

## **HISTORY OF THE ARLINGTON EAST HILL CEMETERY**

The source of the following information is a history of the cemetery prepared by Elmer Hutchinson dated November 1, 1937.

The cemetery was started by the Lee family and was located in the northwest portion of Section 3.

Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the cemetery, except the Lee Burial ground, were owned by Pricilla and Uriah Gordon. They sold the 3.55 acres to George W. Clark and John K. Gowdy on April 19, 1873. This area was designated as a private burial ground by George W. Clark and John K. Gowdy in 1873. George W. Clark was the first person to be buried in this new portion of the cemetery on August 2, 1873. George W. Clark's interest in the 3.55 acres was transferred to James W. Green on November 15, 1873. Many lots were sold privately and various bodies were buried thereon.

On October 1, 1891, the cemetery was incorporated.

John W. Alsman was Secretary of the Corporation and prior to August 22, 1900, his home was destroyed by fire and all of the records of the Corporation were destroyed. The first record of the Corporation after the fire was August 22, 1900.

On March 24, 1911, the 2.8298 acres designated as Section 4 was purchased from John K. and Eve Gowdy. A limestone tubular well was drilled in this section. The first burial in the section was Lydia Shelton on October 29, 1913.

On December 23, 1936, the 3.12 acres designated as Section 5 was purchased from Fanny G. Mansfield.

Beginning October 29, 1913, there is a burial permit for each body buried in the cemetery. Prior to this date, information on headstones provided the name and dates. Unfortunately, not every grave space has a headstone or any other identification as to where a body is buried or who it is.

As of November 1, 1937, there were 1197 known graves in the cemetery including the Lee Burying Ground. Unfortunately, not all of the bodies buried can be identified.