

Articles of Incorporation of Oak Ridge Cemetery Association of Princeton Iowa.

Be it known that we Emil Kroger
Augusta E Slaughter, M E Shire, A W
Schubelz and O W Purneo all residents
of Princeton Iowa whose names are
hereto subscribed have associated
ourselves together for the purpose of
taking charge of and maintaining
an association whose aims and purp
oses are the taking charge of the interests
of the said Oak Ridge Cemetery as
determined by the rules and regula
tions herein after set forth and for the
best accomplishment of these purposes
have adopted the following

Articles of Incorporation.

This Association shall be known and
hailed as the Oak Ridge Cemetery
Association of Princeton Iowa which is
located and described as follows:
In the S E one half (1/2) of the N W one
quarter (1/4) of Section eleven (11), Township
seventy-nine (79), Range five (5), East of the
fifth (5) P.M. the plat thereof is recorded
in Book "C" page 239 in the records of
the county recorder of Scott county and
State of Iowa. This association shall
consist of the incorporators herein before
mentioned and every person who wishes
a lot in said Cemetery shall be

a shareholder and entitled to a vote in the election of six directors who shall manage the business of this Association. It is however herein stipulated that no one shareholder shall have more than one vote in the election of managing directors.

Article II.

The object of this Association is not for gain but it shall have charge of the property belonging to the real estate of the owners thereof and to have charge and care of all the stones and alloys belonging to the said cemetery as plotted and recorded and when necessary to acquire additional land to be laid off and plotted for burying purposes, to erect suitable buildings in which to store tools for use in caring for said cemetery; to adopt rules and regulations for the proper working and management of the said cemetery.

Article III.

The duration of this corporation shall be perpetual except it shall be terminated by a two-thirds vote of all the shareholders present at any annual meeting proper notice of which intention being given five days previous to the annual meeting.

Article IV.

The organization of this Association shall be as follows; After the legal incorporation hereof shall call a meeting of the shareholders on the first Saturday in May A.D. 1920. At this meeting there shall be elected by the shareholders six directors who shall have charge of all the business of the Association. These directors shall immediately organize by

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dividing into three divisions of two members each each division by holding office, the first for one year the second for two years and the third for three years. As their terms expire their places shall be filled at the annual meeting. However the incorporators hereof shall have for their officers till the first regular meeting in May A.D. 1920 as follows; President Paul Dörflinger, Vice President August C. Slaughter and Secretary C.W. Vinick whose terms of office shall expire at meeting in May A.D. 1920. At the first meeting of the directors they shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer to hold office till the next annual meeting when their successors shall be elected.

Article V.

The purchase of real estate for extension shall be made in the name of the directors and their successors in office and the sale of lots shall be valid when signed by the President and Secretary of the directors

Article VI.

The directors hereof may make provisions by rules to receive deposits from individuals which shall be used in the perpetual care of lots. They shall fix the amounts from year to year to be paid for keeping graves or lots clean and in order.

Article VII.

This corporation assumes to itself the rights and powers and privileges and immunities which are which may be, during its incorporation, conferred by law upon similar associations of like character and except otherwise provided adopted by laws.

rules and regulations governing the Board and the discharge of their duties in conducting the affairs of the said Cemetery Association.

Article VIII.

The private property of the members of this association shall in no wise be held for any acts hereof or any indebtedness therefrom.

Article IX.

These articles of Incorporation may be altered amended or annulled by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors at any regular meeting.

Witness our hands and signatures to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation this 19th day of March 1920.

Emil Kruger
Augusta E Slaughter
M. E. Hise
A. H. Schmaltz
C. W. Primmer

State of Iowa }
Scott County }

I, Rachel S. Sauter, a Notary Public for and in Scott County and State of Iowa do hereby certify that the 19th day of March A.D. 1920 before me personally appeared Emil Kruger, Augusta E. Slaughter, M. E. Hise, A. H. Schmaltz and C. W. Primmer to me personally known to be the identical persons whose names are signed to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledge that they voluntarily executed the same for the uses and purposes therein stated.

Witness my hand and seal day and date as mentioned above.
Rachel S. Sauter
Notary Public in
Scott County Iowa

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Suggestions.

In the keeping of a cemetery, drawing from our own experience and observations in such matters, we beg no pardon in making the following suggestions to the end that the records may be intelligible and complete and that burials may be in good taste and at the same time the beauty and symmetry of the grounds may be preserved. On following pages will be found a diagram for each lot in all the block from numbers one to eleven. They are drawn on a scale of one fourth of an inch to the foot. Any person with a common one foot rule can locate the spot in each lot where each person is buried. Below this diagram on each page is ruled to keep the record of the name, date of death and if possible to obtain the age of such person. By consulting an Ordnance map record on pages 12 and 13 it will become apparent how these suggestions should be carried out. In order that a valuable record for future reference we most earnestly recommend that these suggestions be followed. Proximity or position of each person of the family buried on the lot should also be observed. The husband and the wife should be placed side by side and the wife on the left of the husband as they lie. Thus if both are to be placed on the North side of the lot the wife should be placed near the North line of the lot and the husband immediately South of her. On the contrary if both are to be buried on the South side of the lot the husband should be placed close to the South line and the wife at his left. The remainder of the family may be placed as taste or convenience may suggest. To preserve the Cemetery in the best shape the same person should have charge of the grounds and should carefully see to it that

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The graves are placed on the lots so that the monuments may be set on a line line throughout that better block. Space on the lots may be economized by placing the graves of the grown up members of the family with feet close to the East line of the lot leaving the spare space on each side of the monument for burial of children. In every cemetery there should be a tool house large enough to contain all the tools necessary to work with and should also be a shed in the house so that in severe weather and sudden storms the persons employed in digging graves or doing any necessary work may be protected and made comfortable. In conclusion let me say that a tender and just consideration for the last resting place of those who in life were near and dear to us marks an intelligent civilized enlightened, humane and grateful humanity. Of all places the graves of the loved of our families and friends should be the most sacred. Let us then scrupulously care for and adorn our Cemetery with all the beauties that nature and art can possibly suggest.

The above suggestions are here most respectfully subscribed to the end and in hope they may meet all to plan and labor for the attainment of a better thing in our last resting place.

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Rules and Regulations.

This Association shall be known as Oak Ridge Cemetery Association of Princeton Iowa. It is not organized for profit but to care for the said cemetery. Its place of business shall be the town of Princeton county of Iowa and state of Iowa. In addition to caring for the present grounds it may purchase and add additional grounds and add it to those now in its possession.

Rule 2.

The membership of this Association shall consist of those who own lots and who have friends buried in the cemetery and they shall each have one vote in the election of directors and any other questions as provided by the Articles of Incorporation.

Rule 3.

The Regular Annual Meeting of this Association shall be held on the first Saturday of May of each year at such place and hour as the President may choose. At this meeting they shall elect two directors to fill the places of the two directors whose terms of office expire and to fill such vacancies as may occur in the directorships caused by death, removal or resignation of any director. As soon as the directors are elected they shall choose a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. whose duties shall be those usually expected of such officers. The duty of the Treasurer aside from receiving the moneys shall be to report to the Association at its annual meeting the condition of the treasury. The Treasurer shall hold no money in his hands but shall deposit it in bank.

Rule 4.

It shall be the special duty of the Secretary to keep without neglect the record of every person buried as designated in the following pages of this book.

Rule 5.

Any grounds laid out for use of this Association shall be platted and when sold shall be designated by the number of the lot and the block in which it is situated. The sale of lots shall be valid only when signed by the President and Secretary of the Association. A careful record shall be kept by the Secretary of the Association. In no case shall there be allowed any improvements or interments upon the lots until the Secretary has been paid for the same and accepted for the money.

Rule 6.

No debts shall be contracted and no additions made to this cemetery except upon the consent of the stockholders at a regular meeting or a meeting of the stockholders called for that purpose.

Rule 7.

All lots belonging to this Association shall be used for no other purpose than the burial of dead human beings and no person shall be buried therein who has committed suicide died in prison or been executed for crime except by permission of the President and Secretary of the Association and there shall no assignment of lots or parts of lots by the owner except by the sanction of the President and Secretary.

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Rule 8.

The consent of the President and Secretary must be obtained to disinter any body buried here, to build a stone wall or fence around a grave or a lot, to build vaults above ground, to remove stones or monuments, to remove ornamental trees, to bury more than one person in the same grave, to change inscriptions on monuments or stones or to bury persons in the night

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Rule 9.

No person shall be disinterred for burial in another lot in this cemetery or removed to another cemetery without permission from the state board of health approved by the local board of health and consent of the President and Secretary of this Association. The disinterment shall be conducted by no one except a licensed undertaker

-acted and as cemetery of the city meeting holders

Rule 10.

The Association reserves to itself the right to remove any trees or shrubs that by reason of their roots or branches may become detrimental to the usefulness or beauty of any lot or adjacent lot. The removal at the owner's expense of any dirt or rubbish that may be left after filling graves, setting up monuments or erecting walls, to remove any monument or effigy that is considered improper or injurious to the sacred character of the place. To change alleys or streets provided in so doing it does not interfere with any owners lot, to require from the undertaker before interment the proper certificate of burial of each one buried showing the name, residence, age and cause of death of the same.

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Rule 11.

The owners of lots shall have the right and privilege to enter the grounds at all times, to erect monuments or stones or memorials, to cultivate shrubs or plants or trees and with the consent of the President or Secretary to cut down trees or remove shrubs, to care for lots, to change or take away monuments or to disinter the dead when they comply with rule 9 herein

Rule 12.

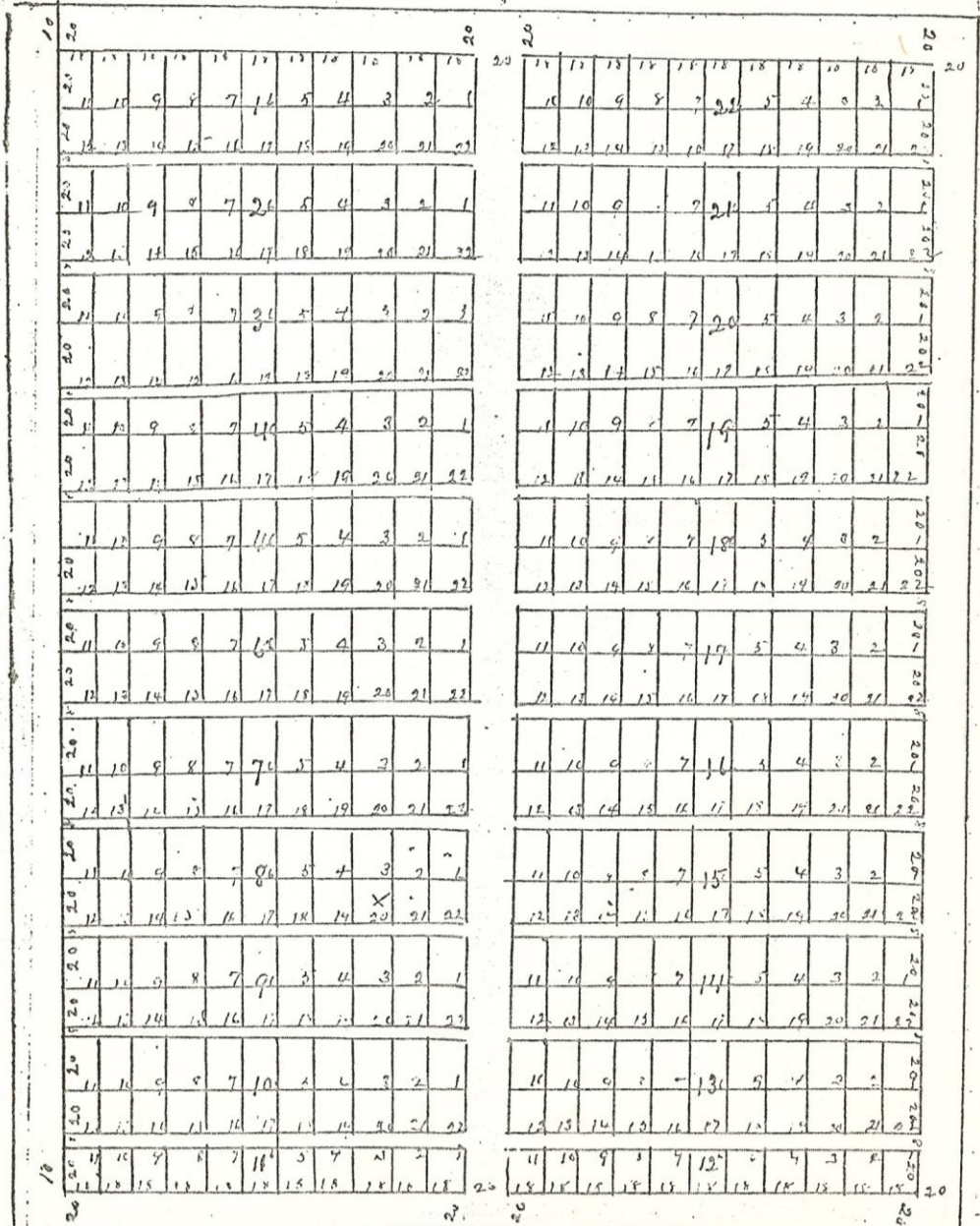
These rules and regulations may be altered, amended or repealed by a vote of two-thirds of the directors at any regular or called meeting.

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Plan of 16' X 20' grid

Scale 1" = 60'

402'



Scale. One Inch = 60 feet

C.W. Barnes.