

Statements and Disclaimers

Many hours were spent at the cemetery reading gravestones and comparing the information to older transcriptions. Obituaries, census records and vital records were consulted whenever possible in order to include complete death dates and locations, plus women's maiden names.

This transcription was compiled to the best of our ability and we believe it to be the most accurate known record of this cemetery.

Rural Hill Cemetery opened for burials in 1886. Those currently buried at Rural Hill who died prior to 1886 would have been buried elsewhere initially and moved to Rural Hill after the cemetery opened.

Given the lack of complete burial records, it is impossible to know the exact number of unmarked burials at Rural Hill. Much effort was made to locate sources that would identify these unmarked burials, and this information was compiled into the No Marker List. Taken individually these sources can vary in reliability, but assessing them together increases the probability that someone has truly been buried here. In addition, certain evidence from various Northville City Records allowed for the assignment of some individuals to specific burial locations. The fact that a name appears on this list does not constitute absolute proof that a person has been or is still buried at Rural Hill. It is recommended that researchers evaluate this evidence for themselves to form their own conclusions.

Maps in this transcription were redrawn from old maps in the City's collection. They may be out of scale and are not intended to indicate current legal lot ownership. They are to be used only as a finding aid.

Section lots were not transcribed in numerical order, but instead follow a logical path for researchers visiting the cemetery. The starting point on each section map is indicated with a star, and the direction of the reading is marked with an arrow.

Lot numbers in this transcription may vary from the City's records. Initial lot numbers were determined from section and lot maps in the City's collection and may have been corrected due to the survey of lot corner markers and headstones in the field. Brackets around a lot number indicate that the lot did not have a number in any of the original maps.

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