

CEMETERY DRIVING INSRUCTIONS

*****LOOK FOR PINK FLAGS MARKING GRAVESITES*****

1. ENTER THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CEMETERY ON THE WEST SIDE (LEFT) OF OAKWOOD STREET.
2. IMMEDIATELY ON THE LEFT YOU PASS BY THE GRAVE SITE OF HELEN HIRT HIEBEL, THE THIRD CHILD OF LEW HIRT.
3. DRIVE STRAIGHT AHEAD TO THE HAYES MONUMENT. THIS IS THE FAMILY PLOT OF THE RUTHERFORD B. HAYES FAMILY. HAYES WAS FROM FREMONT AND BECAME THE NINETEENTH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
4. BEAR LEFT THEN RIGHT. ON THE LEFT YOU WILL SEE THE SCHEPFLIN FAMILY (SAM HIRT) MONUMENTS. LOOK FOR THE WHITE AND PURPLE FLOWERS. NOTICE THE MARKERS OF EMMA AND WILLIAM SCHEPFLIN. SAM'S DAUGHTER EMMA, MARRIED WILLIAM SCHEPFLIN. YOU WILL HEAR MORE ABOUT THEM LATER ON IN THE TOUR.
5. BEAR LEFT.
6. AT THE CROSS ROAD TURN RIGHT. YOU WILL IMMEDIATELY SEE THE GRAVE SITES OF CASPER, VERENA AND THEIR SONS JOHN HENRY AND ADLOPH. ALSO ED AND CARRIE HIRT AND THEIR SON VINCENT. NEXT FRANK AND LOUISA HIRT AND THEIR SONS JOHN CASPER AND CHESTER. AND FINALLY, CHESTER'S SON CLARENCE AND HIS WIFE CHRISTINE.

7. CONTINUE AROUND THE CIRCLE. BEAR RIGHT. CONTINUE RIGHT. BEAR RIGHT AGAIN. YOU WILL BE BACK AT THE CROSSROAD. THIS TIME, TURN LEFT TOWARD THE "TOBIAS CORNELIUS" STONE.
8. TURN RIGHT AT THE FLAG POLE.
9. BEAR RIGHT AND **UP THE HILL**. STRAIGHT AHEAD IS THE HIRT MARKER. YOU WILL FIND SAM AND SARAH HIRT, THEIR DAUGHTER CHARLOTTE AND SON HENRY.
10. TURN RIGHT AND FOLLOW THE FENCE AROUND THE CEMETERY.
11. TURN LEFT AND CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE FENCE AROUND.
12. TURN RIGHT AT THE CIRCLE WITH THE MILITARY GRAVES AND CANNON. DRIVE TOWARD THE MAUSOLEUM.
THE LEW HIRT BURIAL SITE IS ON THE LEFT BY THE MAUSOLEUM. OTHER LEW HIRT FAMILY MEMBERS ARE ALSO BURIED HERE: PAUL AND RUTH HIRT PEFFLY (THE DAUGHTER THAT MARRIED THE GRACE CHURCH MINISTER'S SON), LEW'S WIFE CLARA, THEIR SON ALFRED AND TWO SMALL STONES FOR JOSEPH AND JOHN ZILLES. THE TWO SMALL STONE ARE THE INFANT SONS OF GRACE HIRT ZILLES AND WALTER ZILLES. THE TWINS ARE BURIED ABOVE ALFRED.
13. BEAR RIGHT, THEN LEFT AND CONTINUE AROUND THE CIRCLE. PASS BY THE MAUSOLEUM AND THE LEW HIRT STONE AGAIN. CONTINUE STRAIGHT.
14. TURN RIGHT AT THE "NICKLE" STONE.
15. LOOK FOR THE **ZILLES** STONE UNDER THE TWO LARGE TREES. THIS IS THE GRAVE SITE OF GRACE HIRT ZILLES (LEW HIRT'S DAUGHTER). TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, GRACE WAS THE LONGEST LIVING HIRT IN THE UNITED STATES. GRACE WAS BORN SEPT. 5, 1909 AND DIED JAN. 23, 2010 – AGE 100 YEARS, 4 MONTHS,

18 DAYS. SHE IS ALSO THE MOTHER OF JOSEPH AND JOHN ZILLES, THE TWIN INFANTS THAT WERE BURIED AT THE LEW HIRT BURIAL SITE. THE TWINS WERE BORN AT HOME AS WAS THE CUSTOM. THEY WERE BORN PREMATURE AND SUFFERED FROM LUNG PROBLEMS. THIS ALL TOOK PLACE DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION. THERE WAS NO MONEY FOR A BURIAL PLOT SO THE BABIES WERE BURIED AT THEIR GRANDPARENT'S (LEW HIRT) PLOT, ABOVE THEIR UNCLE ALFRED.

THE OTHER STONES AT GRACE'S GRAVESITE ARE DAUGHTER KAY LOUISE WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF NINE FROM SPINAL MENINGITIS. KAY WAS THE FIRST CHILD BAPTIZED AT THE PRESENT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SITE AND THE FIRST CHILD TO BE BURIED FROM THE PRESENT GRACE CHURCH SITE. THE LARGER STONE IS GWEN DUNSTER, THE OLDEST CHILD OF WALTER AND GRACE ZILLES.

16. TURN LEFT. CONTINUE STRAIGHT TO STREET EXIT. TURN LEFT.