

Many Island Lake

Zion Cemetery, Many Island, Alberta.

Speaking with Mr. John Mock of Medicine Hat, Alberta, September 24, 1996, it was confirmed that this location was used as a cemetery only. The settlers from this area attended church services in other communities or held church in the Many Island School on occasion. One of the pastors was Reverend Spady.

This Congregational cemetery is located northeast of Medicine Hat, Alberta, fourteen miles east of highway #41 on township road 132 or Longvalley Road and range road 21. The legal land description is NW 12-13-02-W4. As at September 02, 1996, this three acre plot is well fenced, the short native grasses were uncut.

A double row of ancient metal pins about sixteen feet apart indicates a roadway leading to the two rows of graves. We counted eight graves in the east row and twenty four in the west row. There may be other graves in this vast area. Of the thirty two visible graves only seven had markers that are still readable. Some of the graves are identified with rotting wooden markers.

As found on the markers:

Dietelbach Magdalena born July 16, 1869, died March 28, 1940, at Irvine, Alberta, from debility (Alters Schwache) interred March 31, 1940, by Reverend M. Voss, wife of Friedrich Dietelbach.

Dietelbach Friedrich born September 12, 1868, died from a stroke February 08, 1939, at Irvine, Alberta, interred February 11, 1939, by Reverend M. Voss, husband of Magdalena Dietelbach.

Mock Herold P. 1 year, 1 month, 1 day, died July 11, 1926.

Mock Johannes Jr. born February 20, 1864, in Russia, died June 15, 1931, he married Dorthea Titus born December 11, 1870, in Russia, died July 10, 1949, at Irvine, Alberta, she had married (2) Jack Singer of Johannes Mock Sr. and Dorthea nee Titus.

Mock Joyce born 1928, died 1932, sister of John Mock.

Nitz Adam born 1860, in Austria-Hungary died 1925, husband of Kathrina Brod.

Thorn Adam born 1860, died 1926.

Thorn Albert 66 years, died April 27, 1939, husband of Elizabeth Thorn.

Thorn Elizabeth "Lizzie" 39 years, died November 11, 1918, wife of Albert Thorn. They had 12 children.

From other sources:

Bauder Adam.

Brod Christina, small child.

Hoff infant.

Bauder family Cemetery, Many Island Lake, Alberta.

There were three Bauder family burials here, one child died from diphtheria between 1913 and 1915. We were unable to find this small plot during a trip April 24, 1997, the land location is either NE 14-02-13-W4 or NW 13-02-13-W4.