

## OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION CHURCH CEMETERY

Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church in Grassy Lake, Alberta, is located 20 miles east of Taber on Highway 3 and is the only mission left for Taber.

In the early 1900's when Taber was establishing a church, residents of Grassy Lake were celebrating Mass in people's homes. The original church of Our Lady of Assumption was built on land donated by the Ell families- John Ell Sr. and Joseph Ell Sr. This first church was located seven miles south and three and a half east of Grassy Lake. This was in the midst of a settlement of Russian-Germans who had moved to Canada from the United States to homestead and for years this was called "Ellerville".

The church was built in 1910. In 1911, Father Karl Meyer, O.M.I. visited the church, travelling from Lethbridge. The priests came to the young church by team, train, car and even on foot and often stayed overnight at the home of Joseph and Annamarie Ell.

The church fires were tended by Joseph Ell until he moved in 1922. John Ell continued this work. Then Rochus Schlosser often walked two and a half miles in the bitter cold to warm the church. In 1936, Roy Ell and sons tended the fires until the church was moved to Grassy Lake.

After Father Meyer, the church was attended by Father E. J. McCoy of Bow Island. But the parishioners wrote a letter to Bishop McNally asking for a German speaking Priest. Father Hermes was sent to the Assumption Parish and he served until 1922. In 1923, Father Green, Father McCoy's assistant, with the help of the parishioners, built a grotto in honor of the

Blessed Virgin Mary. It is built of rock from the area - a prolific product and headache of the farmers. The rocks were cemented together, rounded out on three sides and on top to shelter the Virgin. The grotto has been kept in good repair and still stands in the old church yard.

The Cemetery is located on the same land as the church grounds. It contains five acres on land location N.W. 7-9-12 W4. This cemetery is still being used. The Grotto that was built in 1923 is still standing as a landmark to the cemetery. In the year of 2000 the Grotto was newly painted and a new statue was put in. In September of that same year the parish held a dedication day with an outdoor mass on the cemetery site. The new statue was blessed and about 70 people met for the outdoor mass and luncheon. In 2002 a chain link fence was put all around the five acres of the cemetery. We have a group of volunteers to keep the cemetery clean.

In the same church yard was another building setting along side of the church used



for teaching and the parish ladies did community projects such as quilting and other things for the poor. The building was sold to Henry Dyck and is still standing on his farm land.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Memorial Information</b>	<b>Plot Location</b>
Arisman, Rochus	Died 21 May 1929	614
Biegler, Anton	1897 - 1974	3,09a
Biegler, Christina	1855 - 1932	6,11b
Biegler, Frank	185? - 1921	6,11a
Biegler, Marvin	no data available	409
Biegler, Rose	1900 - 1900	3,09b
Dorscher, Veronica	Died 1910	609
Ell, Anne Marie	no data available	4,11a
Ell, Barbara	1908 - 1972	6,18a
Ell, Ben	no data available	610
Ell, Bernard C.	18 Dec 1953 - 21 Mar 1954	3,03a
Ell, Domonick	1919 - 1920	503
Ell, Dwayne A.	17 Mar 1955 - 19 Mar 1955	3,03b
Ell, Frances	1912 - 1939	416
Ell, Frank	1902 - 1965	721
Ell, Helen Res.	no data available	3,11a
Ell, Infant	no data available	610
Ell, Infant Boy	no data available	509
Ell, John	Died 18 Aug 1938	615
Ell, John R.	25 Mar 1900 - 30 May 1984	3,11b
Ell, Joseph	30 Apr 1879 - 18 Sep 1927	4,11b
Ell, Joseph	1898 - 1977	7,22a
Ell, Katherine	1874 - 1933	4,14a
Ell, Meryle Minnie	15 Mar 1930 - 13 Apr 1988	204
Ell, Peter	06 Aug 1928 - 26 Aug 1928	408
Ell, Philip	21 May 1894 - 01 Dec 1918	410
Ell, Philomena	1905 - 1977	7,22b
Ell, Rochus	1872 - 1944	4,14b
Ell, Rochus	1896 - 1970	4,17a
Ell, Rochus	no data available	507
Ell, Titus J.	28 Oct 1929 - 25 Aug 1984	203
Ell, Virginia	12 Jun - 19 Dec 1957	301
Fettig, Adam Felix	22 Aug 1912 - 13 Jan 1990	2,02b
Fettig, Anton	28 Apr 1884 - 03 Feb 1966	3,10b
Fettig, Elizabeda Dorscher	1858 - 1929	7,19a
Fettig, Johannes	10 Dec 1859 - 14 Jul 1937	7,19b
Fettig, Magdalena	08 Dec 1891 - 14 Oct 1960	3,10a
Fettig, Sheila	Died 23 Aug 1943	201
Fischer, Franziska	Died 19 May 1916	716
Fortin, Louise	Died 02 Mar 1913	714
Gaetz, David	Died 09 Nov 1926	7,18b
Gaetz, Johanna	1849 - 1937	7,18a
Gross, Agnes	30 Jul 1919 - 14 May 1929	307
Gross, Ernest	1933 - 1933	402

Gross, Frank	1945 - 1945	302
Gross, Frank	12 May 1906 - 14 Aug 1973	3,08b
Gross, Hilda A.	28 Feb 1914 - 17 May 1960	3,08a
Gross, Ottila	1877 - 1954	617
Gross, Philip	1869 - 1957	616
Gross, William	24 Oct 1934 - 30 Oct 1934	401
Kambeitz, Ann Marie	11 Nov 1946 - 12 Nov 1946	304
Kambeitz, Anthony	May - Nov 1913	605
Kambeitz, Dorothy	no data available	610
Kambeitz, Elizabeth	19 Dec 1829 - 17 May 1911	713
Kambeitz, George	03 Nov - 08 Dec 1927	406
Kambeitz, Joseph	11 Nov 1946 - 12 Nov 1946	304
Kambeitz, Lenora	10 Apr 1915 - 15 Apr 1915	506
Kambeitz, Marianna	1860 - 1940	4,13a
Kambeitz, Mathias	1915 - 1929	407
Kambeitz, Matthew	Died 1936	306
Kambeitz, Philip	1856 - 1918	612
Kambeitz, Thomas	1858 - 1930	4,13b
Kerner, Francis	1932 - 1944	312
Kerner, Salma	no data available	501
Klein, Magdalene	1904 - 1915	510
Klein, Mary	1917 - 1917	511
Kurtz, Trara	14 Mar 1886 - 14 Dec 1917	717
Phillips, Baby	1959 - 1959	102
Phillips, Mary	25 Jun 1979 - 27 Jun 1979	101
Roth, Elizabeth	Died 1911	712
Schlosser, Frank S.	no data available	502
Torscher, John K.	07 Jan 1865 - 03 Jul 1941	3,13a
Torscher, Katherina	06 Oct 1870 - 20 May 1949	3,13b
Torscher, Katherine	no data available	403
Volk, Katherine	1880 - 1938	4,15a
Volk, Martha	1895 - 1924	613
Volk, Marvin S.	03 Apr 1937 - 18 Apr 1937	305
Volk, Stephen	1876 - 1959	4,15b
Voller, Fred	1901 - 1992	000
Wentz, Paulina	Died 30 Sep 1929	720