

Round Lake Cemetery

A meeting was held at the home of R. P. Devlin on July 15, 1903, for the purpose of organizing a cemetery association. Donald McGarvie was chosen President; S. W. Barott was chosen for Secretary and J. E. Barott was chosen Treasurer. Frenz Jacobsen was chosen to locate a suitable place for a cemetery site.

The cemetery is divided into 48 blocks. Eight of the blocks have six lots. There are forty blocks with four lots. Each lot has space for eight graves.

The first burial recorded in the cemetery register was Joseph Headlund who died on February 27, 1904, however, there appears to be at least one earlier burial for a Frederick Barott whose tombstone reads 1901 - 1902.

Round Lake Cemetery is the final resting place for 161 veterans including two who served in the Spanish American War. (George Aase and William Otis)

Sadly, 14 burials are infants who were stillborn. There have been 46 burials of children less than one year old. There are likely additional unrecorded burials of infants.

Other causes of death include:

1. Drowning - 6
2. Homicide - 6
3. Tuberculosis - 15
4. Suicide - 9
5. Pneumonia - 78
6. Dementia/Alzheimers - 23
7. Accident - 16
8. Heart related - 341
9. Cancer related - 148

Additional details:

1. Total number of burials listed - **829** (These are burials I was able to confirm, most often by viewing a death certificate, also by finding an obituary, by locating a tombstone, and/or by finding a burial permit.)
2. Total burials with a tombstone or marker - 695 (84%)
3. Burials by gender - 477 male, 352 female (one unknown)
4. Cremations - 136
5. Oldest person - Anna Berg - age 104 years, 4 months, 6 days. (Five people lived past 100 years of age.)
6. Birthplace - 533 people were born in Minnesota; 56 people were born in Sweden; and, 37 people were born in Norway.
7. Death place - 62 people died outside of Minnesota - 409 died in Aitkin county.

8. Common names in cemetery (Surname or maiden name) - Anderson - 57; Johnson 50; Nelson - 30; Barott/Barett - 22
9. Round Lake Cemetery is located in Shamrock township. The Aitkin county property ID is 29-0-051700. The cemetery is two acres in size. Latitude = 46.704125; Longitude = -93.206442
The satellite view of the cemetery is almost completely blocked by tree cover.

Information was gathered from a number of sources including:

1. Name, birth and death dates found on tombstones and markers
2. Cemetery register
3. Cemetery maps
4. Birth and death certificates located at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul and at courthouses in Aitkin county, Carlton county, and Douglas county, WI.
5. Obituaries in local newspapers including the Aitkin Independent Age and the Aitkin Republican.
6. Census records viewed at ancestry.com
7. Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin
8. Burial permits
9. Telephone calls to friends/relatives of people buried in the cemetery.
10. Marriage records

Finally, there are no guarantees about the accuracy of this information. Information found on birth and death certificates, tombstones, cemetery maps, marriage records, census records and newspaper obituaries was often incomplete, contradictory and/or difficult to read. Variations in spelling were common.

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