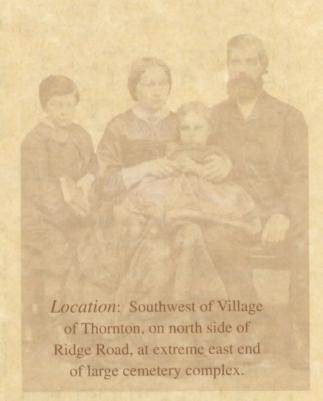
CEMETERY.



THORNTON TOWNSHIP CEMETERY HOURS

APRIL 1st thru SEPTEMBER 30th MONDAY-FRIDAY 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. OCTOBER 1st thru MARCH 31st BY APPOINTMENT ONLY CALL (708) 596-6040

CEMETERY HISTORY

This 19th century cemetery, which dates back to about 1833, was originally known as the Thornton Burying Ground. It was acquired by the Township as a burial place from Gurdon S. Hubbard around 1857. The original grave markers were taken from the quarry and the inscriptions on most of them have been erased by the march of time. Vandals have broken several stones and others are missing or buried.

The original plot map of the Thornton Cemetery, unseen for 63 years, was discovered in northern Michigan in November 2000. The map, dated 1866 by surveyor Henry M. Ward, is the only copy known to exist. Of the 123 individual family plots designated on the map, a total of 86 are identified by purchaser. Most of these deeds were never recorded with the Cook County Recorder.

The original survey is probably India ink on silk, and then it was coated with some type of sizing material. As the individual plots were sold, the buyer's name would then be entered on the map with the typical brown ink of that period.

The significance of this map is that it gives the exact and correct location of graves of the earliest Thornton Township residents, shows where they are, and tells what family purchased them. This map is not only an important find for local genealogists, but a priceless piece of history.

NAME	PLOT			NAME	PLOT
Balford	5W			Hood	72W
Balford, G.	20W			Hood	73W
*(Balfour)				Hood	74W
Behrens	40W			Hood	75W
Black, Wm.	71W			Huxley	111E
Boening, Henry	54W			James, S.B.	29W
Bramer, Fritz	16W			James, G.B.	30W
*(Bremer)				John	58W
Bran, O.H.	23W			Jurgensen, Claus	18W
Briggs, Horace	6W		THE RESERVE	Kemp, John	24W
Briggs, Horace	7W			Kraemer, John	91E
Briggs, S.	80W			Krohn, Charles	19W
Brinkman, F.	66W			Lansing, P.	45W
Buggert, Christ	105E		N. The	Lansing, P.	46W
Bump, B.F.	4W			Lansing	51W
Buth	14W			Lansing, P.	52W
Carnrite	68W			Lansing	77W
Clarck, C.J.	12W			Lehmker, Wm.	94E
*(Clark)			+	Mayer, Claus	56W
Coffee, Thomas	32W	1	1	McCracken, Sam	62W
Cone, W.	11W			McDonald	50W
Crury, S.	69W	-	1	*(Mac Donald)	E7\A
*(possibly Crary?)	OW	1	1	Mertens, H.	57W
Depky, William	9W		+	Mertens, George	100E
*(Depke)	4010/			*(Martens)	81W
Dickle, D.	13W 21W			McGee, John	33W
Dubreuil, A.				Obnauer O'Copper M. I	48W
Dubreuil, A. *(Du Breuil)	28W			O'Coner, M.J. Pearson, E.A.	42W
Dull, John	17W			Petz, Hans	84E
F.S.	8W			*(Peetz)	041
Fassel, August	90E			Riegel, George	95E
Finn, J.	78W			Schwantke, H.	63W
Flanigan, R.	67W			Schwantke, H.	64W
*(Flanagin)			The Carlo	Schroeder, Christ	101E
Frasier	76W			Seymour, N.	43W
Gurrad, F.L.	10W			Seymour, N.	44\
Gardner, Charles	15W			Sweet, Caleb	113E
Gardner, H.	55W		THE RESERVE	Sweet, Henry	118E
Gottschalk, Wm.	61W		8	Templin, Henry	49W
Grunhagen, C.H.W?	41W			VanSteenburg, W.O.	38V
Gunther, Henry	31W			VanSteenburg, C.L.	70W
Hacht, Wm.	104E		A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	*(VanSteenberg)	
Haldolf, Frederick	59W		La Production	Wands, W.D.	119E
Hall, William	3W			Ward, Barney	35W
Harns	36W			Webb, Francis	26W
*(Harms)				Webb, Francis	47V
Henechs, H.H.	39W			Wilder, J. C.	65W
*(Hinrichs)				Wilke, Wm.(W.G.Sr.)	110E
Hock, John	82W			*Denotes correct spelling	