

ORIGINAL LEADVILLE CEMETERY

November 1877 – November 1879

The Leadville Cemetery was, and still is, located at the far western end of Chestnut Street, a little distance from what was then the Leadville smelting company's works. It consisted of an acre plot of ground, unfenced, and with the earth thrown up into mounds. Many of these heaps were marked by pieces of boards, slabs and sticks. Two or three had marble slabs and as many more were marked by pine boards painted to imitate marble. Cattle ran over the graves nightly, causing the Sexton much extra labor and annoyance. The Rio Grande railroad crews laid track over a number of graves when they brought the train into Leadville in 1880. That same year, residents of the neighborhood complained loudly about the aroma, which emanated from the sunken graves. "In short, there was nothing about the Leadville Cemetery to make a well man want to die."

The first interment was that of Capt. Sullivan Breece on the 17th day of November 1877. Vincent Kreig, Leadville's first undertaker and gravedigger, was also the first Sexton of the Leadville Cemetery. He kept no records of any kind on those buried and when he died on February 28, 1879, he took all of his personal knowledge of the matter with him. The second Sexton, Harry Talhurst, waited until the spring of 1879 to begin keeping a record of burials and in but few instances was he able to learn the age or birth place, and in some instances no one could give him the name of the person buried. Even Mr. Talhurst's incomplete listing has been lost or destroyed during the past decades.

The Leadville Cemetery was abandoned when Evergreen Cemetery was opened in November of 1879, and there is no longer any physical evidence that it ever existed. The following listing has been compiled from two newspaper articles and data contained in the Evergreen Cemetery Register. It is incomplete, of course, and possibly inaccurate in some instances. It is however, the only compilation of information on the original Leadville Cemetery. We wish that it could have been a complete tally of everyone who died during the two years that it encompasses.

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Date	Name	Age	Comments
Feb. 28, 1879	Abraham, Thomas	43	Native of Wales
Feb. 19, 1879	Allen, Morris H.	36	
Apr. 11, 1879	Ames, Charles		From Wisconsin
	Anderson, August		
Nov. 26, 1877	Anderson, Thomas Whistler		a child
	Archer, Charles L.		
Dec. 12, 1878	Atchison, ?	24	Thought to be a woman

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Jan. 2, 1879	Bailar, Magdaline Bakewell, Thomas Banks, W. H. Bargdoti, Peirce Barrows, H. A. Barton, Frank		
Apr. 22, 1879	Baxter, Mrs. C. H.		
Mar. 16, 1879	Beers, William Bennie, Harriet J.		
Jan. 10, 1879	Bergfelt, A. W. Berry, L. D.		Buried by the Odd Fellows
June 7, 1879	Berry, Mary Bissel, George	40	moved to Evergreen 8/31/1880
May 10, 1879	Blamey, Ida Bell		
May 1, 1879	Blanney, Thomas		or Blamey
Dec. 26, 1878	Blatchley, John Blunt, Sammie A. Bond, Richard Bondean, Isreal		moved to Evergreen 10/23/1880 moved to Evergreen 1881
	Booco, Dora	4	moved to Evergreen 3/2/1880
Oct. 20, 1878	Booco, Rosetta Booker, Charles Bowen, E	6	moved to Evergreen 10/8/1880
May 19, 1879	Boyd, Frank Boyle, Hugh C.		
Feb. 1, 1879	Brandon, Benjamin F.		Buried by the Masons, moved to Evergreen 4/6/1883
Aug. 26, 1878	Bray, Fred B. Breece, S. David	5	
Nov. 17, 1877	Breece, Capt. Sullivan	82	moved to Evergreen 8/30/01 or Breece possibly same as next entry From Philadelphia First burial in Leadville Cemetery
Apr. 17, 1879	Brennan, John Breslin, John Broch, Anna Brooks, Robert F.		moved to Evergreen 7/12/1880 or Brach
Jan. 20, 1879	Brown, Thomas S. Bruen, Andrew	28	

Date	Name	Age	Comments
	Bryant, Elizabeth		
	Burdick, D. J.		moved to Evergreen 3/20/1880
	Burnham, Harry C.		a child
	Burns, Patrick		
Aug. 26, 1878	Burr, Mr. A. J.	33	or Burt Proprietor of the Office Saloon
Dec 26, 1878	Burt, Mr. C. C.	38	
	Butt, Rosely		moved to Evergreen 10/8/1880

Date	Name	Age	Comments
Oct., 1878	Caley, P. G. Caley, Winfield S. Callery, Michael		moved to Evergreen 9/2/1884
Nov. 22, 1878	Calvie, O.	52	Native of Italy
Sept. 30, 1878	Campbell, Bernice E.	8	
May 14, 1879	Campbell, Mrs. L. K. Cannon, James		
Aug. 2, 1878	Carpenter, Nellie	13	moved to Evergreen
June 18, 1879	Case, Erma	11m	moved to Evergreen
June 11, 1879	Case, Leona	3	moved to Evergreen
	Caughman, Conrad	2	
	Causins, George		moved to Evergreen 5/6/1880 Shipped east later
May 4, 1879	Chaffin, Wilton Chapman, E.		
May 18, 1879	Chapman, Dr. X.		From Raymond, Illinois
Oct. 28, 1878	Cheever, Mira L.	38	or Maria L.
	Clark, Michael		
Apr. 6, 1879	Clemen, D. M.	42	or Clernan
	Clemens, John Clendening, James B.		
June 25, 1879	Cockrill, Albert	2	moved to Evergreen
	Coffee, M. M. Collier, Dixie Conklin, Thomas H.		
Feb. 11, 1879	Conner, Lawrence G. Connors, Michael		
Oct. 16, 1879	Connors, John	28	moved to Evergreen 10/23/1882
July 12, 1875	Connors, Robert	2	or 1879 moved to Evergreen 4/30/1880
	Cooper, Mrs. Irene		
Feb. 17, 1879	Cooper, Thad	30	
	Crane, Henry Crawford, Emma		
May, 23, 1879	Cuddehey, Michael		
May 10, 1879	Curtis, E. J. Cutshall, E. V.		

Date	Name	Age	Comments
Feb. 28, 1879	Dakin, Capt. H. W. Daly, James Damerling, Col. W. N.	46	or Darkin a real estate dealer
Feb. 25, 1879	Daniels, infant	46	probably stillborn
Apr. 25, 1879	Davis, A. J.	46	Native of Wales
May 1, 1879	Davis, David J.	46	Native of Wales
Apr. 26, 1879	Davis, Ein.	46	Native of Wales
	Davis, Lot	46	Native of Wales
	Dawson, Emma	46	Native of Wales
	Dawson, R. H.	46	moved to Evergreen 3/1881
	Dempsey, Jesse	46	Native of Wales
	Devinia, John	46	Native of Wales
	Diamond, Walter K.	46	Native of Texas
	Dobsil, Julia A.	46	Native of Texas
	Dodge, Samuel	46	Native of Texas
Feb. 20, 1879	Donahue, John	46	or Donohoe
	Donath, Fred	46	or Donohoe
Apr. 22, 1879	Dooley, Peter	46	or Donohoe
Dec. 30, 1878	Downey, Jessie	46	or Donohoe
	Doyle, Michael	46	or Donohoe
	Dougher, John	46	or Dongher
Feb. 4, 1879	Dumare, Henry	46	or Dumars
	Dunn, T. M.	46	or Dumars
	Durbkop, William	46	or Dumars

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May 5, 1879	Ellis, Elmo	4	moved to Evergreen 8/8/1882
Apr. 8, 1878	Ellis, John		
	Elwood, James		Native of Massachusetts
	Evans, Samuel J.		

Date	Name	Age	Comments
Apr. 24, 1879	Falkerson, Bailey		
May 6, 1879	Farley, Owen		
Mar. 20, 1878	Farron, Robert	2	or Furrow moved to Evergreen 1881
	Farrow, John		
	Fay, John		or Flay
	Fiffe, Elizabeth		
June 26, 1878	Fisher, J. W.	29	
	Flannery, Agnes		
	Flavin, Thomas J.		
	Fleming, James		
	Florence, infant	sb	moved to Evergreen 10/25/1882
	Florence, Mrs. ?		moved to Evergreen 10/25/1882
Nov. 15, 1878	Flowers, Harvey	1	or Harry
Nov 15, 1878	Fluke, Lena S.	4	
	Fornia, R. E. L.	9m	moved to Evergreen 9/30/1880
	Foster, Samuel		
	Foxcraft, James		
	Frierwood, W. E.		or Friarwood
	Fuller, Arthur M.	8m	moved to Evergreen 11/14/1884

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	Gad,?		Little boy, son of Peter Inscription in French
	Gad, ?		Little girl, daughter of Peter Inscription in French
	Gaghan, Thomas		or McGaghan
	Gamale, Hannah		
	Garry, Patrick		
Dec. 8, 1878	Gates, Dr. D. V.		From Central, Colorado
Feb. 1879	Gathergood, ?		From Monroville, Ohio
May 18, 1879	Gehring, Emil		
	Gilden, John		or Gildea moved to Evergreen 1886 moved to St. Joseph's 5/7/1896
April 18, 1879	Gillespie, J. W.		a young man From Boulder, Colorado
	Gleacott, C. H.		
	Goaty, Fred		
	Goinllion, Thomas		
	Goodrich, Lottie		
	Goodwin, W.		
	Gordon, F. W.		
	Greenfield, F. A.		moved to Evergreen 5/17/1880
Feb. 1, 1879	Gregory, L. D.		
	Grier, Jacob M.		
	Griffith, Charles W.		
	Griffith, Thomas		
Mar. 9, 1879	Gropp, Sophia		Wife of Martin
	Groves, John		
Apr., 1879	Guerrier, M.		Native of Italy Drowned at Twin Lakes

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Jan. 15, 1879	Hahn, Charles	46	
	Hale, ?		
	Haley, Lawrence		
	Haley, Thomas		
May 20, 1879	Halihan, Lawrence		or Holihan
	Hall, D. B.		moved to Evergreen 1880
	Hall, Sophia		moved to Evergreen 1880
Jan.17, 1879	Hard, James P.		or James O. Hard
	Hardin, Edward		
	Harris, John H.		moved to Evergreen 5/21/1885
	Harris, Maudie		or Mandy moved to Evergreen 5/21/1885
	Harris, Mollie	2	
	Hart, George W.		
June 16, 1879	Hartford, Peter	29	moved to Evergreen 6/23/1884
	Hartman, B. F.		
Apr. 11, 1879	Hatten, Charles H.		or Charles W. From Missouri
Nov. 30, 1878	Hause, Edna		or Hawes moved to Evergreen 6/23/1880
Mar. 21, 1879	Hayes, Mary	66	moved to Evergreen 3/10/1880
Aug. 21, 1878	Hayes, Michael	74	moved to Evergreen 3/10/1880
Jan. 13, 1879	Hayman, Albert A.		
Dec. 9, 1878	Haynes, James W.		
	Haynes, Otto		
	Healy, infant		probably stillborn moved moved to Evergreen 10/3/1883
	Healey, Thomas		or Heley
Dec. 8, 1878	Hersey, E. T.		or E. P. Hersey
	Higgins, Michael		
	Hightower, Charles		
Feb. 12, 1879	Hills, Willie J.		or Hill
	Hinckley, Harry		
1878	Hines, Charles		moved to Evergreen 10/19/1880
	Hines, James W.		
	Hines, Robert G.		or Hinds moved to Evergreen 6/21/1885
Oct. 18, 1879	Hoadley, T. I.		moved to Evergreen
Apr. 20, 1879	Hobbs, Virgil	11m	moved to Evergreen 11/14/1884
	Hogan, Thomas		

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Mar. 5, 1879	Hoppe, August Hough, J. W.	40	Proprietor of the Denver House
April 21, 1879	Hubbe, ?		
May 5, 1879	Huntley, Charles		
April 18, 1879	Hyde, S. B.		moved to Evergreen 4/2/1880

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	Irving, George		
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Mar., 1879	Jacobs, Alice Johnson, Christopher Johnson, Thomas Johnson, W. Johnson, J. H.	8 49	moved to Evergreen 6/2/1885
Sept. 4, 1878	Jones, Daniel		or David R.

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	Kauffman, Mrs. ?		
	Keating, John		
	Kefter, Charles		or Kelter
	Kelley, Hugh		or Kelly
	Kelley, Thomas		or Kelly
	Kench, Robert		
Feb. 1, 1879	Kergan, Michael		
	Kilne, John		
	Kiltoe, Henry		
	King, Maud		
	King, Richard		
	Kneeland, Mrs. E. E.		or Neeland
	Kraus, Martha Jane		
Feb. 28, 1879	Kreig, Vincent	52	Leadville's first undertaker and grave digger

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	Lampson, Orlando		
	Lane, Sarah	2	moved to Evergreen 5/13/1880
	Lang, Thomas	22	or Lagne
	Langhorn, Thomas		
Apr. 23, 1879	Latimar, Mrs. Mary A.		or Lathmer
May 21, 1879	Lawson, Eli		
Apr., 1879	Lewis, Mr. C. W.		
	Libey, A. W.		
	Likes, Frankie M.		
	Lingrew, infant	sb	moved to Evergreen 11/6/1887
Mar., 1879	Little, John W.		
Fall of 1878	Locke, Frank T.	29	
Nov. 1, 1879	Lockley, Emma	20	moved to Evergreen
	Logan, John A.		
Jan. 12, 1879	Louk, Mary	40	Native of Arkansas
Apr. 27, 1879	Love, Mrs. ?		
	Love, Alice		
May 18, 1879	Lucas, John W.		
	Lund, Anna Maria		
Sept. 8, 1879	Lynch, Thomas	11	moved to Evergreen

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Feb. 16, 1879	McAnney, James		
Mar. 29, 1879	McAyeal, Edward		or McAyel
	McBilde, Charles		
	McCarthy, James		
	McCarthy, Mable E.		
Mar. 15, 1879	McChesney, C.		moved to Evergreen 10/5/1880
	McClure, Sarah J. M.		
	McFarland, J.		
	McGaghan, Thomas		or Gaghan
	McGee, William	27	to be taken up & shipped to Missouri
	McGinnis, William		A mine foreman
	McGuire		
	McGurk, Maggie		moved to Evergreen 1880
	McIver, infant	sb	moved to Evergreen 5/18/1891
Jan 9, 1879	McKay, Duncan	39	Native of Glasgow, Scotland
	McManey, John		
1877	McMillen, Daniel		or 1878
	McSweeney, ?		
	Macbeth, J. M.		
	Madigan, John C.		
Feb. 7, 1879	Mahoney, Thomas		
Apr. 8, 1879	Mark, David		
	Maryett, John		
	Mason, Benjamin		
	Mathews, Amos M.		
	Mathison, Donald		or Mathieson moved to Evergreen 1881
	Maithson, Mary E.		or Mathieson possibly moved to Evergreen
	May, Addie		
	May, T.		
Mar. 1, 1879	Melvine, May F.	40	or Mehine A milliner from Chicago, Illinois
	Merrill, Lizzie		moved to Evergreen 1881
Apr. 27, 1879	Miller, Emma		
Apr. 6, 1879	Miller, J.	1	moved to Evergreen 1880
Mar., 1879	Miller, Katy	28	From Denver

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	Mills, John		
	Miners, William		
	Minks, Edward G.		
	Minone, Edward C.		
Jan. 17, 1879	Mogle, Elisha	28	
	Moller, Mrs. Katie		
	Molley, J.		moved to Evergreen 10/1/1883
	Moody, William		
Dec. 28, 1878	Moore, Garrett B.		
	Moore, Walter		
	Morahan, James		or Monahan
Jan. 3, 1879	Morgan, Josie L.		
	Morgan, W. C.		moved to Evergreen 8/30/1880
Dec. 20, 1878	Morrow, infant		probably stillborn Buried in same coffin with mother, Belle
Dec. 20, 1878	Morrow, Belle	22	A waiter girl at the Grand Hotel
	Murth, Henry		
	Myers, Catherine		moved to Evergreen 5/28/1886

Date	Name	Age	Comments
Apr. 8, 1879	Nason, Benjamin Nathan, Amos N. Neeland, Mrs. E. E.	33	Native of Michigan or Kneeland
May 21, 1879	Newman, Cal	33	Member of the gambling fraternity
Jan. 20, 1879	Nicholson, M. North, E.	33	Member of the gambling fraternity

Date	Name	Age	Comments
Apr. 13, 1879	O'Brien, Henry O'Brien, William		
Apr. 23, 1878	O'Connor, George O'Connor, Patrick		From St. Johns, N. D. Leadville City Marshal moved to Evergreen 3/10/1880
Mar., 1879	Ostram, Cora Owens, Willie		

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Apr. 22, 1879	Parkman, Charles C.	37	
Mar., 1879	Parlin, G. Hanson	37	
Apr. 22, 1879	Patterson, William	37	
Mar., 1879	Pertle, Hank	37	or Pertie
Mar. 4, 1879	Powers, Nicholas	37	
Mar. 4, 1879	Praid, David	37	or Prond
Mar. 4, 1879	Prentice, Hugh	37	
Mar. 4, 1879	Proffit, Moses	37	
Mar. 4, 1879	Pryor, ?	37	

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May 21, 1879	Quackenburg, John Quam, Ola J.		or Ole J. Quan

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	Rasmeussen, Christopher		
	Rendare, D.		
	Retzel, Martin		
	Rex, Willie		
May 25, 1879	Roberts, Mr. B. F.	24	From Mackanoy City, Pennsylvania An engineer
May 8, 1878	Roberts, Professor William		Native of Wales
	Roberts, William P.		
	Robinson, ?		
Feb. 28, 1879	Robinson, Samuel		
	Rogers, Charles		moved to Evergreen 1880
March, 1879	Ross, ?		Found dead in alley behing Pioneer Saloon
Jan. 4, 1879	Ross, Hiram E.	6	
August 16, 1879	Rush, Laura	11m	moved to Evergreen

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	Sangraph, John H.		
	Sargent, W. H.		a barber moved to Evergreen 4/29/1880
	Schusted, M.		
Sept. 8, 1878	Senn, John I.		
	Seymore, Edith		
	Shea, Mrs. J. E.		
Jan. 2, 1879	Shea, Julia Elizabeth	4	or 40 years same as above?
	Shelby, Charles		
	Shendrick, Walch		or Shendrick Walch
May 10, 1879	Shields, John		A variety actor
	Shields, Robert		
Feb. 20, 1879	Sillman, Christine F.		
Feb. 28, 1879	Smith, F. G.		
	Smith, Frank		From Detroit, Michigan
	Smith, Xanie V.		
	Smith, Z.		
Mar., 1879	Smithers, Rueben G.		
Dec. 30, 1878	Snow, Daniel	40	
Apr. 12, 1879	Soery, Judge W. H.		From California
	Stafford, ?		
	Sted, Earnest		
May 22, 1879	Stern, Mrs. Phila	38	Brought in from Kokomo
	Stockman, Nellie		a child moved to Evergreen 6/5/1880
Mar. 1, 1879	Strickland, George		
Jan. 21, 1879	Stuchell, Charles D.	34	Buried by the Odd Fellows
	Sullivan, Julia		moved to Evergreen 1881
	Sullivan, Patrick		
Apr. 24, 1879	Sullivan, Mrs. T.		
1877	Summers, A. A.		or 1878 Native of Rhode Island
	Swanson, Frank		

Date	Name	Age	Comments
	Tabb, Vincent		
	Taylor, John C.		or John G.
	Terrell, John		or Tyrrell moved to Evergreen 12/26/1885
Sept. 29, 1879	Thomas, Sarah	16	moved to Evergreen 5/30/1880
	Toba, William P.		
1878	Tobin, William	25	died in early winter A store clerk
	Todd, Jaros		
July, 1879	Tolbert, Thomas F.	39	City Policeman moved to Evergreen 7/6/1900
	Trout, George W.		From Denver
May 1, 1879	Tyrrell, Arthur H.		or Tyrrell A printer moved to Evergreen 5/17/1887

UNKNOWNNS

“From the 17th of November, 1877.... to the 26th of December 1878...there were ninety-one interments. The graves of a considerable number of these, as well as those of a more recent date (up to May 26, 1879), are unmarked and probably to all mankind will forever remain unknown...A death certificate or burial permit has never been heard of. The Sexton buries all who come and no questions are asked.”

It is probably safe to say that twice as many names would appear in this listing if records had been kept and if the names of all who were buried in the Leadville Cemetery had been known at the time. Harry Talhurst, Sexton in 1879, mentioned specifically on one “unknown,” to wit:

Date	Name	Comments
1879	Unknown “Little Stranger”	a child

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	Vanderhule, August		Either died 6/1880 or was moved to Evergreen that date
	Vanderhule, Ida	4	or Della Either died 6/1880 or was moved to Evergreen that date
	VanWinkle, A. V.		or N.
	Vohlman, George		
	Vosberg, S.		

Date	Name	Age	Comments
	Waders, Thomas		
	Walch, Shendrick		or Walsh or Walch Shendrick
	Waldren, James		Either died in 1880 or was moved to Evergreen that date
	Waldren, Lulu		Either died in 1880 or was moved to Evergreen that date
	Walsh, Walter		
	Wark, ?		Possibly David Mark
	Warwick	old	
June 19, 1878	Watson, Cora		
Oct., 1878	Weatherby, Emma	11	
Oct., 1878	Webster, W.		or N. H. Webster From Meegs County, Ohio
	Weigner, William		
Apr. 29, 1879	Welch, Walter		
	Welsh, Ursula		moved to Evergreen 9/18/1880
	Weston, C. A. J.		
	Wheeler, Deighton		
	White, N. D.		
	Wilder, James		
Feb. 14, 1879	Wilhelm, Josephine		
Dec. 12, 1877	Williams, Anson		
1877	Williams, Clara L.		or 1878 From Utica, New York society
Aug. 10, 1879	Williams, Sabie	25	or Sadie moved to Evergreen
Apr. 22, 1879	Wood, Eliza	36	shipped to Denver 2/2/1905
	Wood, Jessie L.		
	Wood, Laura		
Jan. 17, 1879	Woodley, Richard	81	Native of England
Apr. 24, 1879	Woods, Mrs. Elizabeth T.		Possibly Eliza above?
	Wright, James		

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Oct. 10, 1879	Young, Wolfred H.	22	moved to Evergreen 7/27/1885
May 3, 1879	Younger, Wallace		moved to Evergreen