

CIVIL WAR VETERANS BURIED IN SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY

JOHN BADE (1820-1886)

SAMUEL B. BEARDSLEY, (1818-1886), Capt. CO D 54 US CLD
Infantry, 2nd Arkansas Infantry, 1863-1864

JAMES W. BIRTHRONG, (1825 Canada-1870)

ABRAHAM BLOTT (1832 New York - 1912)

JOHN BLOTT, SR. (1835-1906) CO E 19 WIS INF

MATTHEW ELLIOTT (1830-1881), Corp. CO E WIS INF

ROBERT ELLIOTT (P-1879), Sgt. CO A 28 WIS INF

WILLIAM ELLIOTT (1839-1908), Cpl. 19 WIS INF

GEORGE GROSS

RICHARD MILLER (1845-1829) CO E 19 WIS INF

WILLIAM MILLER, CO E 19 WIS INF

JAMES MURPHY (1842-1898), CO B 1 WIS HV ARTY

ADAM OBERST (1843-1926), CO D 12 WIS INF

CHARLES PARMENTER (1846-1910) CO B 39 WIS INF

ROMANTA PECK (1841-1861), CO D ? WIS INF

BENJAMIN PLATTS, CO E 5 WIS INF

KEYES WHITE (1824-1916), CO E 18 WIS INF

JAMES YOUNG, 2 LIEUT. CO D 5 WIS INF

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Sunnyside Cemetery was created by the Reverend Rufus Cheney when he set aside a piece of his own land to be used as a graveyard for his newly organized church congregation. Then when the Pastor's son John's wife Anliza Gray Cheney died in December of 1842, she was laid to rest near the pastor's baby grandson, Henry B. who died in 1841.*

At the Rev. Cheney's gravesite stands a tall bronze marker honoring him as the founding pastor of the Freewill Baptist Church.

In this graveyard is an impressive monument which silently tells a story. It is the family marker for Dr. John Livingston Ingersol, an active Yankee member of the new congregation. Dr. Ingersol gave Prospect Hill its name and he married the pastor's granddaughter, Theresa Cheney. Dr. Ingersol could not save his own three sons that he named Robert. As the monument shows, each little "Robert" lived less than a year.*

Veterans of six wars are buried here, eighteen of those fought in the Civil War. The tall marker for Romanta Peck reminds us of the selfless sacrifice of those soldiers.* On the back page of this brochure are listed the names of those local men who marched valiantly off to the Civil War not knowing if they would return home again.

John Blott (1863-1935). John subdivided the land surrounding the old Mill Pond (also called Hale's Mill Pond) and renamed the pond Linnie Lac in honor of his wife.

Alvin "Ray" Cooper (1894-1960). Ray was an orchardist in West Allis, who sold his land to that city in 1960. The day before Thanksgiving a dump truck working on a lot that he had retained from the family homestead backed over him and he was crushed to death. He was a WWI Army veteran.

Milton Cooper (1887-1966). Milton served in the US Army in WWI from 1918-1919. He purchased the Cheney home in 1927. He was also an orchardist with acres of apples on his property. The Cooper family lives in

the historic Cheney-Faulkner-Cooper house to this day and is the caretaker of this lovely cemetery.

Eva May Faulkner (1896-1947) was killed by lightning when closing a window during a violent thunderstorm. Her husband, Lee Elden Faulkner, is said to have died a few years later of a broken heart. They were the parents of our local historian, author and artist, Libbie Faulkner Nolan.*

Hiram Hale (1825-1905) Mill-wright. His brother William built the first mill in the county. Hiram bought the mills in 1855 and moved them to "Hale's Mill Pond"-later Linnie Lac. Hiram married a daughter of Daniel Gilbert, an early founder of the area.

Charles Harris (1876-1929). Charles was a member of a very large family that lived and farmed in Muskego and Big Bend. Many members of the Harris family are buried here. However, Charles and his wife Helen (nee Vesbach) were directly involved in the murder story of Charles' brother Alex, who is buried at New Berlin Center Cemetery.

John H. White (1809-1890). Early founder of the area. He settled at the SW corner of Racine Avenue and National Avenue and lived there until 1873. The Winton-Sprengel House was built on the land after it was acquired by the Wintons, and is now a part of the New Berlin Historical Park.

Weston Family-Harvey and Alice Weston bought the farm on top of Prospect Hill in 1927 as a hedge against the Depression. They are responsible for the wonderful Antique Apple Orchard that is now a part of the Historical Park. The orchard is currently run by their children Ken and Genevieve Weston.

**Libbie Faulkner Nolan 2008 Sunnyside Cemetery brochure.
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