

# WILLS CEMETERY

## FOUNDED 1868

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Welcome to the Wills Cemetery. The Directors hope our visitors find everything satisfactory during their visit this Memorial Day weekend.

Please utilize the website: [www.willscemetery.com](http://www.willscemetery.com) The website contains a history of the Cemetery, policies, as well as previous newsletters and other pertinent information. A photo gallery is posted on the website, with pictures of the Cemetery and aerial views. Photos of previous Wreaths Across America events have been added to the website. You may also search for a specific gravesite by name through the Directory on the website.

In addition to the website, a Directory is available at the Cemetery. To find a grave for someone buried in the Wills Cemetery, simply go to the Directory which is located in the information kiosk, then look up the name in the alphabetical list. Beside the name will be a Section letter (A thru M). Finally use the map and letter signs to locate the Section. The Directory and lettered grid are aimed at helping visitors navigate the Wills Cemetery.

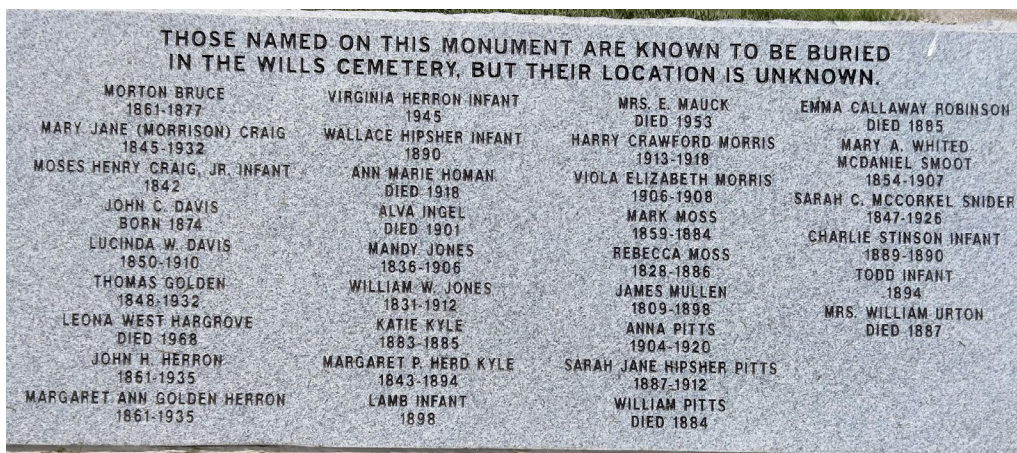
### **Please note: Policy re: flowers and miscellaneous items on gravesites:**

- Shepherd hooks are allowed within 6 inches of the monument.
- Small trinkets and objects that are loose, ornamental, ceramic, etc. are not allowed and will be removed.
- Flowers must be on shepherd hooks or in vases that are permanently mounted to the monument.

Many decorative items are discovered each week, blown by wind and storms during the non-mowing season, to far corners of the Cemetery, not near the intended location. When placing floral stems in vases at gravesites, please keep in mind that unless firmly anchored into the containers, just sitting them or bending the stems will not keep them in place during windy conditions. Do not lay items loose on the ground, as they will also blow away. All these wayward decorations later become hazards for mowing.

Please remember that the decorative items placed on the ground for Memorial Day can remain for 2 weeks. After that time the items not removed will be discarded so mowing and maintenance can resume.

A new large monument has been recently placed near the sexton building, listing 34 names of people known to be buried at Wills Cemetery, but in unknown locations. Please take time to read the names, in case you recognize any that are familiar.



Maintenance and improvements of the Cemetery are expensive and therefore tax-deductible contributions would be greatly appreciated, as well as suggestions and comments. The Cemetery is a 501©3 organization. Please send to: Wills Cemetery, P.O. Box 84; Peculiar, MO 64078

We encourage supporters of the Cemetery to purchase memorial bricks for \$30.00 each in memory of their loved ones, to be added to the Memorial Plaza. There is no requirement that a loved one be buried at Wills Cemetery. Forms are available at the Informational Kiosk or access the form on the Wills Cemetery website: [www.willscemetery.com](http://www.willscemetery.com)

The 2024 Wreaths Across America ceremony will be held on December 14 at 11:00 a.m. Thanks to generous donations from several organizations, all 175 wreaths for the graves of veterans are already funded for 2024.

In 2023, there were 24 burials and 40 lots sold.

**Financial Report 2023**

**Wills Cemetery Board**

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**Income:**

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| \$ Donations     | \$ 9,355.00  |
| Gravesite Sales: | \$ 26,000.00 |
| Interest Earned: | \$ 8,000.00  |
| Marking Fee:     | \$ 1,600.00  |

**Expenses:**

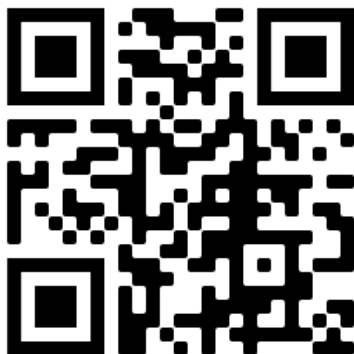
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| Maintenance: | \$ 9,000.00 |
| Operations:  | \$ 3,390.00 |

(Insurance, utilities, website, printing)

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In 2023, Wills Cemetery acquired 3.4 additional acres, located along the northern side of the current Cemetery. Plans are to clean and maintain the land, which will be for use as the Cemetery expands for future generations.

In 2023, the Wills Cemetery Board and the Peculiar community lost a devoted volunteer and a dedicated member of the Board, Jim Clark. He and his wife, Judy, were Board members for 45 years. Jim spent countless hours maintaining the Cemetery burial records, serving as Board treasurer, and meeting families at the Cemetery, always with kindness and concern for their loss. Along with his wife, Judy, Jim was the person who people associated with the Wills Cemetery. The Board has accepted Judy's resignation. The Clarks' service will always be remembered, as will be their commitment to the Wills Cemetery, for which the Board expresses their deepest appreciation



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