

## **Alderson, Alberta, Cemetery.**

The village of Carlstadt, "Star of the Prairie" was born in 1910. The name change to Alderson occurred in May 1915, during the first great world war. Because of this war, the residents were ashamed of the German connotation of the name Carlstadt and held a contest to rename their town. It was platted as a major distributing center along two main thoroughfares, Railway Avenue running east-west with the tracks to the north and Broadway Street heading south.

Today, September 06, 1996, all that remains of this once thriving town located next to the Canadian Pacific Railway west of Suffield, Alberta, are a few junk filled basements, one with a large poplar tree growing out of it and the one acre cemetery just south of the railway tracks. The complete history of this town can be found in the book "Empire of Dust" printed in 1987, written by David C. Jones.

The cemetery is located just one half mile west of range road 104 almost one mile south of township road 154 and south of the railway track. The legal land description is SE 21-15-10- W 4. The two acres of land for this plot were donated by Mr. Tom Swanby. The plot is well fenced with barbed wire, the natural grasses have not been cut in several years. There seems to be no set pattern for the estimated 50 graves in this cemetery. Eleven graves are clearly marked with legible stones while several others are outlined with a wooden frame or small metal marker. Numerous depressions or mounds indicating other burials are haphazardly spread over the entire area.

Several sources indicate that at least three graves are located in Gasson's trees southeast of Alderson, the wife was killed by a team of horses. A child is buried four mile's from the Nels Anderson homestead. There are three or four graves on a farm north of Alderson, the family moved to Chicago. A horticultural station worker for Southern Alberta Land Company froze to death at Ronnelane and is probably buried at Alderson.

A search at provincial archives turned out to be futile, these records as well as many others have simply disappeared.

### **As found on the monuments:**

Dyvig Jacob born 1870, died 1914. "Gone but not forgotten. "

Ellis Lester E. born May 13, 1913, died November 24, 1913, son of N.W. and G.B.

Gleddie Andrew born 1846, died 1936.

Goehring Anton born October 1847, died October 1918.

Guyet Margaret 71 years, died November 02, 1916, wife of Ashley Guyet "Our loving mother has gone before to greet us on the Heavenly shore."

Hoidge Dlgage born 1897, died 1916, child of Thomas and Hattie Hoidge.

Hoidge Hattie A. born 1875, died 1916, wife of Thomas E. Hoidge.

Hoidge Morley C. born 1885, died 1912, interred at Calgary, Alberta, of Thomas and Hattie Hoidge.

Johnson Hans Matthew 73, years, 6 months, 27 days, died March 27, 1937.

Marsh Horace G. T. born in England, 17 years, died December 02, 1913, son of James and Lily Marsh.

McKinnon Laughlin born March 03, 1977, died February 17, 1916. "There is rest in Heaven."

Swanby Annie born November 19, 1855, died May 26, 1927. "Asleep in Jesus."

Wanvig H.L born December 27, 1962, died December 30, 1912. "In Loving Memory Of."

From other sources:

Ames Arthur E. born November 08, 1859, died November 12, 1922.

Church Lawrence.

Cole Al.

Cole Charley born 1935, or 1937.

Ergler Joseph born 1848, died 1927, husband of Theresia Ergler.

Ergler Theresia born 1852, died 1919, wife of Joseph Ergler.

Hall Neary Ayer.

Larson Beatrice died 1919.

Larson Ken or Arthur, brother to Beatrice Larson.

Parkkari Henry.

Parkkari John.

Parkkari Susan.