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THORNTON TOWNSHIP

MOUNT FOREST CEMETERY

The cemetery is on the east side of Chicago Road (South Park Avenue) at about Eleanor Street (approximately 175th Street), Thornton. Mount Forest Cemetery Association was incorporated December 11, 1909, and dissolved May 22, 1939. According to the Thornton Township Assessor's office, the Cook County Forest Preserve allotted 2.51 acres to Mount Forest Cemetery. The cemetery has been maintained by Cook County since 1977. They do not have burial records.

Note:

Appears on USGS Topographic map (Calumet City Quad), T36N, R14E, Section 27, SE 1/4 and Section 34, NE 1/4 as Mount Forest Cemetery.

Ethnic: Primarily Black

SSGHS Library has:

"Mt. Forest Cemetery." *Where The Trails Cross*, Vol. 14:3 (Spring 1984). List of remaining stones.

"Corrections, Mt. Forest Cemetery, Thornton, IL." *Where The Trails Cross*, Vol. 19:1 (Fall 1988).

Honor Roll, Cook County, Illinois. Springfield, IL: Illinois Veterans' Commission, 1956.

See Appendix: Mt. Forest Cemetery

MT. FOREST CEMETERY

Mount Forest Cemetery is located on the north side of the village of Thornton at approximately 175th Street and South Park Avenue (Chicago Road). The legal description is the W1/2 SE1/4 Sec 27-36-14 and W1/2 NE1/4 Sec 34-36-14. Its permanent tax identifying numbers are 29-27-401-003 and 29-34-200-001 and for the last tax year it was exempt, paying no taxes. (This is probably because it lies within the forest preserve.)

A plat of the cemetery is found in Plat Book 106, page 24. Its number is 4547742 and it was recorded on April 22, 1910. William Cross was the president and E. S. Worthington the secretary. It was sealed with the corporate seal. The Articles of Incorporation are recorded in the office of the Cook County Recorder. The Association was formed "to purchase and sell real estate for burial purposes only and to own, operate and maintain a cemetery and conduct the incident business therein". It was incorporated by C. O. Garmire, George B. Andrews and Fred V. Sauter. Stockholders were E. S. Worthington, John Allen, C. O. Garmire, Wm. Cross, and Martin Sawtelle. Their mailing address in 1909 was 175 Dearborn, Chicago. There is an additional document in the Recorder's Office, document # 4698202, dated January 1, 1911, titled Increase of Capital Stock which was not examined. A check with the Secretary of States office indicated that the Association was incorporated December 11, 1909 and ceased on May 22, 1939. (File # N-11138292)

A map of the cemetery is on page A-7

The Cemetery Deed book showed the following purchases of lots:

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Lot #</u>
Mapp Brothers	12/26/12	W1/2 L88
Mrs. Elvira ___ Swan	2/13/13	E1/2 L195
Ma___ie Anderson	11/5/13	L289-5 gr,A-E
Jame Butler	11/5/13	NW1/4 155
Rebecca Harvey	2/14/14	E1/2 size 10x20 L292
Thos. Marshall	5/24/13	L 154
Olivet Baptist Church	6/22/14	264, 294, 295
Addie Selden	6/22/14	SE1/2 145
Mrs. Frank Franklin	6/22/14	Forest 20x24 L 143
George Bell	8/24/14	6 graves in E1/2 287 & 4 graves in W1/2 287
same	8/24/14	E1/2 270
Ellen Lee	11/23/14	NW1/4 L 93
Birdie Sevens (Swens?)	11/23/14	L 101 graves 9-14
Lettitia Webb	11/23/14	L 101 graves 5-8, 15 & 16
Mrs. J. Elligar	1/5/15	Graves A B C L 90
The Brotherhood of Andrew & Peter of the Olivet	2/24/15	Graves A to P in L 216 & M to R in L 218 & all 217, 186, 187
Missionary Baptist Church		Graves Q & R L 70
Emma Jetter	5/25/15	Graves P, Q, & R L 155
Jennie Williams	6/17/15	E1/2 L 70
G. D. Weatherspoon	6/22/15	Graves B & C L 31
Wm Brogg	9/10/15	L 137
Wm Brogg	9/10/15	108 & 109
Cora Lee	9/30/15	68 graves M to R
G. B. Pope	12/1/15	79-81, 83, 85, 60-64
Walter N. Thomas	5/3/16	L 157
John Hopkins wf(?)	5/9/16	L 277
Joanna Craig	5/11/16	Graves ABCD L 278
Ruben Ramsey	5/29/16	174 to 177
Garden City Lodge #59	8/16/17	E1/2 143
** John Montgomery	8/20/17	52
Mrs. P. E. Wimley (Wimby?)	8/2 /17	W1/2 289 5 graves
Mrs. Susie Phillips	11/5/17	12 graves L 274
Wm. R. Taggart	7/11/18	234 (12 graves)
Curtis Delaney	4/30/19	112 & W1/2 51 (18 graves)
C. H. Pollard	2/10/20	147
William M. Robinson	9/16/20	113-116,131-134,167,168, 50
Mrs. Rob't Knuckles	12/13/20	L 98
John Mapp	12/6/21	D,E,F L 107
Mrs. Chas. Clark	5/10/18	6 graves 270
Scott Walker	4/2/25	12 graves L 219
Hattie Heaters	7/29/27	124
Susan Easton	4/5/28	273
Lizzie Pillow	4/30/28	164
A. W. Ford	7/21/28	100
Mrs. Wm. McClutchen	_/22/28	E1/2 185
R. A. Boone	11/22/28	6 graves 185
___ via Ferry	8/27/29	226
Robert H. Jones	11/6/30	

H. O. Fletcher
 Oscar Starr
 Lillian Adkins
 Bruce Jackson

2/7/30
 2/9/37
 2/29/44
 5/1/47

W1/2 6 graves L 208
 Graves in L 165
 233
 E1/2 71

** In this case only, the grantor was NOT Mt. Forest Cemetery Association, it was Franklin hrs (hiers?).

mt. Forest Cemetery

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Chicago Road (South Park Ave)

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CHILDS, MAHALA

18-1916

WHERE THE TRAILS CROSS

MOUNT FOREST CEMETERY
Thornton, Illinois 60476

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According to the Assessor's Office at the Thornton Township Hall (index #29-27-401-003 Vol. 216 Sidwell Maps) the Cook County Forest Preserve has allotted 2.51 acres to the Mount Forest Cemetery.

The following is an alphabetical listing of the only remaining visible stones left in the cemetery, after many years of neglect and vandalism.

- BARRETT (L 22A).
- BUTLER (fenced area)
- CAR (# 54)
- CARLISLE (5A S.Side)
- FARTSON, Bettiolah H. 1890-1917
"Mental Pearl"
- FISHER (fenced area-two doorways)
- FISHER, Effie M. 1889-1916
Effie M. 1910-1915
- FISHER, Handa L.
Died May 17, 1913 Aged 23 years
- FRANKLIN (fenced area)
- GAINES, Mary Apr. 28, 1929 Our Mother
Florence Aug. 15, 1918
Leona Mar. 8, 1922
- LEE, Willie O. B. Beloved son of
Wm. and Ellen LEE 1892-1910
- LEE (a base all alone about 15 yds.
away from the LEE above.
Similar type of stone)
- MASON, John (fenced area)
- MONTGOMERY (fenced area)
- MC FARLAND, James 1875-1917
Julius 1897-1928
TheIma 1910-1928
1907-1925 -> George 1907-1923
Sterling 1902-1910
- PHILLIPS, Susie 15 Jan 1874-21 May
- POINTER, Fannie 1864-1921
- RICHARDSON (288)
- ROBINSON Family (concrete fenced
area - no stones)
- STEVENS, Magnolia no dates
- STEVENS, Thomas W. Husband 1875
- TAMPLIN (concrete fenced area)
- TAMPLIN, James Born 1865 Died
(right in front of plot, above)
- 2 stones without name plates
toppled stone with nothing visible

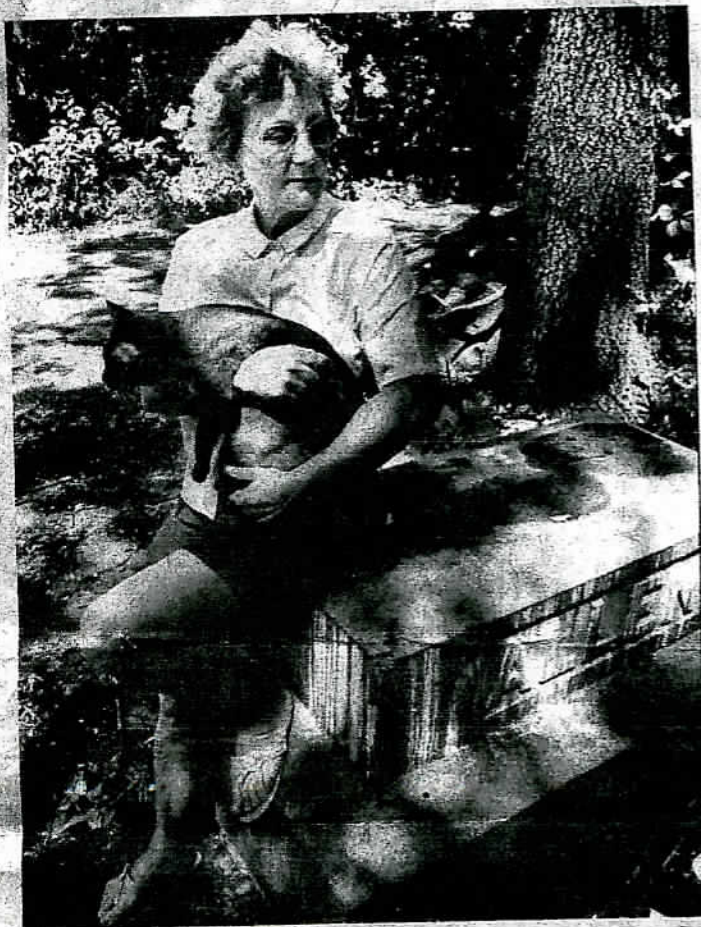
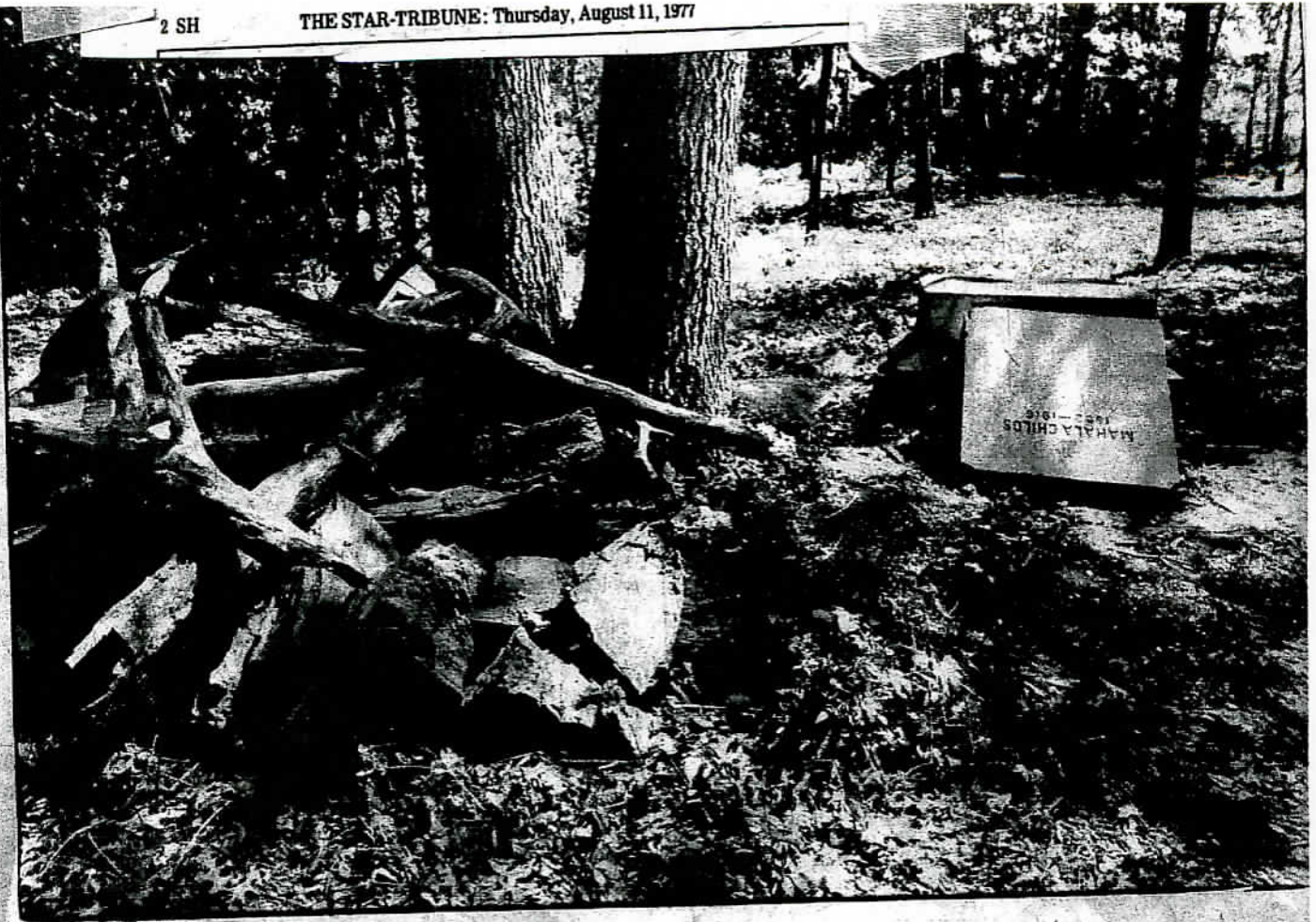
10 10 MARSHALL

Charles	9	M
Eras	7	F
Clurisa	5	F
Archibald	1	M
Margarett	3/12	F (May)
Mathew	42	M Farmer
Harriett	35	F Keeping House

New York

ORANCE	Fred	28	M
AHLSCHLUGER	Chris	44	M Farmer
	Philenena	34	F
	Fred	12	M
	John	10	M
	Charles	8	M

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County New Owner Of Thornton Cemetery

Cook county has assumed ownership of the old Mount Forest cemetery in Thornton. The cemetery is located on the east side of Chicago road, south of the Thornwood shopping center, just past the forest preserve clearing.

Since all owners of the cemetery are deceased, ownership has reverted back to the county, along with a list of who is buried there.

The county began clearing the land in July, and is planning to landscape the area and reset the existing markers. They are also planning to erect a seven-foot cyclone fence around the area.

According to Tom Beck, county comptroller, trustees of the cemetery committee for the county are considering using the cemetery for burial of indigent veterans, but plans have not been finalized. Possibly, members of the veterans' families, including parents and wives, would be buried there also.

All improvements are being financed by federal funds, Beck said.

Melba Quade, Thornton, has lived across from Mount Forest cemetery 12 years. She was in the cemetery looking for interesting grave markers with early dates.