

THORNTON CEMETERY.



Location: Southwest of Village
of Thornton, on north side of
Ridge Road, at extreme east end
of large cemetery complex.

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

Balford	5W
Balford, G.	20W
*(Balfour)	
Behrens	40W
Black, Wm.	71W
Boening, Henry	54W
Bramer, Fritz	16W
*(Bremer)	
Bran, O.H.	23W
Briggs, Horace	6W
Briggs, Horace	7W
Briggs, S.	80W
Brinkman, F.	66W
Buggert, Christ	105E
Bump, B.F.	4W
Buth	14W
Carnrite	68W
Clarck, C.J.	12W
*(Clark)	
Coffee, Thomas	32W
Cone, W.	11W
Crury, S.	69W
*(possibly Crary?)	
Depky, William	9W
*(Depke)	
Dickle, D.	13W
Dubreuil, A.	21W
Dubreuil, A.	28W
*(Du Breuil)	
Dull, John	17W
F.S.	8W
Fassel, August	90E
Finn, J.	78W
Flanigan, R.	67W
*(Flanagin)	
Frasier	76W
Gurrad, F.L.	10W
Gardner, Charles	15W
Gardner, H.	55W
Gottschalk, Wm.	61W
Grunhagen, C.H.W?	41W
Gunther, Henry	31W
Hacht, Wm.	104E
Haldolf, Frederick	59W
Hall, William	3W
Harns	36W
*(Harms)	
Henechs, H.H.	39W
*(Hinrichs)	
Hock, John	82W

NAME

PLOT

Hood	72W
Hood	73W
Hood	74W
Hood	75W
Huxley	111E
James, S.B.	29W
James, G.B.	30W
John	58W
Jurgensen, Claus	18W
Kemp, John	24W
Kraemer, John	91E
Krohn, Charles	19W
Lansing, P.	45W
Lansing, P.	46W
Lansing	51W
Lansing, P.	52W
Lansing	77W
Lehmker, Wm.	94E
Mayer, Claus	56W
McCracken, Sam	62W
McDonald	50W
*(Mac Donald)	
Mertens, H.	57W
Mertens, George	100E
*(Martens)	
McGee, John	81W
Obnauer	33W
O'Coner, M.J.	48W
Pearson, E.A.	42W
Petz, Hans	84E
*(Peetz)	
Riegel, George	95E
Schwantke, H.	63W
Schwantke, H.	64W
Schroeder, Christ	101E
Seymour, N.	43W
Seymour, N.	44W
Sweet, Caleb	113E
Sweet, Henry	118E
Templin, Henry	49W
VanSteenburg, W.O.	38W
VanSteenburg, C.L.	70W
*(VanSteenberg)	
Wands, W.D.	119E
Ward, Barney	35W
Webb, Francis	26W
Webb, Francis	47W
Wilder, J. C.	65W
Wilke, Wm.(W.G.Sr.)	110E
*Denotes correct spelling	