

Lake Nicholson Cemetery, Codington County, South Dakota

Location: SW corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12- Twp 118- Range 55, Phipps Township
GPS Latitude / Longitude: (Degrees / Minutes / Seconds) N. 45° 02' 09.5" W. -097° 23' 28.5"

Directions: From Henry take 437 Ave to 161 St. go E to 441 Ave turn S 1 mile.
From Florence: Highway 20 northwest to 160th St, then west for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile where curve will go to south for a mile to 161st St; continue west for 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to 441st Ave, then south one mile

Cemetery contact or sextant: no sexton known

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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.



Photo by Erland Carlson

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Last Name	First	Middle	Maiden Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Burial Date	Bl	Lt	Gr	Comments
Beard	Velma			04/09/1919	02/24/1920			1	1	M; NBC; NDR; Infant;
Burdernisch	Baby							22		NM; NBC; NDR; buried between the grandparents, John & Bertha Christian;
Christian	-						2	15	6	NDR; no name or dates on BC at Court House;
Christian	Albert			07/20/1864	02/20/1936	02/23/1936	2	15	7	NM; BC; DR# Bk 2-p40-# 4636, age-71y,5m.;d. Watertown, SD; COD-prostatic hypertrophy with retention, myocardial degeneration, uremia; married; retired farmer; b. Waterloo, WI; f. Jacob Christian; w. Lois Amelia (Minor); widowed; Inf.-Mrs Walter Linninger? of Watertown, SD;
Christian	Archie	E.		09/08/1904	09/26/1988	10/1/1988	2	22		M; BP # 9481; NDR; age-85; birth year-"1903" on marker; d. Dodge City Hospital, Ford Co., KS; representative for Kirby vacuum and Amana Freezer companies; b. Fuller Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. John & Bertha (Gautsch) Christian; p. of Ada & Joyce, Dale, Leo & Robert; "Son"
Christian	Bertha	T.	Gautsch	1868	04/16/1922	04/19/1922		22	7	M; NBC; DR-Bk 2-p 33- #2088, 53y, 5m, 23d; d. Florence, SD; COD-tuberculosis; b. Germany; p. Ben Gautsch & Tressa (Reidel); h. John J. Christian; p. of John, Ada, Archie & Merlin; inf- their children of Florence, SD; "Mother"
Christian	John	Frank		09/02/1898	01/28/1976	02/02/1976		22	5	M; BP# 6981; NDR; age-77; d. Plymouth or Sheboygan, WI Hospital, Sheboygan Co., WI; dairy farmer; b. Fuller Twp., Codington Co., SD; p. M/M John Christian; brothers are Merlin & Archie Christian;
Christian	John	J.		1857	1922					M; NBC; NDR; w. Bertha T. (Gautsch); p. of John, Ada, Archie & Merlin; "Father"
Christian	Lois	Amelia	Phillips/Minor	09/08/1874	12/07/1930	12/09/1930		15	7	NM; NBC; DR# Bk 2-p 37-# 3642; age-55y,2m,29d; d. Codington Co., SD; b. MI; COD-acute heart failure, Bright's disease, acute bronchitis; Married; h. Albert Christian; p. John J. Phillips & Tabetha (Taylor); Inf.-Will Minor of Watertown, SD;
Cooley	Children							31	2 & 7	NM; NBC; NDR

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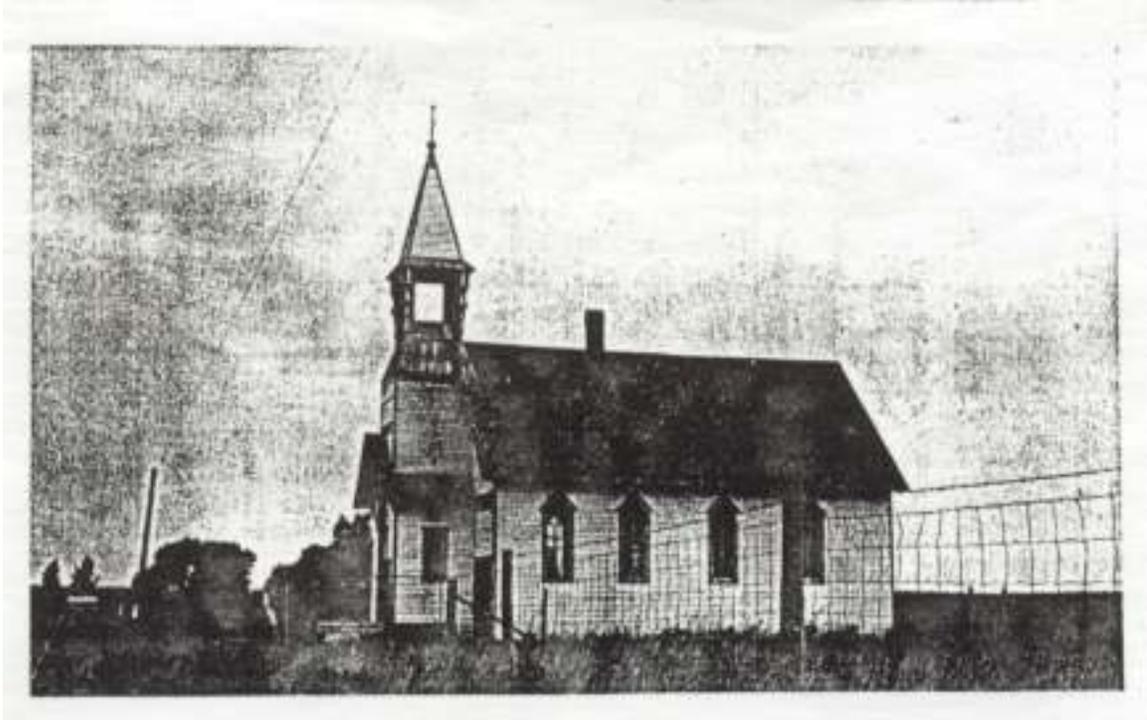
Last Name	First	Middle	Maiden Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Burial Date	Bl	Lt	Gr	Comments
Groves	Mina		Wood	06/05/1886	Before 11/20/1940	?		19	8	NM; NBC; NDR; h. Nathan Groves
Groves	Nathan			03/19/1864	11/20/1940	11/24/1940		19	7	NM; NBC; DR# 2/74/5635; age-76/8/1; d. Watertown, SD; COD-prostatic cancer, age; farmer; b. Ontario, Canada; p. George Groves & Margaret (Mitchell); w. Mina (Wood); widowed; informant-Howard Groves of Wallace, SD;
Hemstock	-							7	1-8	NM; BC; NDR; Baby
Holmes	Baby							6	1-8	NM; NBC; NDR
Jakle	Mathew			11/15/1865	04/23/1918		2	33	8	M; NBC; NDR; "Father"
Johnson	Baby						2	3	1-8	NM; NBC; NDR; possibly R. B.;
Johnston	Robert	Bruce		1902	1902			3	1-8	M; NBC; NDR; death year-"1903" on marker; COD-whooping cough; p. Carmi & Effie M. (Groves) Johnston
McLaren	James			07/12/1829	09/28/1908	?	2	2	6	M; BC; DR Bk 1-p 32,# 499; age-79y,2m,16d; d. Watertown, SD; COD-cancer of stomach; b. Ontario, Canada; farmer/lumbering; wed- Nancy (Rickard) in 1855 in Alvinston, Ontario, Canada; Open holy bible on stone; p. D. McLaren & Mary (McKinley); "Father";
McLaren	James	C.		07/1861	03/30/1903		2	2	7	M; BC; NDR; age-41/9/0;
McLaren	Nancy		Rickard	04/02/1838	08/1920		2	2	5	M; BC; DR Bk 1-p130-# 1827; 82y,4m,13d; b.Canada; COD-none listed; widowed; wed James McLaren in 1855 in Alvinston, Ontario, Canada; p. Thomas Rickard & Jane (McDermant);
Phillips	Charles	E.		1869	1906		2	4	2	M; BC; NDR; "His toils are past, his work is done; He fought the fight, the victory won."
Phillips	John				08/16/1909			16	1	NM; NBC; DR Bk1-p 39-#582; age-68y,9m,9d; d. Codington Co., SD; COD-abscess of bowels; b England; married; w. Tabettha (Taylor); f. William Phillips;
Phillips	Tabetha		Taylor	1845	09/19/1914			16	2-3	NM; NBC; DR Bk 1-p 82- #1108, age-69y; d. Watertown, SD; COD-pulmonary congestion, valvular heart disease; b Ontario, Canada; widowed; h. John Phillips; p. ? Taylor;
Richardson								1	2-7	NM; NDR; Ashes in one grave

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Roberg	Carrie			04/16/1842	02/27/1918		2	17	8	M; BC; DR Bk 1-p 106- #1473;death date-"02/28/1918" on marker; age-75y,10m, 11d; COD-cerebral hemorrhage; d. Florence, SD; b. Sweden; widowed
STRICKER										MARKER
Stricker	Susan		Engler	12/12/1846	09/10/1922	?	2	20	5	NM; BC; DR Bk 2-p 225- #4004; age-75y,9m,28d; d. Florence, SD; COD-old age; b. ?Ennendo, Switzerland; p. ? & Susan Engler; widowed; h. Ulrich Stricker; Inf.-Mrs Susan Jakle of Stockton, CA
Stricker	Ulrich			01/19/1845	10/14/1914	?	2	20	6	M; BC; DR Bk 2- p 225-#4005, age-69/8/25; d. Florence, SD; COD-chronic sclerosis; b. Ragas, Switzerland; farmer; married; w. Susan (Engler); p. Ulrich Stricker & (?); informant-children;
Wood	Margaret		Ross	1826	01/21/1908	?	2	18	8	M; BC; DR Bk 1-p 24-#302; age-81y,10m,15d; d. Wallace, SD; COD-old age; b. Canada; married; h. William N. Wood; p. Gordon Ross & ? (Galanger); "Wed on March 3, 1846"
Wood	William	N.		1825	01/30/1912	?	2	18	7	M; BC; DR Bk 1- p 65-# 870; age-87y,8m; d. Eden Twp. Codington Co., SD; COD- general debility, old age; b. Canada; widowed; w. Margaret (Ross); Wed-on March 3, 1846"; p. Nathaniel Wood & (?);
Wood	William,	Jr.		03/30/1863	02/05/1943	02/08/1943		18	7	NM; NBC; DR Bk 3-p 624 #6021; BP# 249; age-79y, 10m, 5d; d. Watertown, SD; COD-senility and fractured left hip; retired farmer; b. Ontario, Canada; p. William Wood & Margaret (Ross); single; inf.-Howard Groves of Wallace, SD;

History of Lake Nicholson Methodist Episcopal Church (1902-1920)

Unknown Photo



On June 4, 1902, a public announcement was made to meet at the Currey School House to organize a board of Trustees and to vote on the most suitable place for the church.

Two pieces of land were offered but it was decided to accept the two acre piece of land offered and given by Mr. Wm. Quick and was located in Phipps Township 118, Range 55, on the SW corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12.

John Phillips, Albert Christian and James McLaren were chosen as the Board of Trustees.

June 23, 1902, was the time the next meeting was held and it was decided to take up subscriptions to find out how much could be raised toward the building of the new church. Rev. W.C. Ehlers, John Phillips and James McLaren were to attend to this.

A drive for donations was started and over a hundred families and firms were contacted, also about forty shares of stock were sold. A sum of about \$1400.00 was raised, with about \$250.00 obtained from the Methodist Church Extension Society.

August 14, 1902, a charter for the church was obtained from Pierre, SD.

Motion was made and accepted to build the church 24 x 40 feet with the foundation to be laid at once, and building to be started the next spring.

On May 30, 1903, an agreement was made with Charles E. Sieley, a contractor from Garden City, South Dakota, to build the church. It was to be ready for occupancy about

the 15th of July, 1903, with the exception of the inside fixtures such as seating and so forth. His price for building the church was \$1300.00

Albert Christian was appointed to take charge of hauling lumber and materials. The cost of the materials was \$750.00

Rev. W. C. Ehlers who also had charge of the Henry, South Dakota Church was the first pastor of the church in the year of 1903.

A few of the following pastors were the Rev. A. J. Oliver, during the year of 1908. Rev. Harkness. Rev. Radcliff who was the last pastor of the church and served many years.

A good attendance in Church and Sunday School and the interest the people of the community took in all parts of the church work was a success.

A Young Peoples group of about sixteen was formed during the pastorate of Rev. Radcliff and a society called "Plus Ultra" was formed. The young people took part in many ways to obtain money for the church work.

The Church was very active until about 1920, when many of the older members had passed on and other members moved away, causing the church to close.

The church building was sold and dismantled during the years of 1930.

To the east of the church a cemetery was planned. It was not surveyed and made into lots to be sold until 1907. Some graves were placed in the cemetery before it was surveyed. The last burial in this cemetery was John F. Christian in 1976.