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In 1986 my mother, Clare Bertram Gibbons and I began compiling the OAK GROVE CEMETERY Records. We began by acquiring a copy of the records from the Secretary, Parnell Sanford. These were put on the computer. We then copied the information on the stones in the cemetery itself and entered these also. In this way we could distinguish which of the graves were not marked by a tombstone. These are indicated by an asterisk in the **UNMK'D** (unmarked) column. (These asterisks are accurate only thru 1986 when the cemetery was copied. Stones may have been erected since that time on earlier graves; also, newer graves without stones are not indicated as unmarked).

We naturally found several differences. Names were often spelled differently between the burial records, newspapers and on the stones. I tried to correct the differences as I found them. I hope you will understand if you find errors in the listings. I intend to print an errata every two or three years with new burials and to correct errors found in this book. I welcome any corrections or additions that you find. This record is useful only if it is accurate.

In the **FIRST NAME** column, I have included (when available) the spouses first name, maiden name, parents names, and any other family information I had. Because of space limitations, when mothers maiden name was known, it is listed, and the fathers last name is assumed, as: ALJOE, JOSEPH (S/JENS-JENNIE ROBB), ROBB is the maiden name of the mother, and ALJOE is the assumed sir name of JENS. Some of the abbreviations in this column include: s/, son of; d/, daughter of; c/, child of; f/, father of; m/, mother of; B/ or BIL/ brother or brother-in law of. When there is no indication it is assumed as spouse of.

I then spent many hours searching for the birth dates. Obituaries, old newspapers and birth records at the Museum, and records at the Records Office in the Courthouse. Occasionally, in the **BIRTH** column there are letters and numbers. These indicate the book and page number of the birth certificate in the County records office at the Becker County Courthouse. Sometimes the ages don't coincide with the birth/death dates. I would tend to believe that when the information was given to the funeral director at the time of death, the family was more apt to know the correct age, and have the birthdate wrong.

The **DEATH** dates given were often the burial dates. If the date is 3 or 4 days after the death date that you have, it is probably the burial date. Let me know so I can correct it.

I have enclosed a (1943) Section/Lot map to give you some idea where the graves are located according to the **SEC LOT** columns. If you cannot find a certain grave, it may not have a stone, (indicated in the last column by an asterisk).

Other info that I found, I tried to include in the last column (**UNMK'D**) with the unmarked graves, such as; place of birth, veterans, ashes, burial location differences, etc., etc.

My mother died at Christmas time, 1986, and this book got laid aside until last summer.

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