raymond Polly & Florence Fletcher; d. 20 May 1982 in Council Bluffs

		Warren Wesley Struble b. 17 Mar 1917 Castana, IA; d. Apr 1987 Council Bluffs:
22	Van Nordstrand, Hallee, 1980 - 1983	Nonpareil obits 19, 20 & 21 Jul 1983: Hallee Kem Van Nordstrand; findagrave.com stone: Halles Kem Van Nordstrand 19 May 1980 - 19 Jul 1983. Also in Cem.: Charles R. VanNordstrand SP4 US Army 20 Apr 1952 - 21 Dec 1999 (see Nonpareil obit)

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Name	Birth Date	Death (d) or Burial (b) Date	Notes
Waldron, Schuyler	~ 1821	d. 8 Mar 1901, b. 10 Mar 1901	retired Methodist minister from Wisconsin; d. at home of S. Tyndale in Weston; no stone