

Saint Maurice (Esterly) – Blessed Sacrament Catholic Cemetery, Codington County, South Dakota

Location: SW ¼ of Section 5 of Fuller Township-East.

GPS Coordinates (Degrees, Minutes, Seconds) – N. 45° 03' 22.5" W. -097° 13' 43.2"

Directions: On 161 St. go E 4 ½ miles turn N onto 449 Ave ½ mile on E side of road.

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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.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Merva Carlson for her tireless efforts toward compiling this information. The project has been largely hers. Merva has devoted hundreds of hours to make this census the most complete and accurate cemetery census ever done in Codington County. This project would never have been completed without her dogged determination and attention to detail. We wish to also thank Delores Hartley, Marge Bunde, and Erland Carlson for their assistance.

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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
- WPO = Watertown Public Opinion - Newspaper

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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Last Name	First	Middle	Maiden Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Burial Date	Bl	Lt	Gr	Comments
1 Mother										
1 Woman										
12 Infants										
5 Adults										
Arnold	Adeline	J.	Becking?	1912	1963		A			NDR; NBC; no dates on BC; age-51; M
Bailey	Maude			1907	03/18/1907		A	1	7	DR# 1/15/191; name-"Bailly" on marker; age-0/1/10; d. Watertown, SD; COD-gastroenteritis; b. Florence, SD; p. Samuel Bailey & Mary Ursula (Burch); Infant of S.A. & A.; "Gone Home"; M
Bailey	Ruth			1906	1906		A	5	1	NDR; name-"Bailly" on marker; Infant of S.A. & A.; "Gone Home"; M
Bailly	Paul			1910	1911		A			NDR; NBC; M
Bailly	Walter			1908	1908		A			NDR; NBC; M
Becking	Alice	M.		1915	1931		D	1	1 20	NDR; NBC; COD-pneumonia; "p. A & K"; p. Anton & Kate (Lorang) Becking"; "Daughter"; M
Becking	Anna			1902	1936		D	2	13 16	NDR; NBC; age-33; p. Lewis & Josephine (Hoverstadt) Becking; M
Becking	Anthony	F.		1866	10/11/1948	10/13/1948	D	6 1	9 22	NDR; BP# 1303; aka-"Anton"; age-82; d. Fuller Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-cerebral arteriosclerosis of diabetic origin; b. Waterford, WI; p. Ludwig & Elizabeth Becking; w. Katherine "Kate" Agnes (Lorang); wed-01/1911 @ Esterly, SD; "Father"; M
Becking	Infant			1906	1906		A			NDR; NBC: M
Becking	Infant	?Agnes		1900	1900		A			NDR; NBC; p. Lewis & Josephine (Hoverstadt"; M

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Becking	Josephine		Hoverstadt	1873	1924		D	1	12 15	NDR; NBC; p. Ben & Theresa Hoverstadt; h. Lewis; wed-07/26/1893; "Mother"; M
Becking	Katherine	Agnes	Lorang	05/26/1886	06/15/1970	06/18/1970	D	R 1	17 21	NDR; BP# 5728; aka-"Kate Agnes (Lorang)"; age-84; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-acute myocardial infarction, coronary thrombosis; b. Wiemerskirch, Luxemburg; h. Anthony; wed-01/1911 @ Esterly, SD; kin-Edward Becking (son) of Florence, SD; "Mother"; M
Becking	Laura	J.		05/26/1916	12/07/1989	12/11/1989	E	1	14	DR# 172000; BP# 9795; age-73/6/22; d. Prairie Lakes Health Care Center West; COD-metastatic ovarian carcinoma, congestive heart failure; b. Florence, Codington Co., SD; p. Lewis & Josephine (Hoverstadt) Becking; single; informant-Theresa Becking of Watertown, SD; M
Becking	Lewis			10/12/1870	04/12/1949	04/18/1949	D	4	12	DR# 4/219/7327; BP# 1414; age-78; d. Florence, SD; COD-arteriosclerosis, cardiac failure; teacher/farming; b. Dorchester, IA; p. Ludwig "Lewis" & Elizabeth (?) Becking; w. Josephine (Hoverstadt); wed-07/26/1893; widowed; informant-Joe Becking; "Father"; M
Becking	Lewis	Jr.		1896	1897		A			NDR; NBC;; alternate spelling-"Louis"; age-18 mos.; M
Becking	Ludwig			03/04/1819	04/15/1912		C	2	15	NDR; ?w. Elizabeth (?); "May his Soul Rest in Peace"; "Amen"; M
Becking	Teresa	Cecilia		07/10/1909	04/02/2004	04/06/2004	E	1	13	BP# 1929; age-94; d. Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, SD; COD-metastatic melanoma; elementary school teacher, insurance sales, survey work for Shopper's Panel; b. on a farm in Fuller Twp. Codington Co, SD; p. Lewis & Josephine (Hoverstadt) Becking; single; informant-Laverne Becking (nephew) of Watertown, SD; M
Bodtker	Baby	Girl			05/24/1911		A	2		NDR; NBC; p. Frederick C. & Mary Ann (?) Bodtker; M

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Brusingham	Rose						A	1	17	NDR; NBC; infant; no dates; name-“Rosie Brusnighan” on marker; M
Burke	Janice	M.	Rickard	03/20/1943	-		E	1	16	Living; h. Ronald J.; wed-04/11/1964 @ St. Lawrence Catholic Church at Milbank, SD; p. of Mary, Julie, Karen, & Dawn, Michael, Christopher & Gerald; M
Burke	Mary	Elizabeth	Becking	09/21/1898	01/13/1969	01/16/1969	D	2	21	DR# 11999; BP# 5427; age-70; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-metastatic cancer of lungs, cancer left kidney; b. SD; p. Lewis Becking & Josephine (Hoverstadt); h. Thomas J.; informant-Thomas J. Burke of Watertown, SD; M
Burke	Ronald	Joseph		07/18/1937	12/01/1998	12/04/1998	E	1	15	NDR; age-61; d. residence rural Waubay, Egeland Twp., Day Co., SD; COD-apparent heart attack; farmer; b. Webster, Day Co., SD; p. Thomas & Mary (Becking) Burke; w. Janice M. (Rickard); wed-04/11/1964 @ St. Lawrence Catholic Church at Milbank, SD; p. of Mary, Julie, Karen, & Dawn, Michael, Christopher & Gerald; M
Burke	Thomas	Joseph		09/23/1898	08/28/1973	08/31/1973	D	2	20	DR# 13184; BP# 6418; age-74; d. residence, Watertown, SD; COD-acute coronary heart attack; farmer; b. NE; p. John Burke & Delia (Duffin) Burke; w. Mary E. (Becking); widowed; informant-Phillip Burke (son) of Watertown, SD; M
Byer	Alex			09/08/1887	12/13/1954	12/16/1954	D	1	24	DR# 8541; BP# 2461; age-67; d. Watertown, SD; COD-coronary occlusion, DOA; farmer; b. Gibbon, MN; p. Joseph & Mary (Altman) Byer; w. Anna (Maiman); wed-11/21/1911 @ Immaculate Conception Church, Watertown, SD; informant-Mrs. Alex Byer; “Father”; M
Byer	Anna	K.	Maiman	04/05/1892	03/30/1982	04/03/1982	D	1	23	DR# 15372; BP# 8218; age-89; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-bronchopneumonia, severe decompensation, congestive heart failure, renal failure; b. Elma, IA; p. Herman Maiman & Mary

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										(Jankord); h. Alex; wed-11/21/1911 @ Immaculate Conception Church, Watertown, SD; widowed; informant-Arnold Byer of Watertown, SD; "Mother"; M
Byer	Herman	A.		09/01/1926	06/22/1992	06/25/1992	D	1	28	DR# 17826; BP# 10354; age-65; Korean War; d. residence, Florence, SD; COD-colon carcinoma, heart disease; farmer; b. Watertown, SD; p. Alexander & Anna (Maiman) Byer; w. Margery M.(Curley); "wed-09/26/1951; p. of Cheryl, Donald, Gary, Diane, Nancy, Janet, Roger, Deborah"; informant-Margery Byer of Florence, SD; M
Byer	Margery	M.	Curley	1927	-		D	1		Living; h. Herman A.; "wed-09/26/1951; p. of Cheryl, Donald, Gary, Diane, Nancy, Janet, Roger, Deborah"; M
Byer	Ralph	B.		07/19/1914	12/13/1977	12/20/1977	C	2	25	NDR; BP# 7330; age-63; d. Community Bailey Hospital, Chamberlain, Brule Co., SD; carpenter; b. Watertown, SD; p. Alex & Anna (Maiman) Byer; wed-Bertha (Hofer) in 1943; M
Byer	Raymond			04/18/1916	08/29/1997	09/04/1997	C	2	22	NDR; BP# 11466; age-81; WW II, CMI, US Navy, Seabees Pacific Theater; d. Sunset Valley Haven, Chamberlain, Brule Co., SD; carpenter; b. farm in Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. Alex & Anna (Maiman) Byer; w. Laura (Springer); wed-1940 @ Chamberlain, SD; wed Phyllis (Lewis) in 1956 @ Bemidji, MN; wed-Lorraine (Espinosa) in 1964 @ Santa Barbara, CA; p. of Louis, William, Anna & Frances; M
Byer	Sylvester	H.		01/1913	09/03/1942	10/09/1948	C	5	23	NDR; BP# 1304; age-29; d. Trinidad Island; South America; COD-??; p. Alex & Anna (Maiman) Byer; wed-Lillian (Cordell) in 1939; reburial; M
Byer	Virginia	A.		1918	1921		C	2	24	NDR; NBC; p. Alex & Anna (Maiman) Byer; M
Comes	Nathan	James		2000	11/30/2000	12/06/2000	F	1	31-32	NDR; BP# 12135; burial under stone; d. Prairie Lakes Health Care Center,

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										Watertown, SD; COD-stillbirth; M
Darrington	Alfred			10/09/1905	07/24/1976	07/27/1976	F	1	4	DR# 13954; BP# 7029; age-70; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-2nd & 3rd degree burns 70 % of body from farm accident; farmer; b. SD; p. Joseph & Eliza (Drake) Darrington; w. Lou M. (Grygiel); informant-Mrs. Lou Darrington of Florence, SD; "Father"; M
Darrington	Michael			04/24/1952	04/24/1952	04/24/1952	F	1	2	DR# 7949; BP# 1977; age-1 hour; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-monstrosity; b. Watertown, SD; p. Alfred & Ludwika (Grygiel); informant-Alfred Darrington; M
Doran	Andrew	F.		10/05/1895	11/30/1910		B	1	21-22	NDR; M
Doran	John			02/07/1856	03/07/1898		B	1	16	NDR; age-42; M
Doran	Patrick	Frederick		07/09/1894	10/16/1918		B	1	17-18	NDR; name-"Frederick B." on marker; age-24; WW I, 06/26/1918-10/16/1918, Pvt. Co. E, 313 th Ann Train #3312250; d. Haricourt, France; COD-pneumonia; b. Codington Co., SD; informant-Mrs. Patrick McMahon of Watertown, SD; M
Eck	Benedict			02/13/1816	08/27/1905		C	1	9	DR# 1/1/8; alternate spelling-"Benidick"; age-89/6/14; d. Eden Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-old age; b. Germany; w. Mary; M
Eck	Fred			1873	03/17/1952	03/21/1952	D	1	1	NDR; BP# 1955; age-79; d. Sturgis, Meade Co., SD; COD-azotemia, chronic nephritis; M
Eck	Hulda	Mrs.		1880	1944		D	1	4 5	NDR; NBC; NBP; name-"Hilda" on marker; M
Eck	Jacob			1870	1944		D	1	4	NDR; NBC; NBP; death year-"1927" on marker"; M
Eck	Letitia			06/24/1908	10/01/1908		C	1	7	DR# 1/31/485; NBC; spelling-"Letitia" on marker; death date-"10/01/1903", & "14 weeks, 1 day" on marker; age-0/4/21; age-0/3/8 on DR; twin as recorded in birth record; infant, one twin named "Nettie" &

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										the other "Lettie"; d. Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-cholera infantum; b. Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. Fred & Mary (Peeper) Eck; W.D. Murphy J.P.; M
Eck	Lettie			06/24/1908	10/03/1908					DR# 1/32/493; "Littie" & "age-0/3/2" in DR; twin as recorded in birth record, one twin named "Nettie" and the other "Lettie"; d. Codington Co., SD; COD-enterocolitis; b. Dexter Twp., Codington Co, SD; p. Fred & Marrie (Peeper) Eck; M
Eck	Mary			11/19/1835	12/05/1904		C	1	10	NDR; alternate birth and death dates- "01/09/1841" & "03/27/1907"; h. Benedict; M
Eck	Mary	Alfreda	Peeper	1883	06/11/1950	06/15/1950	D	1	2	NDR; BP# 1613; age-67; d. Waubay, SD; COD-coronary thrombosis; h. Fred; buried on Fred Eck lot; M
Fleming	Mary	Ann		05/06/1956	05/07/1956	05/09/1956	D	2	17	DR# 8882; NBC; alternate spelling- "Flemming"; age-1 day; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-acute pulmonary edema, prematurity; b. Watertown, SD; p. Leon Fleming & Florence (Wika); informant-Leon Fleming; M
Flemming	Agnes	Mary	Downing	09/07/1910	12/21/1986	12/23/1986	E	2	22	DR# 16531; BP# 9240; age-76; d. Jenkins Methodist Home, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiorespiratory failure, inanition, metastatic cancer of breast; b. SD; p. Ralph Downing & Caroline (Schwarzhoff); h. Ed; wed-02/08/1945; widowed; informant-Donald E. Flemming of Watertown, SD; "Mother"; M
Flemming	Bernard	J.		12/10/1931	10/04/1986	10/07/1986	E	2	4	DR# 16481; BP# 9156; age-54; d. Prairie Lakes Health Care West, Watertown, SD; COD-metastatic adenocarcinoma, primary site unknown; farmer; b. SD; p. Frank & Veronica (Cauley) Flemming; w. Joan M. (Gaikowski); wed-1970; "p. of Janine, Wes, Sandy, Warren, Gene, & Dean"; informant-Joan of Florence; M

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Flemming	Clara	J.		02/10/1902	07/22/1991	07/23/1991	C	2		DR# 17582; BP# 10135; age-89; d. Prairie Lakes Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-acute myocardial infarction; housework; b. Florence, Codington Co., SD; p. Mathias Flemming & Johanna (Washkovick); single; informant-Mary Tschakert of Florence, SD; "Sister"; M
Flemming	Edward	J.		12/07/1903	06/08/1968	06/12/1968	E	2	23	NDR; BP# 5347; age-64; d. Yankton State Hospital, Yankton, SD; COD-cardiorespiratory failure, pulmonary emphysema and fibrosis; p. Mathias & Johanna (Washkovick) Flemming; w. Agnes (Downing); wed-02/08/1945; kin-wife of Florence, SD; "Father"; M
Flemming	Erlis	R.		1928	-					Living; h. Robert M.; "wed-09/26/1950; p. of Ronald, Renee, Bonnie, & Becky"; M
Flemming	Frank	T.		07/07/1895	09/27/1977	10/01/1977	E	1		DR# 14241; BP# 7284; age-82; WW I; d. residence Watertown, SD; COD-acute myocardial infarction; farmer; b. near Still Lakes, Codington Co., SD; p. Matthias & Johanna (Washkovick); w. Veronica M. (Cauley); wed-01/13/1927; informant-Mrs. Frank T. Flemming of Watertown, SD; M
Flemming	Johanna		Washkoviak	1859	12/02/1920		C	2		DR# 1/132/1854; alternate spelling-"Fleming"; age-60/6/8; d.? COD-cardiorenal vascular disease; b. Germany; p. John Washkovick & Rosalia (?Vick); h. Mathias, Jr.; wed-approx. 1876 @ Princeton, WI; "Mother"; M
Flemming	Joseph	A.		02/09/1891	02/23/1978	02/27/1978	C	2		NDR; BP# 7401; age-87;d. Jamestown, Stutsman Co., ND; p. Mathias & Johanna (Washkoviak) Flemming; buried road; "Brother"; M
Flemming	Magdalene			09/11/1887	08/02/1955	08/04/1955	C	2		DR# 8687; BP# 2560; alternate spelling-"Fleming" & "Magdaline"; age-67; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-coronary occlusion, hypertension; housekeeper; b. Florence, Codington Co.,

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										SD; p. Mathias Flemming & Johanna (Washkovick); single; informant-Clara Flemming; "Sister"; M
Flemming	Mark	A.		02/09/1970	10/14/1988	10/18/1988	E	2	25	NDR; BP# 9489; age-18; d. McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls, Minnehaha Co., SD; COD-injuries received from pickup accident Oct. 7, east of Watertown, SD; farm hand; b. Watertown, SD; p. Paul R. & Mary Ann (Perry) Flemming; "Son"; M
Flemming	Mary	Ann	Perry	09/11/1943	07/03/1980	07/05/1980	E	2		DR# 14948; BP# 7882; age-36; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiorespiratory arrest, possible asphyxiation, epileptic seizure; b. SD; p. Bernard Perry & Anna (Donahue); h. Paul R; informant-Paul of Florence, SD; "Mother";M
Flemming	Mathias			09/06/1847	04/22/1938	04/25/1938	C	2		DR# 2/63/5126; alternate spelling-"Fleming"; age-90/7/15; d. Florence, Fuller Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-cerebral edema, senility, nephritis, arteriosclerosis; farming; b. Waldo, West Prussia, Germany; p. Mathias Fleming & (? Kahnake) w. Johanna (Washkovick); wed-approx. 1876 @ Princeton, WI; widowed; informant-Peter Fleming; "Father"; M
Flemming	Peter	M.		04/07/1900	01/26/1985	01/28/1985	C	2		DR# 16103; BP# 8823; age-84; d. Memorial Nursing Home, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiorespiratory syndrome, arteriosclerosis; farmer; b. SD; p. Mathias & Johanna (Waschoviak); single; informant-Clara Flemming of Watertown, SD; "Brother"; M
Flemming	Robert	M.		1925	-					Living; w. Erlis R.; wed-09/26/1950; "Teamster Local 749"; "p. of Ronald, Renee, Bonnie & Becky"; M
Flemming	Veronica	M.	Cauley	10/04/1900	05/08/1986	05/12/1986	E	1		DR# 16397; BP# 9061; age-85; d. residence in Watertown, SD; COD-ventricular fibrillation, renal failure, arteriosclerosis; school teacher; b. MN; p. Patrick Cauley &

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										Mary (Fitzximmons); .h. Frank T.; wed-01/13/1927; widowed; informant-Bernard Flemming of Florence, SD; M
Gautsch	Annie			03/1880	03/1904		C	1	20	NDR; name-"Gautsch" on marker; b. Dexter Twp., Codington, Co., SD; p. M/M Ben & Tracy (Reidl) Gautsch; M
Gautsch	Benjamin	Lorenz		05/01/1874	05/02/1911		C	1	21	DR# 1/58/781; age-36/11/24; d. Florence, SD; COD-tuberculosis; b. Germany or Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. M/M Ben or Benjamin & Tracy (Riede); single; "Gone but not Forgotten"; M
Gautsch	Father				-		B	2		NDR; M
Gautsch	Lewis									NDR; aka-"Louie"; b. Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. Ben & Tracy (Reidl) Gautsch; single; base is there but marker is gone; NM
Gautsch	Mother						B	2		NDR; M
Gautsch	Robert			02/02/1871	05/30/1946	06/01/1946	C	1	22	DR# 3/194/6688; NBC; age-75/3/28; d. Luther Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-uremia, chronic interstitial nephritis, hypertension; laborer; b. Germany or Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. Benjamin & Thresa (Reidl) Gautsch; single; informant-Mrs. John Engler of Watertown, SD; M
Gautsch	William			07/25/1887	11/30/1965	12/02/1965	C	1	23	DR# 11165; BP# 4759; age-78; WW I; d. residence in Watertown, SD; COD-myocardial failure, starvation; farmer; b. Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. Benjamin & Theresa (Reidel) Gautsch; single; informant-Archie Christian of Watertown, SD; M
Grygiel	Joseph	L.		03/27/1945	08/27/1993	08/31/1993	F	1	6	DR# 18114; BP# 10596; age-48; Armed Forces; d. Prairie Lakes Hospital West, Watertown, SD; COD-aspiration, alcoholic liver disease; farmer; b. Watertown, SD; p. Ignatius & Helen (Kahnke) Grygiel; w. Patricia F. (Raderschadt); "p. of Sherri,

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										Joleen, Tim & Tom”; informant-Patricia of Florence, SD; M
Grygiel	Patricia	F.	Raderschadt	03/11/1948	-		F	1		Living; h. Joseph L.; “p. of Sherri, Joleen, Tim & Tom”; M
Haas	?	?					D			NDR; no name or dates on BC; NM
Haas	Antony	F.		1889	06/03/1894		A	2		NDR; alternate spelling-“Anthony”; age-“5 years, 2 mos., 20 days” on marker; infant; COD-childhood illness; “p. John & Susan”; “Oh How We Miss Our Darling Boy”; M
Haas	John			08/17/1860	10/24/1929		D	1	12	DR# 2/83/3456; NBC; age-69/2/7; d. Watertown, SD; COD-cerebral hemorrhage, diabetic, hypertension; retired; b. Lycurgus, IA; p. Ferdinand Haas & Catherine (Sohn); w. Susan (Puff); wed-06/16/1885; informant-children; “Father”; M
Haas	Joseph	C.		11/23/1901	09/18/1927		D	1	13	DR# 2/81/3019; NBC; age-25/25/9; d. Codington Co., SD; COD-sarcoma left testicle extending to abdomen; farming; b. rural Florence, SD; p. John & Susan (Puff) Haas; single; informant-John Haas; “Son”; M
Haas	Leo			1898			A	2	11	NDR; NBC; age-9 mos.; p. John & Susan (Puff) Haas; NM
Haas	Susan			1889	1894		A			NDR; NBC; NM
Haas	Susan		Puff	10/27/1861	07/15/1921		D	1	11	NDR; NBC; b. IA; h. John; wed-06/16/1885; “Mother”; “Rest in Peace”; M
Hallauer	Ernest	William		08/25/1918	10/14/1933	10/17/1933	D	8	1	DR# 2/86/4156; age-15/1/19; d. Phipps Twp. Codington Co., SD; COD-Ewing’s tumor (hemangio-endothelioma, began in left sacroiliac & sacrum; student; b. Barber, MT; p. Carl A. Hallauer & Bertha (Sonnenschein); informant-Carl A. Hallauer of Florence, SD; M
Hjermstad	Jordan	Jay			12/24/1994					NDR; NBC; stillborn infant son; d. Watertown Hospital, Watertown, SD; p. Jay & Colette (Flemming) Hjermstad; M

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Hobelsberger	Elizabeth		Becking	1876	1918					NDR; NBC; h. Joseph; M
Hobelsberger	Frank			02/11/1892	06/22/1967	06/24/1967	D	2	22	NDR; BP# 5070; alternate spelling- "Habelsberger"; aka-"Fred"; age-75;d. Deuel Co. Hospital, Clear Lake, Deuel Co., SD; COD-old age, generalized arteriosclerosis; kin-Mrs. Annie Slominski of Watertown, SD; M
Hobelsberger	Joseph	Ernest		10/08/1880	01/14/1958	01/18/1958	D	2	24	DR# 9280; BP# 3041; death date – "01/15/1958" on marker; age-77; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-acute coronary thrombosis, coronary insufficiency, auricular fibrillation; cement worker; b. Germany; p. Joseph & Mary (Kern); w. Elizabeth (Becking); widowed; informant- Frank Hobelsberger; M
Hoverstadt	Albert	J.		01/24/1888	03/08/1969	04/26/1969	D	2	21	NDR; BP# 5461; age-81; d. Tekawitha Nursing Home, Sisseton, SD; COD- obstructive jaundice, cerebral arteriosclerosis; w. Hilda (Kjennas); kin- Bernard Hoverstadt (son) of Waubay, SD; M
Hoverstadt	Bernard			1837	1892		B	1	11	NDR; aka-"Ben"; ?w. Theresa; M
Hoverstadt	Elinor			1914	1918		B	2	20	NDR; NBC; M
Hoverstadt	Hilda	S.	Kjennas	09/11/1888	01/04/1952	01/08/1952	D	2	-	DR# 7896; BP# 1927; age-63; d. rural Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD- cerebral hemorrhage, hypertension; b. Granite Falls, MN; p.Ole Kjennas & Anna (?); h. Albert, Sr.; informant-Albert Hoverstadt; M
Hoverstadt	Louis	Robert		12/29/1929	12/06/1942	12/07/1942	D	2	-	DR# 3/221/5998; BP# 224; 12/11/7; d. Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD- acute myocardial diphtheria; student; b. Florence, SD; p. Albert & Hilda (Kjenaas); informant-Albert Hoverstadt of Florence, SD; "Our Son"; M

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Hoverstadt	Raymond			1916	1918		B	2	21	NDR; NBC; M
Hoverstadt	Theresa	Mary	Peeper??	11/01/1845	12/08/1942	12/12/1942	B	1	12	DR# 3/222/5999; BP# 226; alternate spelling-"Threasa"; age-97/1/7; d. Watertown, SD; COD-senility; b. On Atlantic Ocean; p. unknown; h. Ben Hoverstadt; informant-Albert Hoverstadt of Florence, SD; M
Huppler	James	Robert		04/04/1923	06/16/1923	06/18/1923	C	2	6	DR# 2/79/2297; NBC; age-0/2/15; d. Florence Village, Codington Co., SD; COD-pyloric hypertrophy from birth; b. Florence, SD; p. Wallace & Anna (?Riske) Huppler; informant-father; M
Jankard	Anna		Luebe	1833	03/14/1909		C	2	18	DR# 1/35/537; NBC; alternate spellings "Jankord" & "Annie"; age-76/9/24; d. Watertown, SD; COD-paralysis & general decline; b. Germany; p. unknown; h. Henry B.; widowed; "Mother"; M
Jankard	Piter			1898	06/18/1949	06/23/1949	C	5	2	NDR; BP# 1458; alternate death date-"06/19/1948"; age-50; d. San Francisco, CA; COD-bronchopneumonia; NM
Jankord	Anna	Mary		02/02/1905	04/02/1908		A	1	12	NDR; NBC; age-2/10/0; age-"2 yrs., 10 mos." on marker; p. M/M Henry Jankord; M
Jankord	Annie	Marie			03/14/1909		A	4	2	DR# 1/35/537; ; no dates on BC; infant; possibly "Anna Mary"; NM
Jankord	Baby						A	4	1	NDR; infant; no dates on BC; NM
Jankord	Elizabeth	D.	Goedlken	02/11/1865	05/30/1944	06/02/1944	D	6	5	DR# 3/281/6309; BP# 495; age-79/3/19; d. Luther Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-senility, generalized arteriosclerosis; b. Chippewa Falls, WI; p. Herman Goedlken & (?); h. Henry Sr.; widowed; informant-Mrs. Elmer Person of Watertown, SD; M
Jankord	Gertrude	A.		10/05/1895	02/14/1896		A	4	3	NDR; aka-"Gertie" & "9 mos., 6 days" on marker; age-0/4/6; p. B.H. & M.A.; M
Jankord	Henry	B.		1819	1906		C	2	17	NDR; NBC; w. Anna (Luebe); "Father"; M

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Jankord	Henry	H. Jr.		12/28/1890	04/14/1965	04/20/1965	E	1	6	NDR; BP# 4615; age-74; d. McKennan Hospital, Sioux Falls, Minnehaha Co., SD; COD-carcinomatosis cecum; w. Katherine (Haas); wed-1918; kin-Mrs. Eugene Coyle of Hartford, SD; M
Jankord	Henry	Sr.		11/06/1861	03/09/1932	03/12/1932;	D	6	4	DR# 2/105/3876; age-70/4/3; d. Watertown, SD; COD-chronic nephritis, arteriosclerosis, previous cerebral hemorrhage 1929; farming; b. WI; p. Henry & Anna (Luebe) Jankard; w. Elizabeth (Goedlken); informant-Mrs. Henry Jankord of Florence, SD; M
Jankord	Hubert	Leo		01/16/1922	08/10/1941	08/13/1941	E	3	3	DR# 3/267/5757; BP# 18; age-19/6/20; d. residence Florence, Phipps Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-no symptoms, refused to eat, complications from mental condition, feeble-mind; student; b. Codington Co., SD; p. Henry H. & Katherine (Haas); single; informant-Henry H. of Florence, SD; M
Jankord	Katherine	J.	Haas	01/18/1887	11/27/1944	11/30/1944	E	1	8	DR# 3/284/6397; NBC; age-57/10/9; d. Watertown, SD; COD-cancer right breast; professional seamstress; b. Lycurgus, IA; p. John Haas & Susan (Puff); h. Henry H. (54); wed-1918; informant-Henry H. of Watertown, SD; M
Jankord	Louis	G.		12/04/1901	03/06/1995	05/24/1995	D	1	19	DR# 18524; BP# 10992; age-93; d. Prairie Lakes Care Center, Watertown, SD; COD-atheroclerosis; farm laborer; b. Dexter Twp. Codington Co., SD; p. Henry & Elizabeth (Goetkin); single; informant-Sylvester Korbel of Watertown, SD; M
Kahnke	James	T.		06/05/1944	08/02/2005	08/06/2005	G	1	36	BP#11637; age-61; National Guard 1965-1971; d. farm near Stockholm, Grant Co., SD; COD-injuries from farm tractor accident; farmer; b. Watertown, SD; p. Lawrence & Delores (Klein) Kahnke; wed-Georgia L. (Schickedanz) 06/29/1968 in Blessed Sacrament Church, Florence, SD; p. of Anthony, Chad, Julie, Dan, Jonathan; M

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Karpinske	Agnes		Ronke	07/17/1888	04/13/1916		C	2	12	NDR; "h. J.W."; M
Karpinske	Infant	Son			04/05/1916		A	1	14	DR# 1/91/1263; NBC; d. Watertown, SD; COD-stillbirth, acute nephritis condition of mother; p. Joseph W. & Agnes (Ronke) Karpinski; M
Karpinske	Infant	Son			03/17/1915		A		13	DR# 1/86/1159; death date-"03/15/1915" on marker; age-2 days; d. Florence, Codington Co., SD; COD-?; b. SD; infant; p. Joseph & Agnes (Ronke); M
Karpinski	Augusta						A		12	NDR; no dates on BC; NM
Karpinski	Christina						A		5	NDR; no dates on BC; NM
Karpinski	J.	W.					A		4	NDR; infant; no dates on BC; NM
Kilpatrick	Betty	A.		02/17/1927	-					Living; h. Donald D.; wed-03/23/1974; p. of Mary & Michael; M
Kilpatrick	Donald	D.		07/03/1932						Living; w. Betty A.; wed-03/23/1974; p. of Mary & Michael; M
Kwasniewski	Tristan	David		05/16/2003	08/31/2003	09/04/2003	E	2	28	NDR; BP# 12684; age-3 mos.; d. Leola, McPherson Co., SD; b. Watertown, SD; p. Devon & Carrie (Kallas) Kwasniewski; M
Lesner	Allen	Leonard		08/17/1952	08/17/1952	08/18/1952	A	1		DR# 8020; BP# 2046; age-7 hours; d. Bartron Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-2 mos. immaturity; b. Watertown, SD; p. Leonard & Romona (Bludorn); m. Ramona; informant-Leonard Lesner; M
Lesner	Romona	Henrietta C.	Bludorn	01/26/1929	10/13/1952	10/17/1952	A	1	7	DR# 8043; BP# 2051; age-23; d. Bartron Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-acute bacterial endocarditis, mitral stenosis, rheumatoid heart disease, terminal bronchopneumonia; b. Florence, SD; p. Henry B. Bludorn & Agnes (Johnson); h. Leonard J. Lesner; informant-Leonard J. Lesner ; "Mother"; M
Letze	Duane	Merton		1931	02/16/1996	02/20/1996	F	1	10	NDR; BP# 11144; age-64; Korean War, US Marine Corps; d. V. A. Medical Center, Sioux Falls, Minnehaha Co., SD; w. Shirley

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										Ann (Schieber); wed-04/27/1979; "Dad"; "Going Home"; M
Letze	Shirley	Ann	Schieber	05/06/1939	06/26/2001	06/29/2001	F	1	9	DR# 20196; BP# 12261; age-62; d. Prairie Lakes Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-acute myocardial infarction, renal failure due to diabetes mellitus; molder-quality assurance; b. Chicago, IL; p. Michael N. Schieber & Irene T. (Ertz); h. Duane M.; widowed; "wed-04/27/1979"; informant-Karen David of Henry, SD; "Mom"; "Going Home"; M
Losinski	Alexander	Larry		12/10/1890	09/02/1962	09/05/1962	D	1		DR# 10354; BP# 4073; age-71; WW I, MN Cpl. Co. C., SS, 132 Infantry; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-coronary occlusion, generalized arteriosclerosis; laborer; b. WI; p. Nick Losinski & (?); single; informant-Leroy Hallauer; M
Maag	-			1900	1900					NDR; "Son"; M
Maag	-			1902	1902					NDR; "Son"; M
Maag	-			1926	1926					NDR; NBC; twin sons; p. Edward & Selma (Becking) Maag; M
Maag	Albert	Patrick		06/09/1908	05/19/1977	05/23/1977	E	1		DR# 14176; BP# 7212; age-68; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-acute pulmonary edema, cancer prostate with metastases; farmer; b. SD; p. Fred & Elizabeth (Hoverstadt) Maag; w. Genevieve L. (Tschakert); wed-1935; informant-Mrs. Albert Maag of Watertown, SD; M
Maag	Barbara	A.	Feyereisen	05/24/1949	-					Living; h. Gary; wed-10/07/1972; M
Maag	Darrell	L.		12/19/1943	02/27/1994	03/05/1994	D	2		NDR; BP# 10729; age-50; d. residence, Pierre, Hughes Co., SD; attended School for the Deaf in Sioux Falls, SD; b. Watertown, SD; p. Edward L. & Selma (Becking) Maag; single; M
Maag	Delores	Maxine	Stahlke	-	-					Living; h. Donald; wed-1955; M

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Maag	Donald	Frederick		-	-					Living; w. Delores (Stahlke); wed-1955; p. Edward & Selma (Becking) Maag; M
Maag	Duane	Edward		02/09/1944	09/10/1955	09/15/1955	E	2	16	DR# 8710; NBC; age-11; d. Watertown, SD; COD-encephalitis; student; b. Watertown, SD; p. Hugo J. & Esther (Tschakert); informant-Hugo J. Maag; "Son"; M
Maag	Edward	L.		02/18/1895	08/03/1980	08/06/1980	E	2	21	DR# 14965; BP# 7907; age-85; d. residence Florence, SD; COD-probable acute myocardial infarction, arteriosclerosis, DOA at St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; farming; b. SD; p. Godfried "Fred" Maag & Elizabeth (Hoverstadt); w. Selma K. (Becking); wed-1925; widowed; informant-Donald F. Maag of Florence, SD; M
Maag	Elizabeth		Hoverstadt	05/10/1869	09/26/1913		C			DR# 1/77/1032; age-44/3/26; d. Florence, SD; COD-in childbirth, post partum hemorrhage; b. IA; p. Ben Hoverstadt & Terresa (Peeper); h. Fred; wed-1890; "Mother"; M
Maag	Esther	Marie	Tschakert	03/21/1914	12/13/2000	12/18/2000	E	2	15	DR# 20067; BP# 12142; age-86; d. Prairie Lakes Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-aortic stenosis, lung cancer, congestive heart failure; b. Fuller Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. Frank Tschakert & Anna (Flemming); h. Hugo J.; "wed-07/04/1940"; "p. of Harlen, Duane, Gary, Steven & Sheila"; informant-Hugo Maag of Florence, SD; M
Maag	Evelyn	J.	Tschakert	08/23/1916	-		E	2		Living; h. William N.; wed-1942; M
Maag	Fred			12/28/1855	08/25/1924	08/28/1924	C	2	9	DR# 2/150/2482; dates-12/28/1856" & 08/26/1924" on marker; age-68/7/28; d. Watertown, SD; COD-carcinoma intestine & spleen; farmer; b. Switzerland; p. unknown; w. Elizabeth (Hoverstadt); wed-1890; widowed; informant-Elizabeth Maag of Florence, SD; M
Maag	Gary	Leigh		03/26/1947	06/23/2003	06/27/2003	D	1	34	DR# 20730; BP# 12645; age-56; National Guard 1966-1972; d. rural Florence, SD,

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										Prairie Lakes Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-multiple traumatic injuries, ran ATV off embankment; farmer, Chickasha Mobile Homes & Minnesota Rubber; b. Watertown, SD; p. Hugo & Esther (Tschakert) Maag; w. Barbara A. (Feyereisen); wed-10/07/1972; p. of Pam; informant-Barbara Maag of Florence, SD; M
Maag	Genevieve	L.	Tschakert	08/11/1910	03/17/1999	03/20/1999	E	1		DR# 19641; BP# 11777; age-88; d. Prairie Lakes Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-carcinoma rectum, liver metastasis; b. Watertown, SD; p. Frank Tschakert & Anna (Flemming); h. Albert P.; wed-1935; widowed; informant-Lynford Maag of Watertown, SD; M
Maag	Hugo	John		09/26/1913	01/22/2001	01/26/2001	E	2	14	DR# 20099; BP# 12165; age-87; d. Country View Assisted Living Center, Florence, SD; COD-metastatic cancer lung, renal cell carcinoma, metastatic prostate cancer; farmer; b. Florence, SD; p. Fred & Elizabeth (Hoverstadt); w. Esther M.(Tschakert); wed-07/04/1940; widowed; "p. of Harlen, Duane, Gary, Steven, & Sheila"; informant-Harlan Maag of Watertown, SD; M
Maag	James	L.		02/11/1951	02/15/1972	02/19/1972	E	2	17	NDR; NBC; date-02/18/1972" on marker; d. Sioux Falls hospital, Sioux Falls, Minnehaha Co., SD; COD-result of injuries received in a Hwy accident near Florence, SD; employee of Quadee Rubber Co., & member of National Guard; b. Watertown, SD; p. William N. Maag & ?; M
Maag	Joseph	Edward		12/23/1957	12/23/1957	12/24/1957	D	2	19	DR# 9271; BP# 3033; stillborn; d. Watertown, SD; b. Watertown, SD; p. Donald Frederick (27) & Delores Maxine (Stahlke) (26);"Son of Donald & Delores"; "Son"; informant-Donald F. Maag; M
Maag	Selma	Kathryn	Becking	08/28/1902	07/16/1976	07/20/1976	E	2	20	DR# 13945; BP# 7028; age-73; d. Jenkins Methodist Home, Watertown, SD; COD-

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										hypostatic pneumonia, multiple cerebral thromboses, diabetes mellitus; b. IA; p. John Becking & Eva (Davis); h. Edward L.; wed-1925; informant-Ed Maag of Florence, SD; M
Maag	William	N.		10/16/1909	03/27/1998	04/02/1998	E	2	19	DR# 19295; BP# 11588; age-88; d. residence Florence, SD; COD-prostate cancer; farmer; b. Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. Fred & Elizabeth (Hoverstadt); w. Evelyn J. (Tschakert); wed-1942; informant-Evelyn Maag of Florence, SD; M
Marquardt	Charles	Albert		09/13/1888	08/22/1982	08/25/1982	D	2	6	DR# 15475; BP# 8305; age-93; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiac arrest due to arteriosclerotic heart disease; farmer; b. MN; p. Gustave & Bertha (Barftel) Marquardt; w. Elizabeth (Ronke); wed-05/11/1918 @ Esterly Church; widowed; informant-Mrs. Luceen Ritz of Florence, SD; M
Marquardt	Charles	Edward		03/14/1938	03/25/1938	03/28/1938	D	2	5	DR# 2/157/5103; NBC; age-9 days; d. Watertown, SD; COD-starvation due to no esophagus & other malformations of intestinal tract; b. Watertown, SD; p. Charles Albert Marquardt & Elizabeth (Ronke); informant-C.A. Marquardt of Florence, SD; M
Marquardt	Elizabeth	J.	Ronke	02/21/1893	01/17/1971	01/20/1971	D	2	6 7	DR# 12510; BP# 5885; age-77; d. residence Watertown, SD; COD-acute coronary thrombosis, DOA; b. SD; p. Andrew Ronke & Theresa (Miller); h. Charles Albert; wed-05/11/1918 @ Esterly Church; informant-Charles of Watertown, SD; M
McCabe	Baby	Boy		05/16/1926	05/16/1926	05/16/1926	A	1	1	DR# 2/169/2765; stillborn; d. Watertown, SD; COD-prolapsed cord; p. J.B. McCabe & Caroline (Haas); informant-J.B. McCabe; M
McCabe	Baby	Male		11/19/1935	11/19/1935	11/20/1935	A			DR# 2/171/4601; d. Phipps Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-uterine prolapse in mother, breech presentation; b. Florence, SD; p. John

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										McCabe & Caroline (Haas); M
McCabe	Baby	Son		1932	1932					NDR; ?Edward; ?p. John McCabe & Caroline (Haas); "Son"; M
McCabe	Caroline	M.	Haas	08/18/1891	07/18/1975	07/22/1975	E	2	13	DR# 13692; BP# 6822; age-83; d. Jenkins Methodist Home, Watertown, SD; COD-Parkinsonism, cardiorespiratory syndrome, arteriosclerosis; b. Lysurgus, IA; p. John Haas & Susan (Puff); h. John B. McCabe; wed-1925; widowed; informant-Joseph MCCabe of Florence, SD; M
McCabe	Edward	baby					A	1	1	NDR; NBC; infant; ?p. John & Caroline (Haas) McCabe; M
McCabe	John	B.		05/24/1885	05/12/1960	05/16/1960	E	2	12	DR# 9847; BP# 4125; age-74; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-pulmonary embolus, thrombophlebitis; farming; b. Florence, Codington Co., SD; p. John & Catherine (Foley) McCabe; w. Caroline (Haas); wed-1925; informant-Caroline McCabe; M
McMahon	Edward	L.		09/28/1908	03/21/1910		B	1	20	DR# 1/46/654; name-"McMahan" on marker; age-1/6/0; d. Richland Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-acute pneumonia; b. SD; p. Pat McMahon & Mary (Hoverstadt); p. M. & M.; "Burdened on Earth to Freedom in Heaven"; M
Miller	Alvina			1895 circa	04/30/1986	05/03/1986	A	1	10 A	NDR; BP# 9086; age-91; d. Landmann-Jungman Memorial Hospital, Scotland, Bon Homme Co., SD; p. Joseph & Nettie (Peeper); NM
Miller	Anna		Sassumn	1830	06/14/1901		B	2	6	NDR; h. Joseph; wed in Austria; M
Miller	Cora			12/01/1890	06/22/1912		A	1		NDR; age-20; p. Joseph & Nettie (Peeper); M
Miller	Joseph			1820	04/27/1892		B	2	7	NDR; age-72/6/0; "72 yrs., 6 mos." on marker; w. Anna (Sassumn); wed-in Austria; "Gathered In a Good Old Age to the Assembly of the Right in us"; M

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Miller	Joseph			11/26/1860	?					NDR; b. Germany; w. Nettie (Peeper); M
Miller	Lizzie			03/20/1896	09/1896		A	2		NDR; p. Joseph & Nettie (Peeper); M
Miller	Nettie	E.	Peeper	05/17/1866	10/23/1938	10/29/1938	A	1		DR# 2/157/5221; NBC; age-72/5/6; d. Watertown, SD; COD-cerebral apoplexy; b. Decorah, IA; p. Ben Peeper & Eliza (Halse); h. Joseph; widowed; informant-Alvina Miller of Watertown, SD; M
Monahan	Mary	M.	Milner	11/14/1831	01/09/1899		B	1	14	NDR; h. Thomas; M
Monahan	Thomas	Sr.		05/13/1826	01/12/1896		B	1	13	NDR; w. Mary M. (Milner); "Gone but not forgotten"; M
Myers	Pauline		Tschakert	1878	01/02/1899		B	2	13	NDR; age-"21 yrs, 6 mos., 23 days" & "death date-"01/07/1899" on marker; h. Garriet; wed-1892; "Wife of G.W. Meyer"; M
Peeper	Anna		Halse	1842	03/12/1916		A	1		NDR; NBC; alternate birth date-"07/10/1845"; b. County Down, Ireland; h. Ben; M
Peeper	Benjamin			1836	09/09/1916		A	1		DR# 1/94/1299; NBC; name-"Bengamin" on marker; aka-"Ben"; age-78; d. Watertown, SD; COD-senility; b. Germany; w. Anna (Halse); widowed; M
Peeper	Louis			08/28/1838	05/17/1905		C	4	10	NDR; "Our father has gone to a mansion of rest---To the glorious land by the blest"; M
Pieper	John			07/17/1871	10/30/1889		A	2		NDR; alternate spelling-"Peeper"; M
Pieper	Robert	Henry		10/19/1868	04/20/1937	04/22/1937	A	1		DR# 2/190/4911; NBC; alternate spelling-"Peeper"; aka-"Rob"; age-68/6/1; d. Watertown, SD; COD-bronchopneumonia, asthma, myocarditis, senility; farmer; b. Decorah, IA; p. Ben Peeper & Anna (Halse); single; informant-Mrs. Jacob Eck of Florence, SD; M
Puff	Anton	W.		02/27/1827	04/20/1915		C	2	11	NDR; "Rest In Peace"; M
Roegiers	Henri			02/14/1884	06/13/1974	06/17/1974	C	1		DR# 13393; BP# 6576; age-90; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-sepsis,

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										urinary tract infection; farmer; b. Belgium; p. Francis Roegiers & Sophia (?; w. Martha (Vervynck); widowed; informant-Mrs. Willard Tschakert of Florence, SD; M
Roegiers	Martha	Frances	Vervynck	04/01/1896	02/20/1970	02/23/1970	C	1		DR# 12267; BP# 5653; alternate middle name-"Finenie"; age-73; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-myocardial degeneration, arteriosclerosis; b. Warshoot, Belgium; p. Alwies Vervynck & Maria (?Wiema); h. Henri; informant-husband of Florence, SD; M
Ronke	Agnes	B.	Heller	11/10/1893	01/04/1984	01/07/1984	E	2	8	DR# 15813; BP# 8553; age-90; d. residence Florence, SD; COD-acute coronary occlusion, coronary arteriosclerosis; b. SD; p. Andrew Heller & Augusta (Porath); h. Edward A.; wed-1917 @ Annunciation Church @ Revillo, SD; widowed; informant-Arbie Ronke of Watertown, SD; M
Ronke	Albert			09/08/1861	03/28/1941		C	2	5	NDR; NBP; M
Ronke	Andrew			01/06/1860	07/20/1948	07/23/1948	C	1	4	NDR; BP# 1259; age-88; d. Yankton State Hospital, Yankton, Utica Twp., SD; COD-generalized arteriosclerosis; b. Princeton, WI; w. Theresa (Miller); wed-01/28/1886 @ Webster, SD; M
Ronke	Anna	Marie	Doran	06/05/1892	02/10/1962	02/14/1962	E	1	21	DR# 10229; BP# 4126; age-69; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-pneumonia, old cardiovascular accident; b. SD; p. John Doran & Mary (Hoverstadt); h. William; informant-William Ronke; M
Ronke	Arbie	A.		1923	-		E	2		Living; 50 yr. member of K of C; p. Edward Agnes (Heller) Ronke; wed Lucille L. (Strohfus) 10/09/1950 @ Henry Catholic Church, Henry, SD; M
Ronke	Baby	Girl					B	1	1	NDR; ? same as "Infant Ronke"; infant; no dates on BC; p. Andrew & Theresa (Miller) Ronke; M

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Ronke	Ben	P.		02/25/1900	02/09/1990	02/12/1990	C	1	2	DR# 17254; BP# 9833; age-89; Prairie Lakes Hospital West, Watertown, SD; COD-respiratory arrest, pneumonia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; farmer; b. rural Florence, SD; p. Andrew & Theresa (Miller); single; informant-Luella Ronke of Watertown, SD; "Brother"; M
Ronke	Dorothy	S.			08/02/1894		A	2		NDR; infant; "1 yr. 11 mos. 20 days"; "p. John & Julie"; M
Ronke	Edward	Andrew		09/14/1888	01/29/1969	02/01/1969	E	2	9	DR# 12010; BP# 5434; age-80; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-terminal pneumonia, arteriosclerotic heart disease; farming; b. SD; p. Andrew & Theresa (Miller); w. Agnes (Heller); wed-1917 @ Annunciation Church in Reville, SD; informant-Mrs. Edward A. Ronke of Florence, SD; M
Ronke	Eugene	A.		05/18/1931	02/22/1968	02/26/1968	E	2	2	DR# 11749; BP# 5227; age-36; Korean War; d. residence rural Watertown, SD; COD-cardiac arrest, probable electric shock, external myocardial fibrosis, probable ventricular fibrillation; turkey farmer; b. SD; p. Leo Ronke & Margaret (Matz); w. Joan (Gaikowski); informant-Mrs. Joan Ronke of Watertown, SD; M
Ronke	Frank			03/17/1872	05/11/1940	05/14/1940	C	2	4	DR# 2/208/5533; age-68/1/25; d. Watertown, SD; COD-chronic myocarditis, chronic nephritis; farmer; b. Princeton, WI; p. Andrew & Mary (Flemming) Ronke; single; informant-Andrew Ronke of Florence, SD; M
Ronke	Gregory	John		07/23/1955	02/01/1967	02/04/1967	E	1	22	DR# 11463; BP# 4970; age-11; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiac arrest, acute appendicitis; b. Watertown, SD; p. Norbert & Mary (Jankord); student; informant-Norbert Ronke; M
Ronke	Infant						B	1	1	NDR; NBC; no dates on BC; ?same as "Baby Girl Ronke"; p. Andrew & Theresa

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										(Miller); M
Ronke	John			1857	12/28/1943	12/31/1943	E	1	12	NDR; BP# 387; age-86; d. Peabody Hospital, Webster, Day Co., SD; COD-toxic myocardium from influenza; w. Julia (Puff); "Father"; M
Ronke	Joseph	H.		03/19/1865	03/02/1936	03/05/1936	D	2	2	DR# 2/206/4650; NBC; birth year-"1866" on marker; age-70/11/12; d. Watertown, SD; COD-myocarditis, hypertension, asthma, allergies, bronchopneumonia, senility; farmer; b. Princeton, WI; p. Andrew Ronke & Mary (Fleming); w. Lena (Miller); wed-09/24/1888 @ Webster, SD; informant-William Hopkins of Watertown, SD; M
Ronke	Julia	H.	Puff	06/29/1859	09/08/1938	09/10/1938	E	1	11	DR# 2/207/5199; NBC; age-79/2/9; d. Watertown, SD; COD-cerebral hemorrhage, senility, arteriosclerosis; b. Lycurgus, IA; p. Anton Puff & (?); h. John; informant-John Ronke of Florence, SD; "Mother"; M
Ronke	Lena		Miller	10/25/1871	07/17/1959	07/20/1959	D	2	1	DR# 9641; BP# 3338; age-87; d. residence Watertown, SD; COD-cerebral apoplexy, generalized arteriosclerosis; b. LaCrosse, WI; p. Joseph Miller & Anna (Sassam); h. Joseph; wed-09/24/1888 @ Webster, SD; widowed; informant-T. F. Reilly; M
Ronke	Leo	M.		10/17/1897	11/16/1988	11/19/1988	E	1	3	DR# 16955; BP# 9616; age-91; d. Prairie Lakes Health Care Center West, Watertown, SD; COD-acute respiratory failure, streptococcal pneumonia, septicemia, diabetes mellitus; farmer; b. SD; p. Andrew & Theresa (Miller) Ronke; w. Margaret A. (Matz); widowed; w.#2-Florence (Stanley); informant-Mrs. Wesley (Margaret) Hill of Watertown, SD; M
Ronke	Lucille	L.	Strohfus	10/09/1928	12/19/1995	12/22/1995	E	2	6	NDR; BP# 11118; age-67; d. Sioux Valley Hospital, Sioux Falls, Minnehaha Co., SD; 35 years in 4-H/teacher; b. farm near Henry, SD; p. Joseph & Annie (Endres) Strohfus;

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										wed Arbie Ronke 10/09/1950 @ Henry, SD; p. of Marlowe, Ed, Roxanne, Carla & Lori; M
Ronke	Luella	M.		08/15/1905	01/05/1999	04/06/1999	C	1	3	DR# 19582; BP# 11778; age-93; d. Prairie Lakes Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-pneumonia, arteriosclerotic heart disease; homemaker; b. Florence, SD; p. Andrew & Theresa (Miller); single; informant-Lavern Marquardt of Florence, SD; "Sister"; M
Ronke	Margaret	A.	Matz	05/28/1900	08/07/1947	08/09/1947	E	1	2	DR# 4/36/6964; NBC; age-47/2/9; d. Bartron Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-hemiplegia (L), myocarditis; b. Waseca, MN; p. Ignatius Matz & Minnie (Ratzback?); h. Leo M. (49); informant-Leo M. Of Florence, SD; M
Ronke	Mary	L.	Jankord	1924	-		F	1		Living; h. Norbert A.; wed-04/18/1944 @ Florence, SD; p. of Bernard "Skip", Russell, Ronald, Richard, Thomas, Lawrence, James & Jerald, Frances, Carolyn, Linda, Marilyn, Mary Jane, & Brenda; M
Ronke	Norbert	A.		02/27/1924	10/11/1982	1014/1982	F	1	20	NDR; BP# 8336; age-58; d. Metropolitan Medical Center, Minneapolis, Hennepin Co., MN; farmer/dock worker for Hyman Transportation Co.; b. Sioux City, IA; p. William & Anna Marie (Doran) Ronke; wed Mary L. (Jankord) 04/18/1944 @ Florence, SD; p. of Bernard "Skip", Russell, Ronald, Richard, Thomas, Lawrence, James & Jerald, Frances, Carolyn, Linda, Marilyn, Mary Jane & Brenda; "Dad"; M
Ronke	Theresa		Miller	1864	10/11/1917		C	1	5	DR# 1/104/1438; age-52/11/28; d. Florence, SD; COD-cerebral hemorrhage; b. On the ocean; h. Andrew; 01/28/1886 @ Webster, SD; M
Ronke	Theresa	Myra		09/1890	06/10/1891		B	1	7	NDR; age-0/9/27; "9 mos. 27 days" on marker; "Daughter of Jos. & C. Ronke"; M
Ronke	Twin	Girls		02/27/1900	10/03/1900		B	2	8	NDR; no dates on BC; p. Joseph & Lena (Miller) Ronke; "p. M. & M. J."; "Our Darling Ones have gone on ahead to Greet us

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										on that Blessed shore"; M
Ronke	Wesley	E.		06/13/1959	07/22/1996	07/25/1996	E	1	4	DR# 18867; BP# 11224; age-37; d. residence Watertown, SD; COD-acute necrotizing hemorrhagic pancreatitis; farm work/plumber; b. Watertown, SD; p. Eugene & Joan (Gaikowski); wed-Roxanne (Conley) 08/26/1978; divorced; informant-Joan Hemp of Florence, SD; "My Sons Justin & Jesse"; M
Ronke	William	John		10/26/1890	12/16/1962	12/19/1962	E	1	20	DR# 10437; BP# 4129; age-72; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-pneumonia; farmer; b. SD; p. Andrew & Theresa (Miller); w. Anna Marie (Doran); widowed; informant-Norbert A. Ronke; M
Schafer	Kylie	Marie		11/09/1998	11/10/1998		F	1		NDR; NBC; "Twins of Greg & Holly Schafer"; M
Schafer	Taylor	Michael		11/09/1998	11/12/1998		F	1		NDR; NBC; name-"Micheal" on marker; "Twins of Greg & Holly Schafer"; M
Schumacher	Jane	E.	Wensing	08/20/1963	01/28/2005	02/01/2005	E	1	37	BP# 7846; age-41; d. Mile marker 282, Hwy 14, Highmore, Hyde Co., SD; COD-massive cranial injuries; dental hygienist; b. SD; p. Glenn Wensing & Dolores (Leemhuis); h. Randal Schumacher; informant-spouse of Custer, SD; M
Schumacher	Randal	A.		04/09/1963	-		E	1		Living; w. Jane E. (Wensing); M
Schwarzhoff	Adolph			04/16/1826	02/27/1898		B	1	15	NDR; w. Caroline; M
Schwarzhoff	Caroline			08/04/1839	10/07/1904		B	2	16	NDR; no dates on BC; h. Adolph; M
Schwarzhoff	Christine			08/22/1884	09/03/1884		A	2		NDR; p. Adolph & Caroline; M
Sumner	Anna		Miller	04/09/1866	03/30/1948	04/01/1948	B	1		DR# 4/106/7101; BP# 1188; aka-"Annie"; age-81/11/21; d. Bartron Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-terminal lobar pneumonia, myocarditis & senility; b. LaCrosse, WI; p. Joseph Miller & Annie (Sassum); h. Jabe S.; wed-1886; widowed;

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										informant-Mrs. Mary Ann Bodtker of Florence, SD; M
Sumner	Gary	Joseph		06/02/1962	03/30/1985	04/03/1985	B	1	24	DR# 16149; BP# 8820; age-22; d. residence Florence, SD; COD-self-inflicted gunshot wound; welder rehab workshop; b. MN; p. Larry & Patricia A. (Maag) Sumner; single; informant-Larry Sumner of Florence, SD; M
Sumner	Infant						A	2	8	NDR; no dates on BC; NM
Sumner	Jabe	S.		12/13/1862	11/09/1939	11/13/1939	B	1		DR# 2/234/5441; age-76/10/26; d. Florence, SD; COD-cancer; farmer; b. Decorah, IA; p. Eldridge Sumner & Mary (Steinman); w. Anna (Miller); wed-1886; informant-Elmer Sumner of Florence, SD; M
Sumner	Jerry	M.		12/08/1961	05/23/1986	05/28/1986	B	1		NDR; BP# 9098; name-"Gerald" on marker; age-24; US Navy; d. Cedar Rapids, IA; COD-injuries as a result of auto accident; b. Sioux City, IA; p. Harvey & Mona Sumner; "Til We Meet Again"; M
Sumner	Sarah			10/1894	06/1895		A	1	6	NDR; no dates on BC; infant; p. Jabe & Annie (Miller) Sumner; M
Taleska	Apolonija				03/28/1902		C	1	17	NDR; NBC; spelling-"Talaska"; "Tuspoczyca Apilonija" & "1902" on marker; M
Tschakert	Agnes	C.	Grygiel	02/06/1920	10/27/2002	10/30/2002	B	2	26	NDR; BP# 12531; age-82; d. Beverly Health Care, Milbank, Grant Co., SD after a long illness; domestic work, Green Thumb, Florence public schools; b. Ortle, SD; p. Martin & Cecelia (Senske) Grygiel; wed Everett Tschakert 11/10/1948 @ Watertown, SD; p. of Daniel, Rev. Gregory, Ann, Marcia & Valerie; M
Tschakert	Anna		Flemming	03/12/1881	03/05/1944	03/07/1944	C	1	5	DR# 3/588/6250; BP# 437; birth year-"1882" on marker; age-62/11/23; d. Florence, SD; COD-acute exacerbation of chronic Bright's disease, hypertension; b. Princeton, WI; p. Mathias Flemming &

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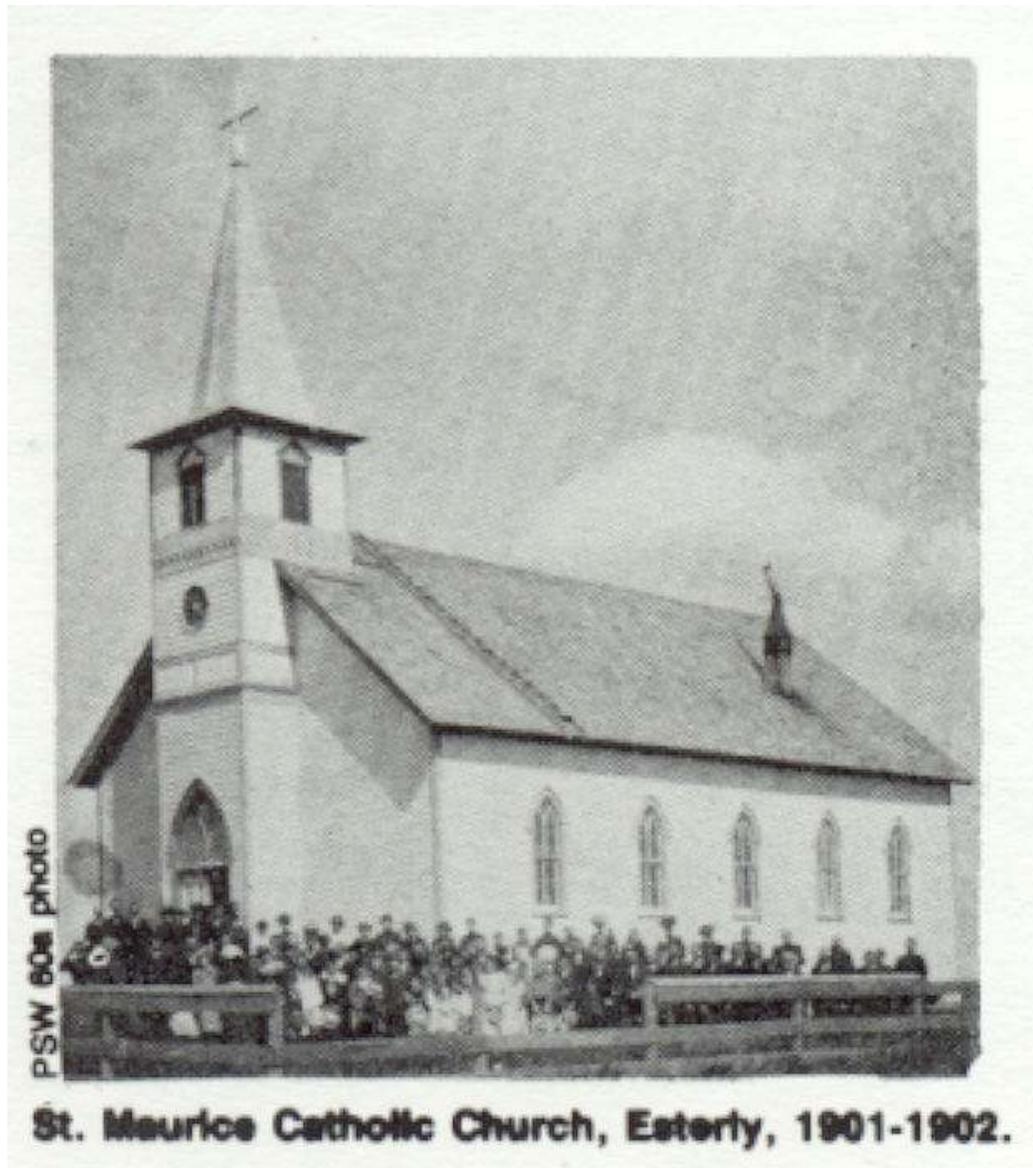
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										Johannan (Washkovik); h. Frank (67); wed-1909; informant-Frank Tschakert of Florence, SD; M
Tschakert	Berniece	Nora	Strohfus	02/05/1919	08/01/2002	08/05/2002	C	1	34	NDR; BP# 12488; age-83; d. Prince of Peace Nursing Home, Sioux Falls, Minnehaha Co., SD; country school teacher; b. Henry, SD; p. Joseph & Anne (Endres) Strohfus; h. Donald F.; wed-11/18/1944 in Henry, SD; "Our Children, Conley, Geraldine, Marilyn, Richard, Justine, Raymond"; "Always in Our Hearts"; M
Tschakert	Clarence	M.		1918	-					Living; b. Phipps Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. Frank & Anna (Flemming); w. Iona (Strohfus); wed-11/15/1941; "p. of JoAnn, Carol, Jeanette, Darlene, LaVerne, Lyle, Ardelle, Frank, & Delbert"; M
Tschakert	Donald	Francis		04/20/1921	01/13/1996	01/16/1996	C	1	35	DR# 18720; BP# 11128; age-74; d. Prairie Lakes Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-carcinoma lung; farmer; b. Florence, SD; p. Frank & Annie (Flemming); w. Berniece N. (Strohfus); wed-11/18/1944 in Henry, SD; informant-Berniece of Florence, SD; "Our Children, Conley, Geraldine, Marilyn, Richard, Justine, Raymond"; "Always in Our Hearts"; M
Tschakert	Edna	Twin		03/21/1914	04/01/1921		C	1		NDR; NBC; p. Frank & Anna (Flemming); M
Tschakert	Esther	Twin		1914	1921		C	1		NDR; NBC; p. Frank & Anna (Flemming); M
Tschakert	Everett	W.		02/28/1912	10/08/1985	10/11/1985	B	2		NDR; BP# 8959; age 73; d. St. Bernard's Hospital, Milbank, Grant Co., SD; farmer; b. Watertown, SD; p. Frank & Anna (Flemming) Tschakert; wed Agnes (Grygiel) 11/10/1948 @ Watertown, SD; p. of Daniel & Rev. Gregory, Ann, Marcia & Valerie; M
Tschakert	Frank	J.		12/24/1868	11/06/1951	11/09/1951	C	1		DR# 7860; NBC; age-82; d. residence, Florence, SD; COD-carbon monoxide poisoning, found dead in car; farmer; b.

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										Onalaska, WI; p. Lawrence Tschakert & Theresa (Klimple); w. Anna (Flemming); wed-1909; widowed; informant-Everett Tschakert; M
Tschakert	Iona	H.	Strohfus	1917	-		C	1		Living; h. Clarence; wed-11/15/1941; "Children-JoAnn, Carol, Jeanette, Darlene, LaVerne, Lyle, Ardelle, Frank, & Delbert"; M
Tschakert	Lawrence			07/02/1834	10/10/1901		C	1	13	NDR; alternate spelling-"Laurenz"; b. Neustadle, Bohemia; m. Rosalee Tschakert; w. Theresia (Klimple); "In the Cross My Home"; "In Loving Remembrance erected by Theresia Tschakert His Wife & Children"; "Mourn Not Ye my Beloved Ones from you forever I am not gone. It is yet a little while when we in Heaven Meet again"; "Oh Pilgrim who art at my Grave, E're Thou Pass and give me your Prayer"; Blessed are the Dead who die in the Lord, They Shall Rest from their labor and their works shall follow them"; M
Tschakert	Mary	E.	Roegiers	1938	-		C	1		Living; h. Willard E.; "Wed 06/09/1959; p. of Marjorie, Martin & Merle"; M
Tschakert	Rosalie			1808	12/23/1886		C	1	15	NDR; name-"Ischakert" & age-"78 yrs." on marker; alternate spelling-"Rosealee"; "Here Rests"; M
Tschakert	Theresia		Klimple	01/09/1841	03/27/1907		C	1	11	DR# 1/15/193; alternate spelling-"Theresa"; age-65/11/4; d. Dexter Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-carcinoma; b. Hofberg, Bohemia; f.??Joseph Klimple; h. Lawrence; widowed; "In loving Rememberance"; "Erected in memory of our Mother, Gone but not forgotten", "Wife of L. Tschakert"; M
Tschakert	Willard	E.		10/25/1928	-		C	1		Living; w. Mary E. (Roegiers); "wed-06/09/1959"; "p. of Marjorie, Martin & Merle"; M
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Welch	John			1847	1910		A	2	16	NDR; NBC; w. Mary (Habenger); M
Welch	Mary		Habenger	08/09/1857	09/29/1913		A	5	14	DR# 1/78/1051; death date-"09/30/1913" on marker; age-54; d. Florence, SD; COD-cancer stomach; b. IL.; p. John & Mary (?) Habenger; h. John; widowed; M
Wensing	-						A	3	16	NDR; no name or dates on BC; NM
Wensing	Adeline				05/23/1881		A	3	14	NDR; age-"70 yrs." on marker; h. John; M
Wensing	Arnold	Joseph		1912	05/08/1926	05/10/1926	D	1	10	DR# 2/275/2795; age-13/9/4; d. Fuller Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-lobar pneumonia following grippe; student; b. Florence, SD; p. Joe Wensing & Clara (Ronke); informant-Gus Marquardt; M
Wensing	Baby	Infant					A	2	5	NDR; no name or dates on BC; NM
Wensing	Clara	G.	Ronke	11/28/1886	09/27/1967	09/30/1967	D	1	9	DR# 11631; BP# 5138; age-80; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-idiopathic ventricular fibrillation; b. SD; p. Andrew Ronke & Theresa (Miller); h. Joseph T. Wensing; informant-Art Wensing; M
Wensing	Dolores	E.	Leemhuis	1927	-		E	1		Living; h. Glenn A.; "p. of our children, Mike, Pat, Lerry, Jeff, Jane; M
Wensing	Dorothy	M.		12/02/1928	-		F	1		Living; h. James H.; p. of Susan, Christine, Mary, Kay, & David; M
Wensing	Glenn	A.		1924	-		E	1		Living; w. Dolores (Leemhuis); "p. of our children, Mike, Pat, Lerry, Jeff, Jane"; M
Wensing	James	H.		10/28/1930	-		F	1		Living; w. Dorothy M.; p. of Susan, Christine, Mary, Kay, David; M
Wensing	Joseph	T.		09/08/1883	06/18/1972	06/22/1972	D	1	8	NDR; BP# 6189; age-88; d. Clark Nursing Home, Clark, Clark Co., SD; COD-pneumonia; p. Charles & Bernadine (?) Wensing; w. Clara (Ronke); informant-Art Wensing of Watertown, SD; M



History of St. Maurice & Blessed Sacrament Parish (1889-1989)

As the 1870 homestead settlements sprang up in Dakota Territory, one, of German descent, settled at Kranzburg, in Eastern Codington County. A Catholic Church was built there in 1879, with a resident "traveling" Pastor. As other sites developed, the Kranzburg priests reached out to serve neighboring settlements.

Among the many locations served from Kranzburg, was a group of predominantly German Catholics who first settled in 1879 at Esterly, fifteen miles Northwest of Watertown. The first Masses at Esterly were celebrated in claim shanty homes whenever the priest arrived there.

In the early 1880's a public school was built, the 19th District School of Codington County. The schoolroom was then used for celebrating Mass and Sacraments. The first priests at Esterly, traveling from Kranzburg, were Father Bergmann and Father Albrecht.

For a number of years, in the early 1880's, the priest from Webster, Father Mensing, made more regular monthly visits to Esterly, by way of the Watertown-Webster Stagecoach Line. A railroad line was also being completed during those years, connecting Watertown with Aberdeen.

On May 6, 1884, Theresa and Bernard Hoverstadt signed papers to donate five acres of land for a church and cemetery site at Esterly. The document was made with Bishop Martin Marty, then residing at Yankton. A crude fence was put around the acreage, and burials began in the consecrated ground in what is to this day the parish cemetery.

On October 30, 1890, a four acre plat of land (two miles north and ½ mile east of Florence) was donated by Laurenz and Theresia Tschakert. This, too, was given to Bishop Martin Marty, then of Sioux Falls (1889-1895), and designated as the St. Laurenz Cemetery. Later, most of the remains were disinterred and buried elsewhere, and the acreage became a part of the farmland, though not all of the tombstones and remains have been removed.

Father Wernick (1889-1895) from Watertown, was the next priest to serve the people of Esterly. Immediately, in 1889, he supervised construction of a church. The church, constructed by the people, was 50 feet by 30 feet, with a 50 foot steeple. In November 1889, Bishop Marty dedicated the church as St. Maurice. The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered on this visit, with final instruction given by the Bishop himself. St. Maurice Parish at Esterly, being dedicated in 1889, coincided with the year of South Dakota's Statehood and also the founding of the Diocese of Sioux Falls. When Bishop Marty was transferred to St. Cloud in 1895, Father Wernick accompanied him as his secretary. Bishop Thomas O'Gorman (1896-1922) succeeded as Bishop of Sioux Falls Diocese.

For many of the following years, St. Maurice, Esterly continued to be served by priests from Watertown. From 1895-1903, newly-ordained Father Peter H. Lauer served. During his pastorate the church debt was paid and the following improvements were made in the church: the interior was plastered and painted, a new high altar, pews and oil painting stations of the cross were purchased, and a bell was installed. The bell, donated by Anna (Mrs. Joe) Miller, had these words inscribed: "St. Ann, Pray For Us." (Ben Ronke, grandson of Anna Miller, recalls how he helped when the bell was taken from Esterly and installed in the new church at Florence.) Father Lauer had several assistants who helped at Esterly: Father Joachim, O.S.B., Father Flynn (first ordained priest of this Diocese), Father Flood, Father Bomsetiere, and Father Dooley.

Father B. J. Birkle (1903-1905) was authorized by Bishop O'Gorman to construct a rectory in 1904, so he became the first resident pastor at Esterly. (This rectory was bought for \$1,000.00 in 1919 by Dr. George F. Pugh, and moved to Florence, where it was used as his hospital. Presently it is the home of Gladys and Lyle Thorson.) In 1904, Waverly was attached as a mission of Esterly.

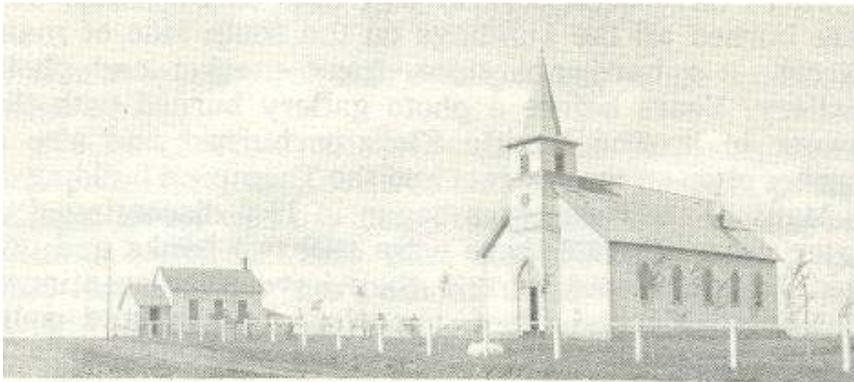
In 1906, 5½ miles west of Esterly, the growing town of Florence was established. With a railroad line going through it, Florence flourished. Esterly, with its school, church, rectory, and grocery store, but without a railroad, had its future determined.

Father F.J. Twohig, O.P., was assigned to pastor Esterly out of Watertown in 1906 and 1907, as well as Father John J.Kettler for part of 1907. The majority of the rectory debt was paid in Father Twohig's time.

Father Nicolaus Stoltz (1907-1912) became resident pastor later in 1907; During his years the church was enlarged, the furnace installed, and in 1908 Bishop O'Gorman came to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. While Father Stoltz served, Waverly and Revillo were detached as missions, and Crocker and Lily were joined as missions of Esterly.

The next pastor was Father Hugo Victor (1912-1914). Several priests were assigned to Esterly for short periods of time from 1914-1918: Father Joseph Duffy (1914-1915), Father Nicolaus Stoltz (1915-1917), and from Revillo, Father Alex Buechler (1917-1918). Father Buechler covered Esterly while a church was being planned and constructed at Florence.

In 1918, Father Joseph Patrick Veese (1918-1922) was assigned from Watertown to organize and direct construction of a church at Florence. Plans and specifications were made by Antone Dohman, architect, and Herman Jeub from Minneapolis, Minnesota was contractor and builder. Two lots were purchased for the church, and a house ½ block south of the church was purchased for the rectory. (This first rectory in Florence was sold in 1963 to Ed and Selma Maag for \$4,000.00. It is presently the home of Josephine and James Stemwedel.) In 1919 the cornerstone was placed in the new Blessed Sacrament Church of Florence. Helen Kahnke Grygiel was the first to receive the sacrament of Baptism in the new church. An interesting anecdote-the insurance cost for the Florence church and rectory in 1919 was \$188.45.



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When St. Maurice, Esterly was closed and transferred to Blessed Sacrament Parish of Florence, the buildings at Esterly were sold and removed, but the acreage continued to

be the parish cemetery. The old

church and out buildings (horse carriage shed) were sold for \$972.00. They were torn down by Alex Byer and Maurice Jankord. Some of the wood and one stained glass window were used in building a garage (still standing on the Herman Byer farm).

For a short time in 1922, Father John Pohlen, O.M.I. was pastor. He was a musician and even gave music lessons. After leaving Florence, he served in Sisseton. From 1922 to 1925, Father James J. O'Brien was pastor. For a few months, from September to November 1924, Father M. Mennis was the priest. From December 1925 to November

1927, the pastor was Father Clarence J. Garry, followed by Father B.J. Maguire from November 15, 1927 to June 1928.

Father Joseph Carl Stammeyer came to Blessed Sacrament in June 1928, and served until February of 1954. In the 1930's, a St. Paul Bank closure resulted in the loss of Blessed Sacrament church and rectory. Refinancing was done with help from the Diocese, under Bishop Bernard Mahoney (1922-1939) and Bishop William O. Brady (1939-1957). Father Stammeyer gave monies from his farmland, and also partly owned and managed the weekly newspaper "The Florence Forum" to help the parish pay back the loan. In 1940, the \$5,500.00 debt to the Diocese was paid. In 1946 the parish purchased and installed a theatre pipe organ for the church, which is still used today. In 1950, new stations of the cross were installed.

Father Stammeyer is also remembered for managing the baseball team, and for sponsoring dances in the town hall. The parish at Lily had been detached from Florence, and the parish at Crocker had been closed by the time Father Stammeyer left.

For the next eighteen years (February 1954-June 1972), Father John Nieborski was the assigned pastor of Blessed Sacrament. Numerous changes and improvements took place during those years. The plain windows in the church were replaced with stained glass, the church floor was tiled and partially carpeted, the church was painted, and the pews were refurbished. During 1963 to 1965 the parish took on the construction of a spacious new brick rectory, with a chapel and classrooms in the basement, and joined to the north side of the church with a tunnel. Vince Byer was the construction contractor. Many improvements were made in the church basement, especially in the kitchen area. On the front lawn, Father John enshrined the statue of Mary, with a flower garden in front of it.

The Second Vatican Council brought many more changes in the liturgical and sacramental life of the parish and of the whole church. In the 1960's, Father John began some of those renewals at Blessed Sacrament. The altar table from the high altar was moved forward for Mass with the priest facing the people, the communion railing was removed, and English became the language of the Mass. Other improvements during Fr. John's pastorate included changing the church furnace from coal to fuel oil, remodeling the basement area, new vestments for Mass, and continued growth of the religious education program and church music. In July and August of 1960, Father Joseph Deskiewicz served at Florence while Father John was in poor health, but Father John returned and served twelve more years. When Father John moved, Father Ed Pierce administered the parish for one month until the new pastor arrived.

Father Zygmunt Dzierzek, O.M.I. (July 1972-May 1979) was appointed the next pastor of Blessed Sacrament. Father continued the education and changes as church renewal expanded. In 1974 the church interior was painted by Schettler Studios of Carroll, Iowa. The sanctuary and aisles were carpeted, and in 1973 the present tabernacle was purchased and placed on the south side altar. The church walls began to bulge outward, making it necessary for the men of the parish to fasten them with a holding rod near the choir loft area. The religious education program for the children continued to develop. Father Zygmunt was able to get school desks from the Tekakwitha Indian School in Sisseton for the CCD classrooms.



St. Maurice Catholic Church at Esterly (east of Florence) in 1888. This church burned in 1918.
(Gray Studio photo)

It was a big moment for Blessed Sacrament Parish on June 3, 1976, when one of its own members, Michael Wensing, was ordained at the Cathedral in Sioux Falls, by Bishop Lambert A. Hoch (1957-1978). Father Mike celebrated his First Mass at Florence on Sunday, June 6, 1976. Father Mike is the son of Glenn and Dolores (Leemhuis) Wensing. Since ordination, Father has served in several parishes, taught at O’Gorman High School, and served as vocation and youth director of the Diocese, until 1982 when he went to Rome. He completed his Licentiate Degree (S.T.L.) in June 1985, then returned to become chaplain at the Newman Center in Vermillion, South Dakota, where he is now serving.

Father Zygmunt moved in May 1979, and Father Robert Vinslauski covered the parish in June until the new pastor, Father Denis Meier, arrived in July. Father Denis served from July 3, 1979 to September 15, 1987. In 1983, Henry parish was attached as a mission of Florence, and on February 1, 1985, Waverly was detached.

Over the years, Sisters of Presentation Heights in Aberdeen and of Mother of God Priory in Watertown served the parish at Florence in summer religious education programs. In August of 1979, the parish hired Sister Marlene Konrady of Watertown as a part-time Pastoral Associate. Sister Adel Sautner followed in that position from August 1982 to July 1985. Sister Marlene was rehired from July 1985 to September 1987, serving as Pastoral Associate for Fr. Denis at Florence and Henry, as well as with Father Jerome Kopel at Clark.

More improvements continued while Father Denis served. The CCD classrooms were painted and carpeted, the pipe organ was rebuilt and additional voices added to create an improved church organ sound. (Eugene Doust of Watertown rebuilt the organ in 1982.) New stairs were put in the back of church to the basement, the original altar table was pushed into the high altar structure, and a new tabernacle altar was built, as the previous one became the main altar for Mass. Father Denis helped organize the Blessed Sacrament Cemetery Association and had the cemetery replatted. A joint Lutheran/Catholic parking lot was cleared across the street.

It was another big day for the parish of Blessed Sacrament when, on May 22, 1982, a second parish son, Gregory Tschakert, was ordained by Bishop Paul V. Dudley (1978-) at Florence Church. Fr. Greg's parents are Agnes (Grygiel) and the late Everett Tschakert. After his ordination, Father Greg served at St. Mary's Parish in Aberdeen. He then completed graduate studies at the University of Ottawa in Ontario, Canada, receiving his license in canon law in 1987. In June of 1987, he was appointed the Chancellor of the Diocese of Sioux Falls and pastor of the parish at Huntimer, South Dakota.

On September 15, 1987, Bishop Dudley chose a new arrangement for coverage of parishes in this area. Sister Marlene Konrady was appointed as Pastoral Administrator of Florence and Henry parishes, to reside at the Florence rectory. She also continued as Pastoral Associate at Clark. Father Jerome Kopel, continuing as pastor of Clark and Grover, was appointed as Canonical Pastor (Liturgist) of Florence and Henry. In carrying out those new positions, Father Kopel celebrates the Mass and Sacraments, while Sister Marlene is responsible for all other aspects of parish life at Florence and Henry.

Life has changed in the parish in regards to scheduling, with four parishes to consider, but even more so in the involvement of the laity in all aspects of parish life and ministry. The people of Blessed Sacrament have continued to respond beautifully to the call to serve and support their church. They are proud of their parish. Improvements continue as a Finance Board was appointed, a walkway was built across the ditch in front of the church for access to the new parking lot, risers were built for pews in the choir loft, the archway in the sanctuary was painted, and much time and effort was put into this history and pictorial directory. With everyone's help, we will have a celebration to remember as we gather with Bishop Dudley for dinner on July 9, 1989, to celebrate our parish Centennial Year. Our prayer is that the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament, Florence, continue to experience our Centennial Theme: "It is in giving that we receive."