LOGAN CITY CEMETERY HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR

A. First Burial on record Kate Blair 1861, A-30-8-3. Father Seth Blair (photo) A-30-8-8.

B. The Wiebe stone gives an example of how natural forms from the surrounding environment can be blended with traditional carving techniques. A-10-15-31

C. Ezra Taft Benson (2/22/1811 – 9/3/1869) was one of Cache Valley’s founding fathers and grandfather to Ezra Taft Benson, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Note the photographs imbedded in the stone. A-20-20-8

D. Peter Maughan (5/7/1811 – 4/24/1871) was an early pioneer leader. His leadership continued through the settlement of the valley and included offices of probate judge and vice-president of the first Logan Co-op (now ZCMI). A-30-23-8

E. The Thatcher plot extends throughout this corner. The collection of various stones provides many aspects of historic and contemporary methods of marking graves and celebrating the family. The Recording Angel monument was carved by Botts Co. in Brigham City. They also carved the Old Ephraim marker up Logan Canyon. B-50-27-4?

F. The Astle marker was erected before the death of Dr. Theris P. Astle. This practice is more common than expected, and the cemetery holds many examples of stones awaiting their owners. B-70-30-8

G. The Charles W. Nibley plot provides a look into a polygamous family. Notice that the wives’ stones are identical. B-60-10

H. This unique child’s grave marker for Carly Michelle Taylor (1/1/77 – 11/22/79) demonstrates how sandblasting techniques allow for great individuality and detail in contemporary stones. A-260-15-3

I. William L. King (1/15/1855 – 2/27/1880) and Nephi Osterholdt (7/18/1855 – 2/22/1880) were killed in a blizzard “in service of the temple”. The twin markers tell of the event, reminding readers of regional environmental hazards. A-60-2-8

J. This wooden marker for William Hardy (7/30/1809 – 1/19/1894) was erected as a temporary marker to be eventually replaced by a stone monument. It is the only wooden marker left in the cemetery and marks an earlier period in our local history. A-70-6-8

K. The Pioneer Plot holds the remains of early graves from the first Logan Cemetery. The cemetery was moved from 700 East 500 North in order to accommodate the expanding city. The monument was erected by the DUP to honor the 42 unknown pioneers buried there. The waffle board affect of the ground indicated burials in wooden caskets and the absence of the modern cement vaults. A-90-32

L. Russell Larsen’s (12/16/21 – 1/26/83) stone provides a colorful and humorous verse instead of the traditional somber prose. This poem is a familiar one to cowboy poets. A-100-27-4

M. The Weeping Lady on the Cronquist family plot is best known by young adults who visit during the full moon, in an effort to hear her cry in mourning over her dead children. A-100-22

N. Unlike the other stones in the cemetery, which face eastward, this stone faces northeast, toward Mecca. Jamshid Maghami (7/7/49 – 5/17/74), originally from Iran, was buried on his side facing Mecca, as the Muslim faith decrees. A-100-55-5

O. This family monument was carved by fourth generation stone-carver Thaddous H. Brown. His family owns and operates Brown Monument and Vault Co., serving Cache Valley and Southern Idaho. A-255-3-1
P. Fudge Stone famous for Fudge recipe on back of headstone. C-95-10-8

Q. Matthew Cole Larson headstone made to look like Lego’s. C-100-7-4

R. Babyland (40-43A) is a special area set aside for infant burial. Here half-size plots are individually sold. E-60-16

S. Lions Barbara Bindrup buried under south Lion E-11-59-1

T. The Palmer Baby Bed has become a popular grave marker to visit. The sculpted infant and toys remind viewers of a childhood cut short. This stone emulates Victorian gravestones that also depict sleeping children. E-40-4-6

U. May Swenson (5/28/13 – 12/4/89) was a local poet of national acclaim. A bench etched with stanzas from her poems marks this grave. A-410-2-6