

Wheatland Township
Cemetery

Circa 1836

104th Street
Naperville, Illinois

Wheatland (Township) Cemetery

104th Street

- ✓ Birth of the Cemetery
- ✓ Acquisition of the Land
- ✓ Care of Township
- ✓ Facts and Stories

Ben Peterson: Cemetery Board President
(& Township Tax "Collector")



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July, 1836: Henry Brown, age 2 yrs, 9 months.



Burial: Jane Birkett, age 2 yrs,
1 month. July, 1837

April, 1841: Henry Birkett,
age 8 mo

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Jan. 19, 1850...Burial: Charles Durant,
age 1 yr, 8 months, 11 days.

Two brothers would follow by 1854.

Durant House

1843

Durant marker



CHILDREN E. T. & S. A. DURANT

G.H.K. sculptor
Naperville

(1840) Early Settlers formed the Wheatland Cemetery Association

TRUSTEES: Robert Clow, Jr., Joseph Wait, Solomon Simmons

- Robert C. Clow, Sr. (with 7 children)
- Durant family
- Patterson family
- Grommon family

And many who served as Trustees and supporters:

- Birkett, Bell, Boardman, Boughton, Breitwieser, Brossman, Brown, Crego, Day, Fierstein, Fry, Havens, King, Mather, Rathburn, Sheldon, Thompson, Waite, Wightman, Schroeder, Hartman, Balstrode, Boris,

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April 4, 2001 Township Voters agreed to assume the management and Care of the Cemetery from the Wheatland Cemetery Association (1840-2000).

Highway Commissioner Jarnagin said that the road crew would be able to cut the grass and plow the snow which would cut down the cost of running the Cemetery.

A resident said that he sees this proposal as a chance to gain control of this historic property and maintain it.

Motion: A. J. Loeffel moved that the Wheatland Township Board accept responsibility for Wheatland Cemetery as presented.

Second: Earl Meisinger

Discussion: One resident said that she thought the citizens of Wheatland should be honored to take control of this historical landmark. Earl Meisinger said that he is the President of the Wheatland Plowing Match Association. Much research has been done on the farmers of the area. He wants to make sure the kinfolk of past farmers are taken care of and respected. Mr. Meisinger does not want to see the Cemetery sold.

Bob Beidron said that he thinks the Cemetery needs to happen. Mr. Beidron said that the wording of the motion should say to authorize the Wheatland Town Board to negotiate a fair and equitable transfer of the Cemetery property.

A. J. Loeffel and and Earl Meisinger agreed to the amended motion.

Vote: 25 - yes

1 - no

The Cemetery motion passed.

Per State Statute, the Township Tax Collector is responsible for the management & operation of a Township Cemetery.

2010: Will County Historical Landmark



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CIRCA 1836
WHEATLAND CEMETERY
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A
WILL COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK
FEBRUARY 17, 2011
WILL COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION AND THE WILL COUNTY BOARD

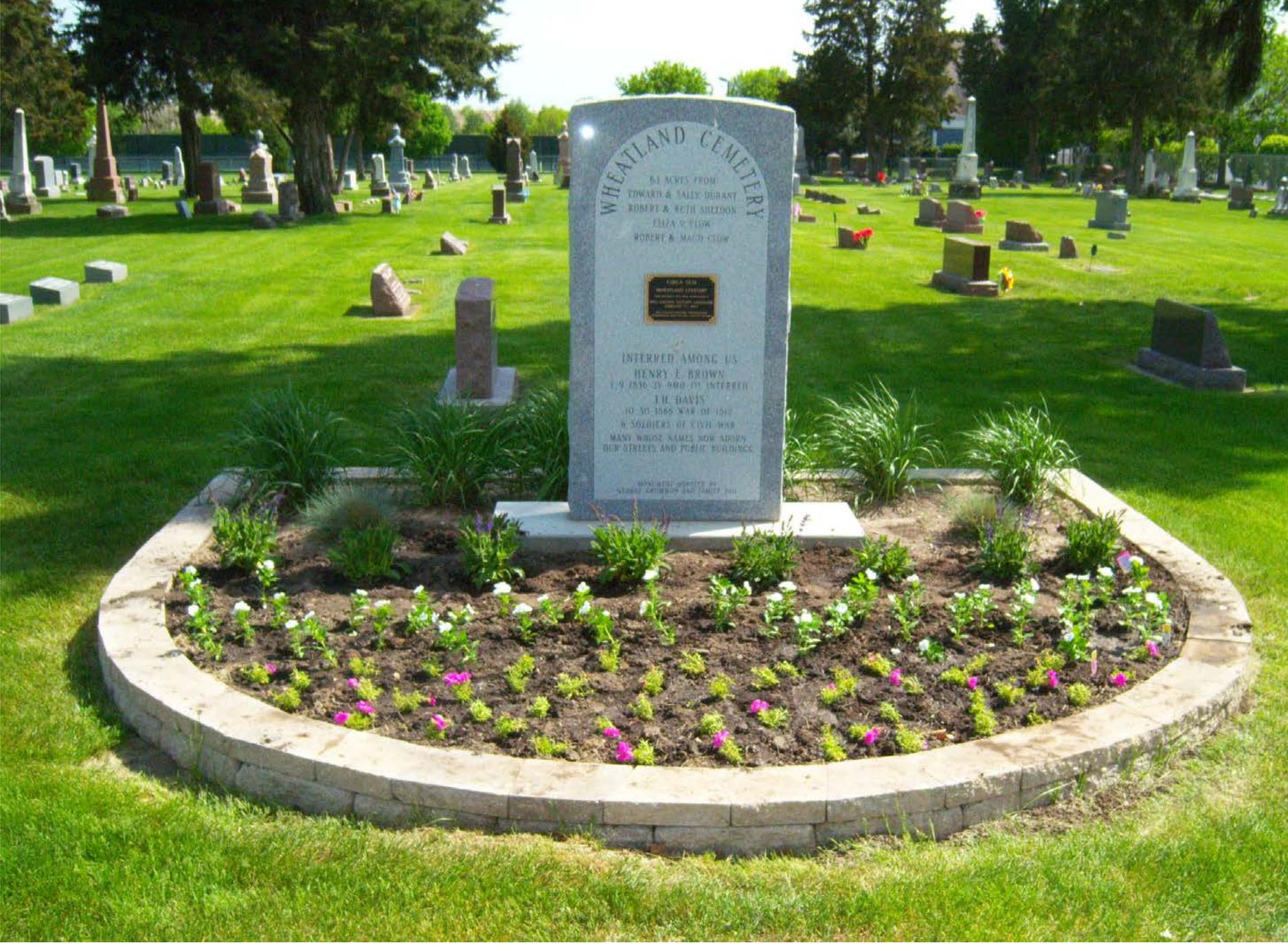
WHEATLAND CEMETERY

61 ACRES FROM
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ROBERT & RUTH ALLISON
ELZA V. FLOW
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10-30-1865-WAR OF 1862
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MONUMENT DONATED BY
ALBERT GARDNER AND FAMILY 1911





Wheatland Cemetery

6.1 acres from:

**Edward & Sally Durant
Robert & Ruth Sheldon
Eliza V. Clow
Robert & Maud Clow**

Established Circa 1836

Interred among us:

**Henry E Brown 7-9-1836 2y, 9 mo 1st interred
J.H. Davis 10-30-1866 War of 1812
6 soldiers of Civil War
Many whose names now adorn our streets
and public buildings.**

Monument donated by George Grommon and family, 2011

Today: ~ 750 residents



Durant/Clow house now at McDonald Farm.

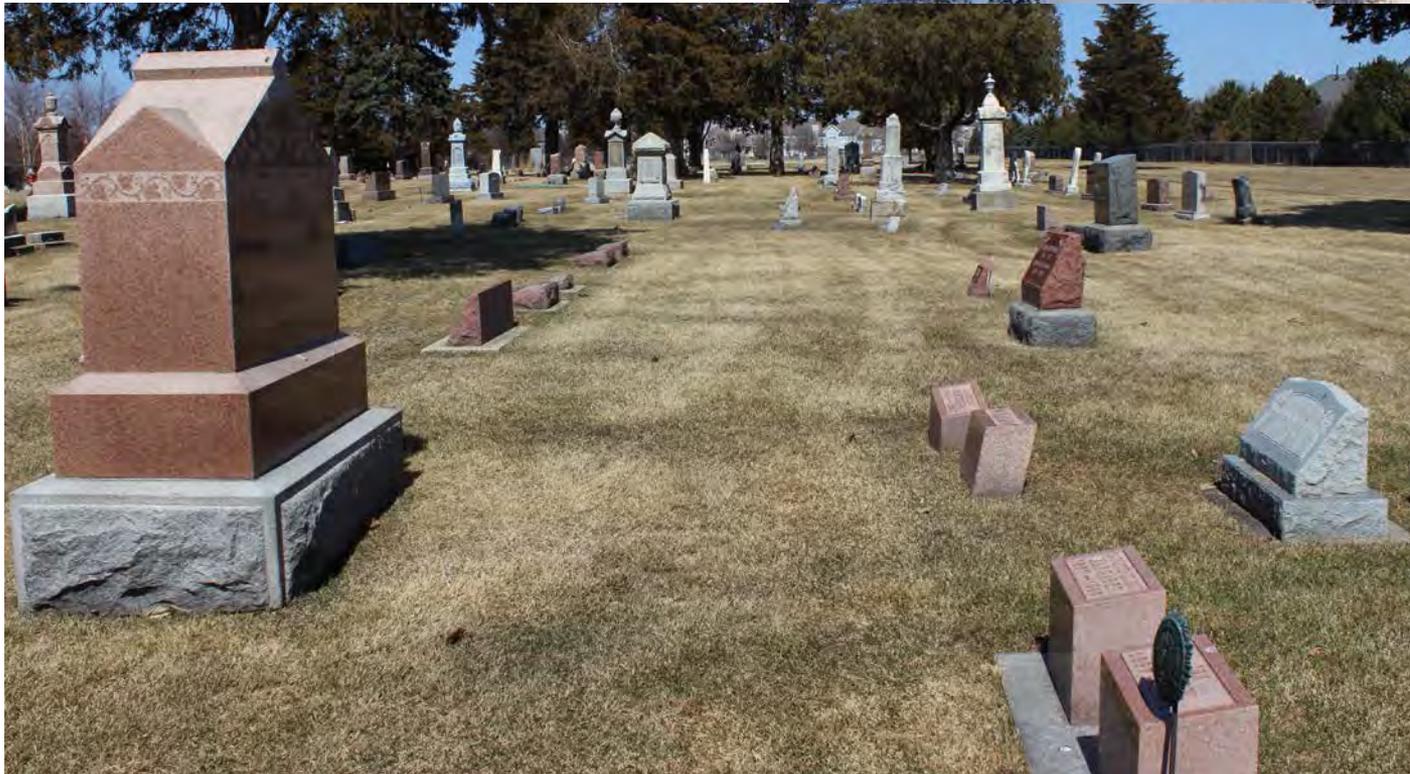


Assorted Facts:

Anchor	Hope or "at rest"
Angel	The agent of God; guardian of the dead
Circle	Eternity; incorporated into the Celtic Cross
Column	Broken or Draped Column signifies mortality, the support of life has been broken
Cross & Crown	Symbolize the reward of the faithful Christian after death
Crossed Swords	Inverted, signifies killed in battle
Draped Female	Holding a laurel leaf represents memory
Dove	A soul ascending to Heaven
Fern	Sorrow, grief
Gates Opening	A soul entering Heaven
Hands	When clasped are a symbol of farewell or meeting in eternity
IHS Looks like \$	First three letters in the Greek spelling of Jesus. IHS stands for "In His Service"
Ivy	immortality
Lamb	Innocence
Lily	Symbol of the Resurrection, purity
Obelisk	Eternal life
Rose	Sinless
Torch	Upturned, symbolizes life extinguished
Tree	Life, immortality, a broken tree trunk means the same as a broken column
Urn	Draped, symbolizes death
Willow	Grief and mourning

Assorted Facts:

- 6.1 Acres nestled in between Club House & residents in Townhomes and Homes.
- 32 Veterans (War of 1812, Civil War, World Wars, etc.)



Assorted Facts:

- Many names adorn numerous buildings, roads & an airport.
- Many descendants frequent the graves of their ancestors.





Assorted Facts:

- Six school buildings in District 204 reflect either the Family name or specific name of grave sites located in Wheatland Township Cemetery.

- ~ 750 Interred.
Room for many more.



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Cemetery Care, Trusts

- ✓ Cemeteries establish 'Care Funds' to better insure future maintenance costs of the Cemetery can be meet.
- ✓ Individuals can establish 'Trusts' to be used specifically for the care / maintenance of their Grave site or monument.

Cemetery TRUSTEE:

- An appointed position.
 - Has flexibility for on-call availability.
 - Works with another Trustee to insure accurate recording.
 - Will measure and mark for grave opening or stone placement.
 - Meets with individuals regarding the cemetery history, policies, purchase of graves.
 - Attends funeral as observer, directs parking of cars.
 - Votes at Cemetery Board meetings; maintains Records.
 - Assists with minor up-keeping (drive thru visits to pick up trash or report work needed)
- Clerk: in addition to above, will record meeting notes, draft Minutes, maintains cemetery records, insures flow of information and communication among Trustees and Township Board.