

CIVIL WAR VETERANS BURIED
IN NEW BERLIN CENTER CEMETERY

Christopher Emperor

Robert Killips

Joseph A. Monroe

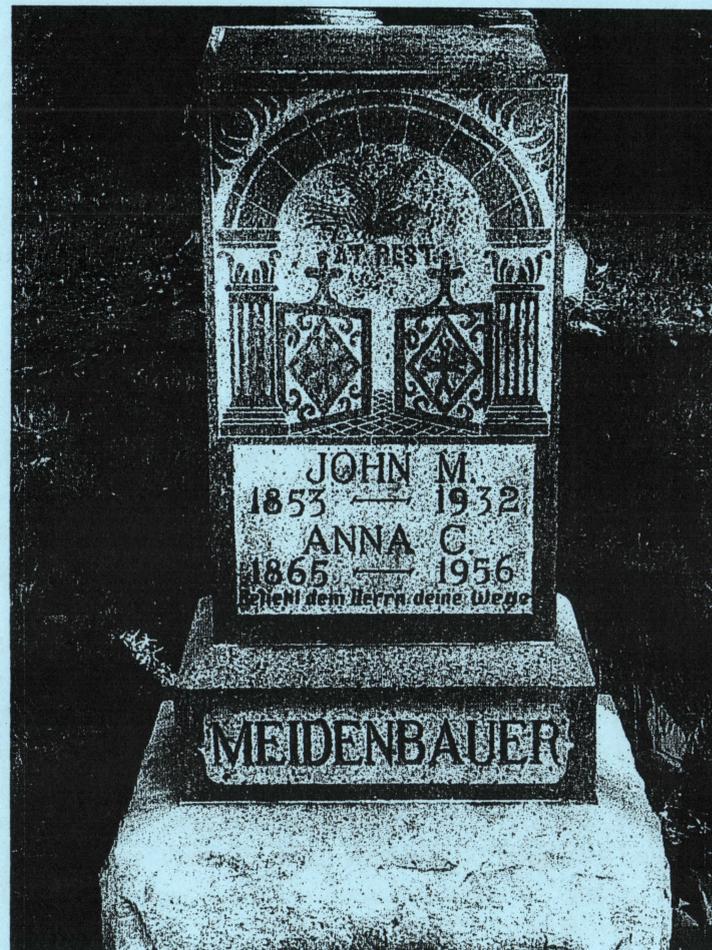
Henry Vreeland

Charles A. Grant

William Cooper

Henry Dean

New Berlin Center Cemetery Tour



"The graveyards are full of people the world could not do without",

Elbert Hubbard

New Berlin Center Cemetery was established on land donated by P.V. Monroe sometime around 1840. The first burial recorded was in 1841, making this the first and oldest cemetery in New Berlin.

The families of many of the first settlers chose to make this their final resting place. As you walk these hallowed grounds, you will find names such as Boyd, Meidenbauer, Winton, Killips, Monroe, Church and Korn.

You will also find veterans from several wars; most prominent are the seven veterans from the Civil War listed on the back of brochure.

Source: New Berlin Landmarks Commission-2005

Publius V. Monroe was a wealthy Yankee settler who arrived in 1837. He is credited with persuading the council at the first town meeting to change the name of the town from Mentor to New Berlin after the New York hometown of some of the original settlers, himself included.

Publius served as the first Town Clerk in 1842. In 1841 he donated land for the first log school at National Avenue and Calhoun Road. That same year the death of his young daughter Harriet prompted him to give land for this cemetery. Harriet was buried here on Feb. 15, 1841. In 1855 his wife Cordelia predeceased him at the young age of 41. He and Cordelia had nine children, but only two survived to adulthood and only baby Harriet's grave is marked next to her parents. *Their son Joseph A. fought with the 28th Wisconsin in the Civil War and lived until 1905.*

Thomas Boyd was the youngest of three Scottish-born immigrant brothers to arrive in the 1840s. He and his wife Janet had to bury an infant at sea lost to ship fever. By 1860 Thomas had built a two-story frame home on Calhoun Road which still stands and has been continuously inhabited by five generations of the family. His descendants have been the loyal caretakers of this cemetery since 1910.

Theodore S. Winton bought Daniel Church's store in 1866 and was postmaster until his son **Louis** built a new store in 1882. Louis was then postmaster until 1903 when Rural Free Delivery brought mail directly to people's homes. Theodore was the father of **Theodora Winton Youmans**, a prominent local suffragist. Both Winton homes are now located in the New Berlin Historical Park.

Johan (John) K. Meidenbauer, age 30, arrived in this area in 1848 and bought an existing log cabin (now located in the Historical Park) and 80 acre farm. He was married to Kathrine Schmer. As John and Catherine's only child had died at birth, when he was 66 years old he encouraged his nephew **John M. Meidenbauer** to come to Wisconsin from Germany. He arrived in 1884 and married Anna Schoenwalder. **John K.** willed the farm to **John M.** on the provision that he would care for JK and his wife so long as they all lived. John M. and Anna raised 12 children in the log home. John K. died in 1897.

Jacob Korn's arrival in 1840 was the beginning of the migration of Germans into New Berlin. In 1860 he was the richest German in the area with a financial worth of \$15,500. Jacob's wife and children are buried here. *He served in Company D of the 6th Wisconsin during the Civil War.*

Alexander Harris - Alex owned a prosperous farm on Guthrie Rd, town of Waukesha. On May 7, 1897 a former employee, William Pautz shot and killed Alex and gravely wounded a hired man, Alex's wife and her hired girl. Pautz fled the scene on his bicycle, was spotted but never captured. Ten days later his body was found. He committed suicide by putting a gun to his head as he jumped into Hales Mill Pond (now Linne Lac). Motive for this murder was never discovered. Alex's wife Emma is also buried here and many other family members, including his brother Charles who married the hired girl Helen Vesbach, are buried at Sunnyside Cemetery.