

The Lincoln Township Cemetery is located in Section 21 in the Northwest ¼ corner, almost in the center of Lincoln Township. It is located on Jackson Rd near 750 Street, 4 1/2 miles South of Anita on Hwy 148, then just West on Jackson Road. The coordinates are 41.374°N -94.767°W. The place is on a high hill and has an excellent view, especially to the South.

The cemetery of three acres was deeded from M. V. Robinson and his wife to John Gilbaugh, treasurer of the Lincoln Center Cemetery Association, on February 2, 1878 for \$40 per acre, on time until September 1877. The committee appointed was Frank Baumgardner. M. V. Robinson. S. S. King, S.H. White and John Gilbaugh with Mr. White as president. The Lincoln Center Cemetery "Articles of Incorporation" (1878) state that "The Association shall endure throughout all time". The prices of lots were: \$10, \$12.50, \$8 and \$5. J. F. Dwigans purchased lot No.1. Mr. Dwigans hauled the material for the fence and this hauling charge, plus the cost of the fence material (\$8) which Mr. Dwigans had paid for, was allowed against the price of the lot. In April of 1898 it was "moved, seconded, and carried that the clerk have a tie rack put up in front of the cemetery at the least possible expense to have 30 posts set with good and sufficient brace holes in the top of the posts, six No. 12 strung through them well twisted together." In April of 1899, It was then moved by F. D. Joy and was seconded by J. F. Gissible that all those being in arrears on lots in cemetery be notified by the clerk to settle for the same or bodies would be removed and buried in Potter's Field. It was then moved and seconded that C.H. DeWald be appointed to oversee cemetery for the ensuing year and be allowed \$2 for overseeing of cemetery for the last year. This information was taken from the 1980 Cass County History. According to the 1884 history of Cass County, the first internment was Mrs. Biggs, wife of Abram Biggs in a plot west of the church and south of the road. However, by the 1930 WPA Survey no stone marker remained of the gravesite. It is listed at that time that both Abram and his two wives were buried at the Evergreen Cemetery in Anita. The 1980 Cass County History Book indicates the last burial here was in February 1936, when M. V. Robinson was buried. However, Caroline D. Cron appears to be the last known burial in 1957 in their family plot. It was stated approximately 75 persons had been buried in the cemetery. There were more than those 75, as there are 96 names with documenting photos of the graves stones in the records in 2012. There may have been more buried there without makers. It has been said that there was an unidentified girl in a red dress buried by a family passing through the county by wagon.

The information is as complete as it is able. Whether from the weather, neglect, or vandalism, several of the markers are broken or missing. As a result, some of the rows and markers are not exactly in the proper original order. Additionally, some markers today are barely readable and have been reconfirmed by cemetery and historical records. Even the 1930 WPA records, as well, as the 1985 cemetery walk were incomplete and inaccurate. The cemetery was last walked at the end of 2011 and the present records verified by Carolyn DeLay and Mary Hoegh.

This has been a special project presented to the Cass County Genealogical Society by Carolyn DeLay.

Carolyn DeLay

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LINCOLN CENTER CEMETERY, CASS COUNTY, IOWA

As you enter the Cemetery from the gate, the first row is to the far left with Row 1 going from North to South, James F. Dwigans as Lot 1. The rows are not complete and the markers do not necessarily start at the beginning of the row.

ROW 1

Dwigans,

Margaret M.	Nov, 20, 1870	19 yrs 8 mos 4 dys	July 24, 1890
James F.	1840	40 yrs 4 mos 2 dys	Sept. 26, 1880
Folsom, Frances Emeline Eliot Dwigans	Oct. 8, 1845		May 25, 1943

*Wife of James F. Dwigans. Marker on back side of his stone.

*Stone with initials leaning up against a tree with initials J F D apparently standing for James F. Dwigans

Saunders, Willie W.	17 yrs 11 mos 9 dys	July 25, 1878
Son of A. M. & M. J. Saunders		

Johnson, Larkin R.	July 26, 1861	Feb. 6, 1816
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The stone is actually leaning up against the trunk of a tree. Not in its proper order probably.

ROW 2

Borth,

*Annie M.	May 3, 1877	1 yr 3 mos 12 dys	Aug. 15, 1878
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Budded on earth to bloom in Heaven - Inscription

*Freddie A.	7 yrs 7 mos 3 dys	June 1, 1880
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In the midst of life we are in death - Inscription

*Children of C. & L. Borth

Row 3

Cron, *

John Adam	Mar, 5, 1880	75 yrs 11 mos 6 dys	Mar. 31, 1955
Katie M. (Kathrine)	Feb. 14, 1887	78 yrs 11 mos	Jan. 3, 1957
Caroline D., dau	May 16, 1872	84 yrs	Jan. 11, 1957
Edward C., son	May 21, 1882	11 yrs 9 mos 27 dys	Mar. 28, 1894
Mary L., dau	July 23, 1870	72 yrs	Sept. 8, 1942
Phillip, father	Oct. 8, 1842	57 yrs	June 20, 1901
Sophie, mother	Dec. 31, 1844	84 yrs	May 26, 1926
Sophie E., dau	June 18, 1888	7 yrs 8 mos 15 dys	Mar. 3, 1894

*All members are in family plot with an iron fence around it.

Row 4

Anderson, *

Maggie	19 yrs 7 mos 10 dys	Aug. 26, 1885
William	12 dys	June 4, 1889

. * Daughter and son of P. W. & S. F. Anderson

Budd, Willie H.	20 days	Feb. 4, 1888
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Son of H. W. & R. Budd

Row 5

Robinson, 16 yrs 6 mos Oct. 12, 1880

Stone broken and lying against the next marker in the row. Place for base of the marker still evident. No first name given in the 1930 WPA Project.

Furman,

Eunice, wife of John D. Sept. 17, 1871 64 yrs 11 mos 1 dy Oct. 22, 1886

John D. Dec. 1, 1819 71 yrs 1 mo 10 dys Jan. 11, 1891

Furman, Zoe 1 yr 8 mos 25 dys Apr. 18, 1870

Daughter of L. V. & F. C. Furman. Stone broken and leaned against the previous Furman stone marker.

Robinson, Carl Irving 3 yrs 10 mos 19 dys Jan. 31, 1901

Son of C. D. & J. A. Irving

Robinson,

Jennie A. Oct. 21, 1874 July 3, 1925

C. D. Apr. 9, 1864 July 21, 1934

Hall, John V. 10 years 11 mos 15 dys Mar. 2, 1870

Son of F. Y. & E. D. Hall. Stone lying against a tree near Row 4.

Sherman, *

Levi Garfield Sept. 9, 1881 July 9, 1887

Vena Dell May 5, 1889 Nov. 2, 1894

Vera Bell May 5, 1889 Nov. 3, 1894

*Children of W. S. & A. T. Sherman

Row 6

Baker, Solomon 66 yrs 2 mos 20 dys Apr. 13, 1883

Robinson, Mary Jane	1853 47 yrs 10 mos 12 dys	Nov. 21, 1900
Wife of M. V. Robinson		
Robinson, Lou Emma	3 mos 16 dys	Apr. 1, 1877
Robinson, Nancy E.	Nov. 12, 1839 39 yrs 8 mos 21 dys	Aug. 1, 1879
Wife of M. V. Robinson		
Robison, M. V.	Feb. 2, 1838	Mar. 3, 1915
Miller, George O.	43 yrs	Oct. 22, 1897
Miller,		
Martha A. Nelson	74 yrs 7 mos 1 dy	Sept. 8, 1904
Jos C.	65 yrs 5 mos 4 dys	Apr. 29, 1881
Row 7		
Elliott, John Clayton (father)	Dec. 28, 1814 79 years	Dec. 26, 1893
Elliott, Elma E.	8 yrs 7 mos 4 dys	Mar. 24, 1880
Daughter of D. H. & A. Elliott		
Thompson, Eugene	41 yrs 6 mos 24 days	Mar, 29, 1904
Son of Wm. & C. Thompson		
White, Lewis Walter	23 yrs 9 mos	June 15, 1883
Son of H. & D. White		
White,		
Samuel Hamilton	Feb. 14, 1827	Nov. 29, 1909
Deborah (wife)	Nov. 29, 1831	Mar. 20, 1910
Martin,		
Barsheba	Feb. 4, 1822	Sept. 25, 1883

Eli	July 18, 1812	Sept. 2, 1900
Cooley,		
Bessie	21 yrs 1 dy	Sept. 25, 1883
Infant Son of W. M. & Bessie Cooley – no dates given		

Row 8

Spear,		
Maria S.	Dec. 6, 1844	Dec. 3, 1915
William M.	Oct. 2, 1847	July 29, 1926
White, Elnora A.*	Apr. 28, 1874	
Daughter of W. & L. White		
White, Jimmie*	Nov. 14, 1883	Feb/ 12, 1888
Son of H. & E. White		
White, Infant dau of G. T. & M. A. White*		Dec. 15, 1891
White, William*	Feb. 28, 1828 63 yrs 8 mos 29 dys	Oct. 29, 1891
White, Cynthia*	4 yrs 1 mo 29 dys	Oct. 14, 1879

Apparently this stone was present, but broken during the 1985 cemetery walk. It no longer exists.

* Markers lie within a family plot surrounded by an iron rail.

Aggen,		
Gerhard	Sept. 25, 1819 76 yrs 16 dys	Oct 11, 1895
Abbe (his wife)	Dec. 18, 1811 76 yrs 1 mo 30 dys	Feb. 18, 1888

Apparently there was a broken stone here that no longer exists.

Row 9

Spear, Ely M.	6 yrs 3 dys	Dec. 27, 1878
Son of W. M. and S. M. Spear		
Spear, Gerome C.	10 yrs 3 mos 9 dys	Oct. 1, 1875
Son of W. M. and S. M. Spear		
Spear, Raymond V.	July 3, 1898	Mar. 4, 1900
Son of C. E. and I. M. Spear		
Spear, Robert J.	1 yr 2 mos 4 dys	Feb. 2, 1876
Son of W. M. and S. M. Spear		
Spear, Infant Son	Sept. 20, 1902	Sept. 21, 1902
Son of W. E. and M. A. Spear		
Spear, Amber	1886	1913
Daughter of W. M. and S. M. Spear, Apparently the stone marker was in with other members of the Spear family. The stone marker no longer exists. There are several broken stones that are nearby that are impossible to read.		
Young, Jacob O.	9 yrs 8 mos 26 dys	Feb. 16, 1877
Martin,		
John M.	May 7, 1857	July 23, 1912
Jennie Wilson (his wife)	June 25, 1865	1934
According to family and cemetery records, she was never buried here. She married Alonzo Frank Choate and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Anita under her married name, Jennie Choate.		
Aggen, George	1 yr 3 mos 15 dys	Mar.2, 1883

Son of F. & M. M. Aggen

Broken stone base, no name or dates

Rhoads,

Howard P. *	1 yr 9 mos 2 dys	Oct. 13, 1889
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Lena May*	3 yrs 4 mos 11 dys	May 13, 1896
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*Children of W. C. & S. B. Rhoads

Row 10 - Empty – very large stone tipped over and half buried

Row 11

Vierling,		Apr. 28, 1898
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Infant son of G. E. & C. M. Vierling

Raymond	Apr. 7, 1903	April 11, 1903
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Son of G.E. & C. M. Vierling

Johnson,

Delilah	May 9, 1818	80 yrs 17 dys	May 26, 1898
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Haden R.	1858	1932
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Joy,

Albert	76 yrs 1 mo 21 dys	Oct. 18, 1892
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Angelina	Mar. 29, 1821	Aug. 9, 1910
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Apparently this stone with both of them on it is in a family plot as it is in a larger area surrounded by an iron fence.

Row 12 - Empty

Row 13

Nelson,

Sarah	Mar. 4, 1805	75 yrs 10 mos 15 dys	Jan. 19, 1889
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The actual face of her marker is on the underneath side of her husband, William, which is lying almost flat on the ground, unable to be moved.

William	Mar, 28, 1812	65 yrs 10 mos 22 dys	Feb. 19, 1878
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Jewett, Eddie	Oct. 8, 1894		July 29, 1895
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Son of G. P. & N. E. Jewett

Aggen, Clarissa Jane		33 yrs 10 mos 10 dys	June 17, 1892
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Wife of Hinrich Aggen

McDermott, Margaret	1863		1946
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Reynolds, Sarah	Apr. 22, 1828		Apr. 12, 1910
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Church, Harold	Feb. 4, 1894		Mar. 14, 1901
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Son of S. B. & Inez Church

Church,

S. B.	May 2, 1856		June 1, 1924
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Inez (his wife)	Dec. 17, 1861		Apr. 22, 1904
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Church, Llyod C.	Oct. 22, 1899		Oct. 10, 1906
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Son of S. B. & Inez Church

Row 14

Jewett, Matilda A.		35 yrs 9 mos 15 dys	June 12, 1888
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Wife of George P.

William.

No other name or date given. Apparently this stone existed in the 1985 cemetery walk, but no longer exists. There is no record of him in the cemetery.

Jewett, Joseph H. 17 yrs 11 mos 20 dys Mar. 10, 1900

Son of G. P. & M. A.

White,

Children of D. & Mary White. No other names given. Stone lying against a tree.

Row 15

Holland, Alden J. 4 mos May 5, 1894

Son of C. & L. C. Holland

Travis, Adda M. 5 mos 8 dys Sept. 14, 1884

King,

Samuel* 15 yrs 5 mos 16 dys July 28, 1888

William* 18 yrs 6 mos 30 dys Aug. 18, 1888

*Children of J. C. & C. M. King

King, Catherine 63 yrs 8 mos 28 dys Jan. 30, 1908

King, Prudie 29 yrs 2 mos 24 dys July 3, 1891

The following are names of persons buried in Lincoln Township Center Cemetery whose grave markers no longer exist.

Jewett, George P. 86 yrs 1933

King, John C. 72 yrs Oct. 28, 1911

Co. K. 4th Pen. Calvary.

McIntire, Edna Unknown Unknown

The stone was broken and very hard to read according to the 1985 cemetery walk. It no longer exists in 2011. It was not present in the 1930 WPA Project. Apparently it was in Row 1.

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