

INDIVIDUAL BURIALS AND ABANDONED CEMETERIES

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The scope of this Codington County Cemetery Census Project is to provide an accurate and complete census of all of the rural cemeteries and individual burials in Codington County, South Dakota. It includes all known burials in the county with the exception of the two large Watertown cemeteries, Mount Hope and St. Mary's Catholic. Records have been researched at the cemeteries, cross-referenced with courthouse records, and the cemeteries walked.

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Key:

- Sec = Section ; Bk = Block; Lt=Lot; Gr=Grave

Under the Comments section:

- Relationships;
- AKA or Nickname = "____";
- Age = Year, Month, Day;
- Epitaphs in "____":
- COD = Cause of Death, as listed in the death record or word of mouth.
- NBC = No burial card listed at the County Court House.
- BC = Burial Card at the County Court House
- DR = Death Record present in County Court House with book/page/line number, etc.
- NDR = No death record present at County Court House
- M = Marker present in cemetery
- NM = No marker present in cemetery
- b. = birthplace
- d. = place of death
- p. = parents
- w. = wife
- h. = husband
- f. = father
- m. = mother
- Maiden name in (____)
- Military information found on burial card at the County Court House or on marker in cemetery
- MB = Marriage Book

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Major Sources (but not limited to):

- Watertown Public Opinion
- Codington County Death Records
- Codington County Death Records – No death records are at the Codington County Courthouse before July 1905
- The First 100 Years – Codington County 1879-1979 (History of Codington County)
- Church Records
- Pictorial History of Codington County, South Dakota
- Word of mouth: Noted as such in comment section.

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**GAUTSCH CHILD BURIAL, LOCATED IN THE NE ¼ OF SECTION 33, DEXTER TWP
GPS Latitude / Longitude (Degrees / Minutes / Seconds) N. 45° 08' 40.1" / W. – 097° 11' 06.6"**

Possibly Miller children buried N of Florence, 1 mile W. (Sec. 33, NE corner in Dexter Twp. Word Of Mouth from Linus Reilly)



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Last Name	First	Middle	Maiden	Birth date	Death date	Burial date	Bl	Lt	Gr	Comments
Gautsch	Edward			09/09/1896	09/09/1898					NDR; NBC; Clarence Orthaus farm, Dexter Twp. Codington Co., SD; section 28, E. border. Hwy 20 N to 445 th Ave. N 1 ¼ mi. Past 160 St. On W. side of road about 100 ft. Into the field, NE corner section 33. Herb thinks there were 5 graves there when he was a boy. Some of the stones blew away in the tornado and some graves were moved. Another source thought maybe as many as 15 graves were there at one time. There is just one white tombstone there now with a picture of a little lamb and a cross. The body was moved. p. Ben & Tracy (Riede) Gautsch; "2 yrs. old"" "Son of B. & T. Gautsch"" "sweetly sleeps our little boy"; M
French										NDR; NBC; NM
French										NDR; NBC; NM

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KLIX (ABANDONDED) CEMETERY SE ¼ of section 10-119-52 Germantown Township, South Shore, S.D.
Klix Tombstone Directions: Go N On Interstate 29 turn E on Hyw 20, 1 mile to 458 Ave then N 1 ¼ Miles. Just past 156 St on the W side of road in section 10. Little known cemetery located in a clump of lilac bushes near the spot where the old Germantown country schoolhouse once stood. These two Klix are buried here with two of their infant grandchildren.

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N. 45° 07' 35.2" / W. – 097° 02' 02.2"

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Last Name	First	Middle	Maiden	Birth date	Death date	Burial date	Bl	Lt	Gr	Comments
Klix	Caroline			10/31/1839	09/12/1911			1	2	M BC DR Bk 1,p 62, #831, 71y, 10m, 1d, COD-Hemorrhage, d. South Shore, SD; p. unknown; Married, h. Herman Klix; b. Germany; Homesteaded the land they are buried on. It is said the bodies are not by the monument, but that the stone was moved out of the way so the land could be farmed..
Klix	Herman	J.		06/10/1833	01/31/1914			1	1	M BC DR Bk 1, p. 79, #1058, 80y, 7m, 20d, COD-General Debility due to old age; d. South Shore; SD; b. Germany; p. unknown; w. Caroline; widowed; both buried on farm they owned or homesteaded at one time, Son William Carl Klix is buried at Lakeview Cemetery at South Shore.
Klix	Infant				12/18/1937	12/19/1937		2	1 & 2	DR# 2/118/5058; stillbirth; d. Watertown, SD; COD-premature separation of placenta, toxemia of pregnancy; p. Roy W. Klix & Avis O (Jensen); NM
Selchert	Infant									Grandchild of Herman & Caroline Klix

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PHIPPS (ABANDONDED) CEMETERY

LOCATED ON THE WILLIAM ECK FARM (ALDEN PHIPPS HOMESTEAD). Others could be buried here, but that is unknown.

Comments: Fuller twp, Sec. 30, NW Corner. 8 ½ Miles north from Henry on 437 Ave. Located on private land and private access with permission only. Turn west on Dennis Eck’s driveway. Graves are behind his pole shed on a little hill. Dennis Eck stated that when the gravel pit was opened about 150 yards to the west, human remains were found that were assumed to be an ancient Indian burial. These bones were re-buried just outside the fence. There was evidence of what appeared to be nine of the eleven recorded burials in the cemetery (sunken areas or stones present).



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GPS Latitude / Longitude (Degrees / Minutes / Seconds) N. 45° 00’ 19.4” / W. – 097° 29’ 31.0”

Last name	First	Middle	Maiden	Birth date	Death date	Burial date	Bl	Lt	Gr	Comments:
Currie	John	B.		12/09/1864	09/01/1890					BC; NDR; Gray monument; age-25 years; age-“25/10/28” on marker; p. John Currie & Mary (Black); sister-Bessie (Currie) Phipps; “Gone, but not forgotten”; M
Perrill	Freddie									NDR; no grave site; NM
Phipps	Alden	Jackson, Sr		07/30/1831	1913					NBC; NDR; b. MI; p. Asa K. & Hannah (Butterfield) Phipps; wed Philura O. (Miller) in 1853; Red Stone; p. of Esmeralda, Charles N., Anna, Josephine, Alden Jackson, Jr., Frank Sherman, Nellie K., & Roy A.; “ Their bodies are buried with the dust, but their names live forever more.” ?NM
Phipps	Flora									NDR; BC; 70y, NM

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Phipps	Frank	Sherman		02/20/1869	12/05/1889					BC; NDR; 20y,10m,13d; d. in horse & buggy runaway; White stone; Children of Alden,Sr. & Philura (Miller); M, shared with Nellie Grace Phipps
Phipps	Jack									NDR; NBC; 80y; NM
Phipps	Nellie	Grace		1870	04/30/1883					NDR; BC; age-12 years; d. Phipps Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. Alden J. Phipps, Sr. & Philura (Miller); COD-complications of measles; b. SD; M, shared with Frank Sherman Phipps
Phipps	Philura	O.	Miller/Smith	07/05/1836						NDR; NBC; p. Nathaniel & Martha (Trask) Miller; wed Alden Jackson Phipps, Sr. in 1853; Red Stone; Sister of Rose Woodman; ?M
Phipps	Rob	Roy		1877?						NDR; NBC; p. Alden Jackson Phipps, Sr. & Philura (Miller); NM
Woodman	Rose		Smith							NDR; NBC; h. Simeon Woodman, Sister of Philura; NM
Woodman	Simeon									NDR; NBC; NM

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Six pipes mark a burial site on the SE ¼ of section 28, North Kranzburg Township. Also called “Schneider’s Grove”; The number or names of who is buried there are unknown, but the story is that the “black plague” took some children. Due to the extreme contagious nature of the disease, they were buried 15 – 20 feet deep. Six sections of well pipe driven into the ground mark the Graves. Burial on private property

GPS Latitude / Longitude (Degrees / Minutes / Seconds) N. 44° 54’ 17.0” / W. – 096° 57’ 02.3”



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Spooner Children Graves
Located in the north east corner of NW ¼ of
Section 2, South Kranzburg Township
Burial on private property

GPS Latitude / Longitude (Degrees / Minutes / Seconds) N. 44°
52' 22.7" / W. - 096° 55' 03.5"

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Sec 2 - 116-51 / Kranzburg S-5 of Hwy 212
mt in center 3 Spooner girls / across from Crystal Water

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Last name	First	Middle	Maiden	Birth date	Death date	Burial date	Bl	Lt	Gr	Comments:
Spooner	Cleora				02/01/1880					NDR; Age-13/8/0; COD-black diphtheria; f. Albert Spooner; M
Spooner	Ida				02/06/1880					NDR; age-2/2/0; COD-black diphtheria; f. Albert Spooner M
Spooner	Mary				01/30/1880					NDR; age-7/9/0; COD-black diphtheria; f. Albert Spooner; M
White	Mrs.									From "Heritage Sampler" it is said that Mrs. ? Bill White & her two children, victims of a flu epidemic, are also buried in this place; NM
										Possibly total of 8 people buried here

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Jellis infant Female

Female Jellis died @ birth 03/10/1906; twin; p. David M. & Isabella (Harkness) Jellis; twin is Viola Isabella Jellis who died 02/15/1988 @ Good Samaritan Center, Sioux Falls, SD @ 82 years of age, buried @ Mount Hope Cemetery, Watertown, SD; information from Maynard & Beverly (a niece) Stormo and birth and death records; buried on private property in NW ¼ Section 19 of Waverly Twp., Codington Co.; NM

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Born, twin boys buried on the Born farm, extreme NW corner of NW ¼, section 32, Kampeska Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. M/M Fred Stange; they moved back to WI, probably around 1890; from 1st 100 years of Codington County; NM

Abandoned. Last mention of the cemetery was on the land records in 1919. (John Born [perhaps others] was removed and buried elsewhere). Burial site may have been disturbed when upgrading the township road grade in 1954; children's bones were uncovered.

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Two sons both named "Albert" died in infancy from diphtheria. "Buried on homestead near evergreen grove about 400 ft. East of the house, 6 miles NE of Wallace, SD" (as listed in the

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article of the Soren Hjermsstad Family in “The First 100 Years 1879-1979 in Codington County South Dakota, Page 204); parents are Soren & Christine Hjermsstad.

The house and the evergreen trees described above are no longer there, but were able to get an approximate site of burial by stepping off from the old house foundation;

Buried on private property

NE ¼ , Sec. 15, Eden Twp.

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Gray Methodist Episcopal Church & Cemetery

The exact location of this cemetery is unknown at this time. It is believed to have been some distance west of the current location of the St Joseph Catholic cemetery in Waverly Township. The interred were removed and buried elsewhere or forgotten. See history of Gray Methodist Episcopal Church.