

Ebenezer Church and Cemetery, Seven Persons, Alberta.

The proud old church building was still on site as at June 20, 1997, it has turned into a massive pigeon coop. The original building, possibly an old home or granary was about sixteen feet square, a section equal in size was added later. The south end of the church is the oldest part of the building. The church sits facing north and includes a small porch at the north end, there are five windows in both east and west sides.

The church and cemetery are located in the County of Forty Mile, on the south side of highway # 15 one mile east of the curve 15.3 miles south and one mile east of #3 highway at Seven Persons, Alberta. The property looks as if it was probably about eight acres at one time, the cemetery is fenced separately, with four strands of barbed wire on painted posts. The grass has not been cut in some time but is relatively short.

There are two white crosses plus one stone marker along the west side and four white crosses and one small glass marker along the east side.

Records from the Salem United Church at Medicine Hat, Alberta, indicate the following interred here as at June 19, 1997. The two names marked with a * are confirmed as being interred here.

Derheim nee Schiffelmeier Lydia born December 24, 1910, died July 08, 1938, of cancer at Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Stickel twin infant girls died February 1946, of Jacob Stickel and Emma Katherine Schlinker.

Stuber Alvin born December 04, 1937, died October 17, 1938, at Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Stuber Maria Sophia born April 10, 1936, died March 15, 1937, at Medicine Hat, Alberta, of pneumonia.

* Stuber Therese born December 30, 1934, died October 30, 1935, at Medicine Hat, Alberta, of pneumonia, of Adam and Elizabeth Stuber, grave on east side of plot.

Suremann Anna Maria born October 10, 1856, died June 25, 1935.

Sureman? H. born June 14, 1863, died June 07, 1937.

* Widmer Alfred F. born October 15, 1922, died August 02, 1942, grave on west side of plot.

Valley View Lutheran Cemetery Seven Persons, Alberta.

A lonely, forgotten four acre plot in the County of Forty Mile sits on a hillside on the south side of a gravel road 15.3 miles south and two miles east of #3 highway at Seven Persons, Alberta. The four strand barbed wire fence is well maintained, all posts are painted white.

During a site visit June 20, 1997, we found 11 white crosses spread over the entire area, they do mark the final resting place for some of our pioneers, several of the graves have field stones piled on them as well. The only manufactured stone marker in the plot tells us that Alice Vema Olson born 1914 and died 1921 is interred here.

The following information was gleaned from records at Vital Statistics October 14, 1997. Up until that time we did not know what denomination developed this site.

Egeland Irene died May 23, 1920.

Olson Alice born 1914, died July 12, 1920.

Rassum Morris died September 10, 1920.

Seven Persons Cemetery, Seven Persons, Alberta.

Starting in about 1908, Sunday School was held every Sunday at 11 :00 a.m. A Presbyterian minister served the community and a Ladies Missionary Society was formed.

Reverend McLaren was the first pastor, he served from 1909 to 1910. In 1911, a manse was built by volunteers, half of this home was used for a school with Jim McAskile being the first teacher.

The church was built and dedicated in 1916, as well an addition to the manse and a stable were built.

Other pastors who served were: Conway, Smith, Gibson, Harback, Sneddon in 1922, J.W. Morrow from

Medicine Hat, Alberta, Graham, Miss Elsie Graham, Berg and Lawrence Seibert.

Commensurate with the declining rural population the church was unused for some time. About 1940, community members donated funds to convert the church into a hall to be used for social functions.

When the irrigation scheme in the Seven Persons area was developed in the early 1950's, several Mennonite families purchased the community hall and renovated it to be used as a church again. This congregation maintained this place of worship for some years until they joined the Crestwood Mennonite Brethren Church at Medicine Hat, Alberta.

The building was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Art Herter who converted it to use as their home.

The cemetery is located one mile east of Seven Persons, Alberta, on township road 110. The legal land description is SE 03-11-07-W4. This one acre plot is surrounded by a new chain link fence, is identified by a large sign and lists the names of most of those interred here on a stone cairn. The grass needed to be cut as at September 01, 1996.

The inscription on the cairn reads: This cairn has been erected to honour the pioneers and their families who settled the district and are laid to rest here. Erected in 1981 by the Department of Alberta Culture, Seven Persons Historical Society and the Alberta 75th. Anniversary Commission. Burials 1908 to 1939.

The cairn does not list all death dates, we found names on some markers that were not on the cairn. Much of the following information was found at the Provincial Archives October 14, 1997.

Ackerman Clayton died July 15, 1918.

Ackerman Leroy.

Ackerman Robert.

Ackerman William died September 02, 1921.

Bauer Balzer born November 29, 1855, died February 19, 1916.

BelRichard Bessie died April 29, 1919.

Bergman Henry John died October 21, 1920.

Bieber Clarence died October 15, 1929.

Bing Irvine died June 02, 1913.

Borg Sam died 1915.

Bower Bastien.

Brand Albert died 1909.

Brand William died October 07, 1908.

Brand Albert William died May 06, 1912.

Brouver Bastian died July 01, 1916.

Brown Ray died July 10, 1913.

Carlson infant stillborn December 21, 1917, Lot 1, Block 3, of Anton Carlson.

Carlson Benjamin died July 05, 1916, Lot 1, Block 2.

Carlson Inga Maria died August 23, 1919, of Anton Carlson.

Carlson Mabel died September 18, 1920, of Anton Carlson.

Damuth Kate M. died October 08, 1909.

Davis Leon Edward died January 10, 1912.

Davis Lloyd Melvin died July 31, 1913.

Dinnetz Carl Arthur William born 1883, died June 15, 1914.

Draege Eva Connie infant died March 14, 1915.

Draege Leroy Nelson died February 12, 1912.

Duncan Ellen Margrite died October 31, 1918.

Duncan Nina May died December 12, 1913.

Dunn Betty Barbara died July 30, 1931.

Dunn Gerald born 1924 died July 08, 1928.

Good Julie D. died August 22, 1909.

Grant Robert died August 24, 1909.
Green William Dea died April 30, 1913.
Hallock Doris May born 1923, died April 09, 1924.
Hamblin Fred died February 26, 1913.
Hansen Harry born June 06, 1915, died January 25, 1916, first name on grave marker is Harvey versus Harry on
cairn.
Hansen Nels Peter died June 25, 1912.
Harpelle John Jas died December 10, 1911.
Hodgson Marion died February 15, 1908.
Hohn Helen died September 19, 1909.
Holden John William died January 14, 1908.
Hollock Doris May born 1923, died April 09, 1924.
Holt Amy died November 04, 1918.
Holt Esther died December 29, 1929.
Holt infant male died 1918.
Hoseth Birger died July 16, 1932.
Ignatius Margaret 1922.
Ingram Herbert James died January 24, 1939, Lot 8, Block 19.
Jarvie Conrad died November 01, 1921.
Jarvie John J. died March 02, 1922.
Johnson J.A.
King Isaac died May 03, 1915.
Klippen Olive Mrs. 52 years, died December 02, 1914.
Knight Doreen Kathleen died April 06, 1923.
Kraft Alvin Clarence died May 27, 1925.
LaFrentz Ernest died December 06, 1913.
Lavelle Patrick died April 29, 1913.
Leonard Edward drowned in dam May 22, 1925.
Lust Edward died October 08, 1913.
Lyons Jas Pope died July 03, 1913.
Milton John died September 17, 1913.
Moen Hans O. born 1839, died April 02, 1915.
Moen Lena born 1866, died April 28, 1923.
Nelson Howard H. died April 13, 1913.
Nesting Ella died October 10, 1930.
Nesting Jeffrey Antony born June 22, 1916, died December 10, 1916.
Olson Oswald died September 16, 1909.
Ost Albertina "Tina" born May 19, 1864, died April 16, 1918.
Ost infant.
Pifer Loucille Mardrett died March 01, 1915.
Poure Byron E. died June 28, 1913.
Quackbonner Peter William died May 28, 1912.
Richard Bessie Bell died April 29, 1920.
Ringman John died 1922.
Sautter Margaret died September 04, 1912.
Shaw Gordon (shepherd) died July 05, 1928.
Sherwood Ethel May died August 15, 1914.
Smith Delea Eliza died May 05, 1912.
Stephenson Henry died May 17, 1915.
Strand Mike born August 21, 1869, died June 21, 1915.

Stubbs Samuel died February 25, .1915.
Sweet Frances Bernard died March 10, 1914.
Thompson Isle Lorraine 17 months, died May 16, 1916, of M.S. and Clara Thompson.
Thompson Leon died February 09, 1912.
Thompson Martha died April 17, 1915.
Tously Alexaandrianna Sophia died June 03, 1909.
Willis Chas died September 21, 1912.

Utne Bina died November 10, 1909, of Theodor Utne.
Worrall Lillian Ruth infant died August 07, 1914. Lot 1, Block 1.
Worrall infant twin died February 07, 1924, of Alfred Worrall.
Zeiffle Christ born 1867, died September 09, 1935, Lot 14, Block 2.
There are probably other unknowns.