



Adele Lewis Inman

Dec. 6, 1846-
Oct. 26, 1935
Mausoleum 990

- Born in Clarendon, NY
- Older brother, Martin and younger sisters, Lillian (J.P.

Morgan) and Annadell (Myron Thompson) were raised in Columbus, WI.

- Adele studied and taught music. Her lifelong talent was shared in church and community.
- In 1867, Martin Lewis and Myron Thompson (Annadell's husband) became business partners in the new Dakota Territory.
- Adele and Darwin M. Inman were married in Holley, NY (1874) and on their honeymoon, they traveled to Vermillion and ended up staying. They never had children.
- In that same year, D.M. partnered with Myron and Martin to open a private bank which operated for over 50 years until 1931.
- Adele and Darwin shared an interest in developing education in Vermillion. Darwin helped to establish the state university and it is well-known they assisted many students financially and by other means.
- Adele was very involved at the Baptist Church in the church choir and with musical education.
- In 1882, the Inman House was moved from Lewis to Main Street (current home of the USD president). The grand staircase landing was designed for a pipe organ. It was never installed.
- In 1890, after the Main Street fire destroyed many businesses and all the cemetery records, Adele and 9 other women formed the Vermillion Cemetery Association. She was the first treasurer and held that office until her death.
- Ten years after Darwin's death (1913), Adele donated \$15K to USD to build Inman Stadium.
- Adele's obituary stated, "Perhaps no single individual woman ever took a keener interest in this phase of the life of the community and the welfare of others."

Bluff View Cemetery (1882) Calvary Cemetery (1907)

- Early Vermillion burials-various points along the bluff.
- First Vermillion cemetery was in use by 1864 at the intersection of Market & Bloomingdale Streets. The *Dakota Republican* reported there had not been a death in Vermillion during the past five years (1870), so perhaps there were few burials there
- In 1870 or 1871, Vermillion moved the cemetery to a small plot about one mile north. This was known as **North Cemetery or Remington Cemetery**. It was located in the NW1/4 of SW1/4 Section 7, in Vermillion Township-1/2 mile north of Highway 50 (the bypass) on the east side of University Road near the intersection of Coyote Street.
- **Bluff View Cemetery** was established in 1882, a 10 acre plot purchased from Thomas Jordan. The records of *Bluff View Cemetery* burials were lost in a fire in 1920. Information was reconstructed from old records of lot owners, from cemetery stones, from newspapers, and in the 1940s the W.P.A. did their best to bring the records up to date. Some of the *Bluff View Cemetery* records of burials before 1882 are reburials from other area cemeteries.
- The original Catholic cemetery was at the Bruyer settlement east of Vermillion in Fairview Township. A log church was built in 1860 and a larger frame church in 1879, including a cemetery near the church, **Fairview Cemetery or Bruyers Cemetery**. This church served the French settlers in Bruyer's settlement, the Irish settlers east near the Clay-Union County Line and Catholics in Vermillion. This church closed in 1905 and the members attached to St. Agnes in Vermillion.
- The Catholics built St. Agnes Church on Washington Street in Vermillion (presently the home of the Vermillion Area Arts Council) in 1907 and at the same time purchased the land for **Calvary Cemetery** to replace *Fairview Cemetery*.

Thanks to the
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for providing refreshments
and use of the chapel.

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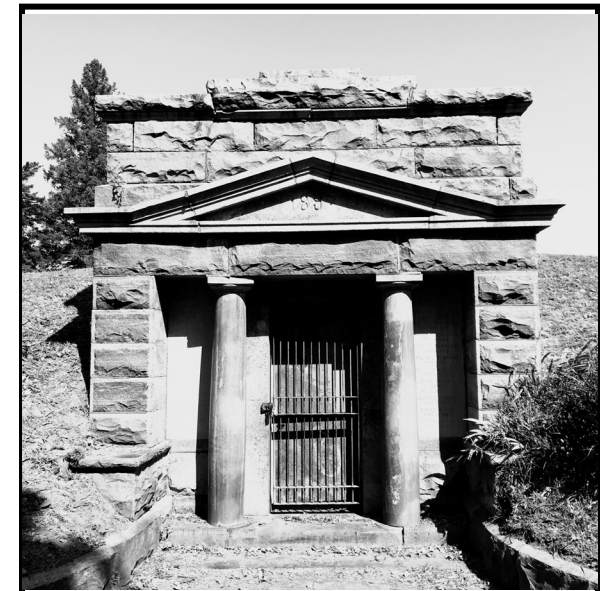
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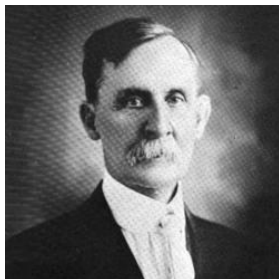


The Clay County
Historical Society
presents

Spoken History Cemetery Tour, Chapter One

Monday, October 8, 2018
5:30 pm

Bluff View Cemetery
Vermillion, SD

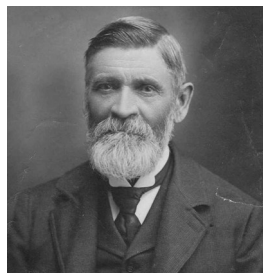


John L. Jolley

July 14, 1840 -
Dec. 14, 1926
Lot 446

- Born in Montreal, Quebec and lived in Canada until he was 17

- As a young man John learned the harness making trade.
- Lived in Wisconsin 1857 – 1866. During the Civil War served in the Union Army for three years and was mustered out as a Second Lieutenant. on July 4, 1865. Took part in the battles of Vicksburg and Jackson, MS
- After discharge from Army, he attended a commercial college in Chicago and then moved to Vermillion, arriving on July 10, 1866.
- Taught school in the log schoolhouse
- From July 1866 until April 1873 worked in the U.S. Land Office as a clerk.
- In Wisconsin, John studied law in a lawyer's office. When the land office moved from Vermillion, he began practicing law and was a member of the South Dakota Bar for over 40 years.
- In 1867 and 1868 he was elected to Dakota Territorial House of Representatives.
- In 1874 and 1881 he was elected to the Dakota Territorial Council (Senate).
- In 1877, elected as the first mayor of Vermillion and again in 1885.
- One of the four prominent men who organized USD in 1882.
- In 1889 and 1890 he was elected to the South Dakota State Senate.
- In 1891 he was appointed to the United States Congress to fill a vacancy but didn't run for re-election.
- He had three children including Francis, who became the wife of Charles Hall Dillon, also a SD United States Congressman.
- Jolley Elementary School is named after him.

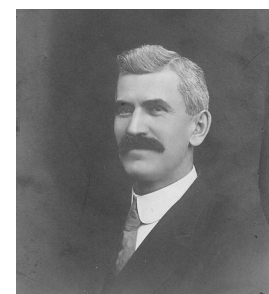


Andrew J. Pickett

Jan. 15, 1834 (1833)-
Dec. 1, 1920
Lot 243

- Born and lived in Ontario, Canada
- Early in his architecture

- career (1850), Andrew built an octagonal shaped house. The material was rubble-stones and discarded bricks. Wood for the doors and woodwork all came from one large pine tree which was milled at the Pickett Saw Mill.
- Married Mary Ann McLaren in 1858 and they had 6 children, only 3 survived.
- His children with Mary Ann were James (died at 6 mo), Andrew (?), Maggie (died at 2 mo), Anna Mary Hopkins (1860), Eleanor "Ella" Whitlow (1865), and John (1868.)
- In 1869, he moved to Clay County, became a citizen, and claimed 160 acres. He occupation was a carpenter and joiner.
- In the autumn of 1870, Mary Ann (with Anna, Ella, John) joined him. She died only 5 years later of "cancer in the breath" and was buried in Halton, Ontario, Canada.
- In June of 1877, A.J. married Helen Knowles. In 1882 only a month after their daughter, Helen, was born; his wife passed away at 43.
- A.J. gave Baby Helen (nicknamed Pansy) to Horace and Rachel Austin. When she turned 16, he sent a letter and some items which had belonged to her birthmother.
- About 1884, A.J. was married a third time to widow Mary Chappell Williams. She was a florist by trade and had two children.
- In 1873, Methodist Episcopal Society trustee.
- In 1882, A.J. built the Austin-Whittemore House (current home of CCHS) and it is how he is best remembered.
- He was the grandfather of Harry Hopkins (Anna) who was Franklin Delano R'oosevelt's advisor.
- Known as "a very religious and kind man, with a good deal of book learning."

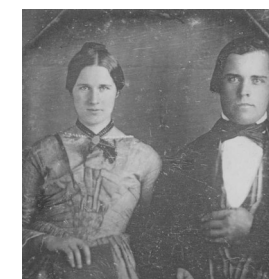


Robert (R.J.) James McVicker

May 4, 1864-
May 16, 1947
Lot 443

- Born near Williamsport, PA.

- 2nd of 8 children and lived in central IA until he was 30-helping to care for siblings.
- In Blairsburg, IA, he worked as a clerk and merchant getting established in retail.
- In 1894, he, his wife, Carrie (Grange), and daughter, Hazel, moved to Vermillion.
- Formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, J.W., called Grange and McVicker.
- Carrie died of childbirth complications in 1895 having second daughter, Carrie.
- 1899, R.J. married another of J.W.'s sisters, Priscilla. They had a daughter, Frances "Ethelyn". She was only six when Priscilla died of surgical complications.
- Married to wife #3 in 1908, Edith Spencer was a 42 year old spinster.
- The Grange and McVicker partnership dissolved in 1910, making way for McVicker Merchandise Company.
- In 1913, R.J. purchased the Burdick and Salmer Buildings, removed the connecting wall and added fixtures (current home of Charlie's and the VCDC.)
- 1918-1922 elected alderman for the city.
- He was known as a very successful businessman of dry goods and groceries.
- 1921 retired and moved with Edith to Long Beach, CA, by his daughter, Carrie.
- During his 28 years in Vermillion, R.J. was a member of the Congregational Church, the Masons, Knights Templar, and the Shrine.
- He is buried beside all three of his wives.



Russell Sisters

Lot 314

Martha Russell Scribner
(11/28/1820-10/30/1859)
oldest recorded death in Bluff View Cemetery
Kezia Russell Carpenter
(8/19/1828-9/29/1905)

Aaron A. Carpenter (7/7/1826-2/22/1914)

- Martha, twin sister Mary, Kezia and 4 other siblings were raised in Vermont and New Hampshire by a Baptist pastor father and mother
- Martha married Daniel in 1845 and had three daughters, Mary, Alma and Sarah.
- Alma passed from canker rash (Scarlet Fever) prior to the family heading west around 1859.
- Martha's drowning is recorded in Dixon County, NE (Ponca) in 1859.
- Apparently Daniel and daughters returned to VT.
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- Aaron was born in Concord, VT. He and Kezia were married in 1849.
- The couple lived on the Carpenter family farm and nursery until 1859-having son, Alba, and Jean. (Daughter died prior to her first birthday.)
- He first traveled to Dakota Territory around 1857 and at that time homesteaded in Nebraska.
- In 1859, Aaron, Kezia and Alba came with other family to pioneer the west, but learning that the "Indians were on the warpath" (Kezia's obituary) they stayed in Nebraska for two years.
- Aaron had previously homesteaded the eastern edge of Vermillion (current Prentiss Park location) and family moved there in 1861.
- Here they had three more children, George, Carrie and John.
- Aaron (& sons) established "Prairie Nursery" which was the first and largest in the Dakota Territory (100 apple and 30 forest tree varieties.)
- Aaron was a representative in the Dakota Territory legislature 1867-69.