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\*Shella Lutz.....1910—1911  
Alice Angell.....1911—1914  
Anna Ward.....1914—1923  
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### Actuaries

Lelah Pease.....1910—1925

### Treasurer

\*Mrs. Ida Fedderly.....1911—1924

\* Deceased

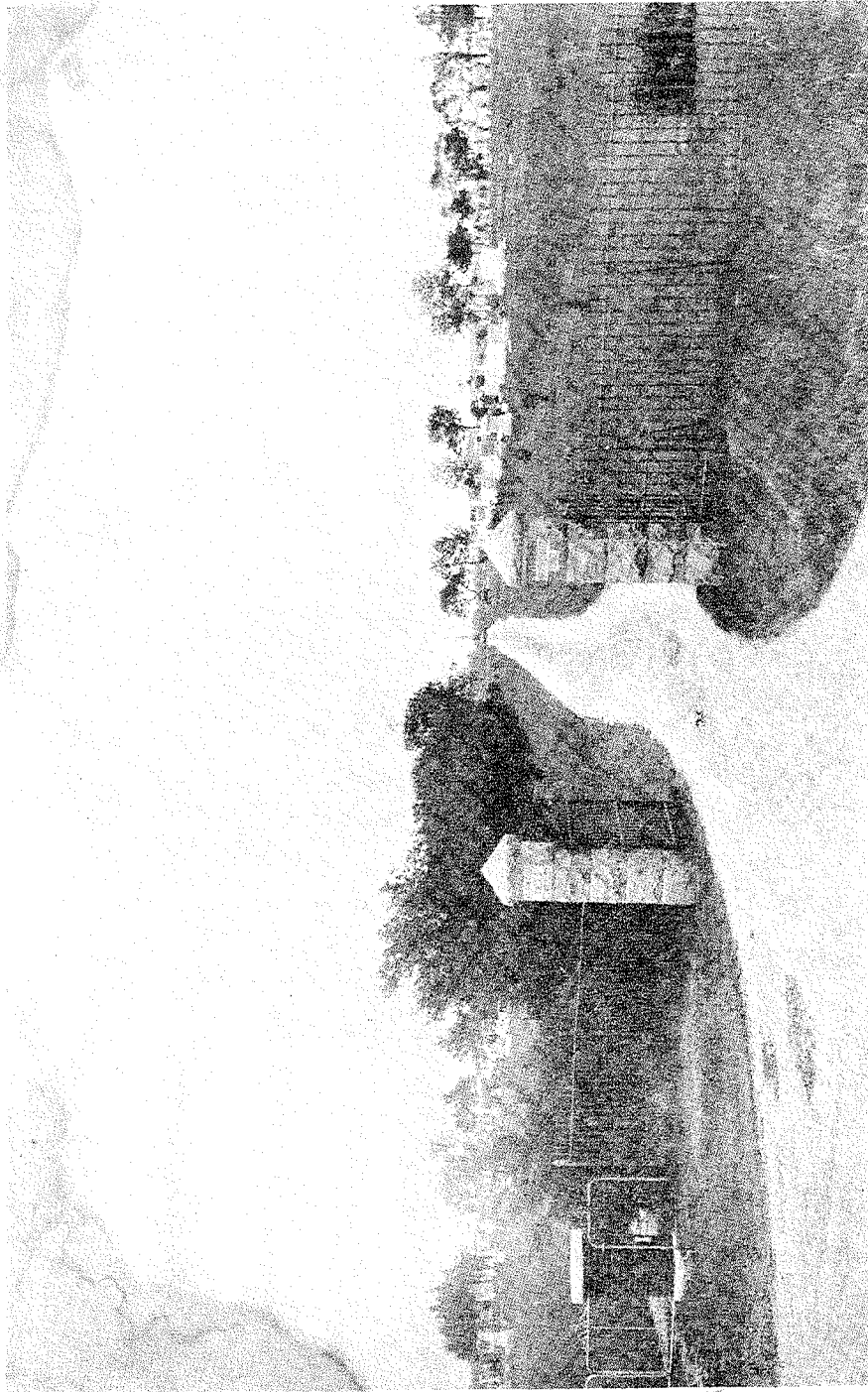
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FIRST ENTRANCE GATE TO REDWOOD FALLS CEMETERY

## The City of Peace

On yonder lone hill stands the City of Peace,  
And among the dark foliage there  
I can see its white spires and glittering domes  
Gleam forth through the still evening air.  
It has beautiful avenues stretching afar,  
And many a cross-running street,  
But no sound of horseman, nor rumble of car,  
Nor din of on-hurrying feet.

There's a tall iron fence round the City of Peace,  
And its iron gates guard every way;  
But no one outside seeks to enter therein,  
Nor would any within go astray.  
Sweet flowers abound. By mansion and cot  
The roses and violets blow,  
And yet the inhabitants gather them not  
To wear on their bosoms of snow.

There are numberless forms in the City of Peace,  
Which childhood might claim as its own;  
But no rippling laughter, no voices of glee,  
Resound through those houses of stone.  
No toys unremembered the corridors fill,  
No need of a guardian's care,  
For the dimpled white hands are now folded and still,  
And none are disturbed by them there.

There are those from mid-life in the City of Peace,  
Fair women and brave-hearted men,  
With hands from the plowshare, the work-shop, the mart,  
The chisel, the brush and the pen,  
All are there, but no clangor of anvil or loom  
Outwearies the sun's waning light,  
No glimmer of dim study-lamp with the gloom  
Contentends through the watches of night.

The aged are there in the City of Peace,  
Their thin locks were whitened with grief,  
And their shoulders bent low by the burdens of care  
They had borne ere they found their relief.  
They are there, but their pains and sorrows are gone,  
At the gates of the city they sped,  
And the staff and the crutch they had once leaned upon  
Have been left with the ills that are fled.

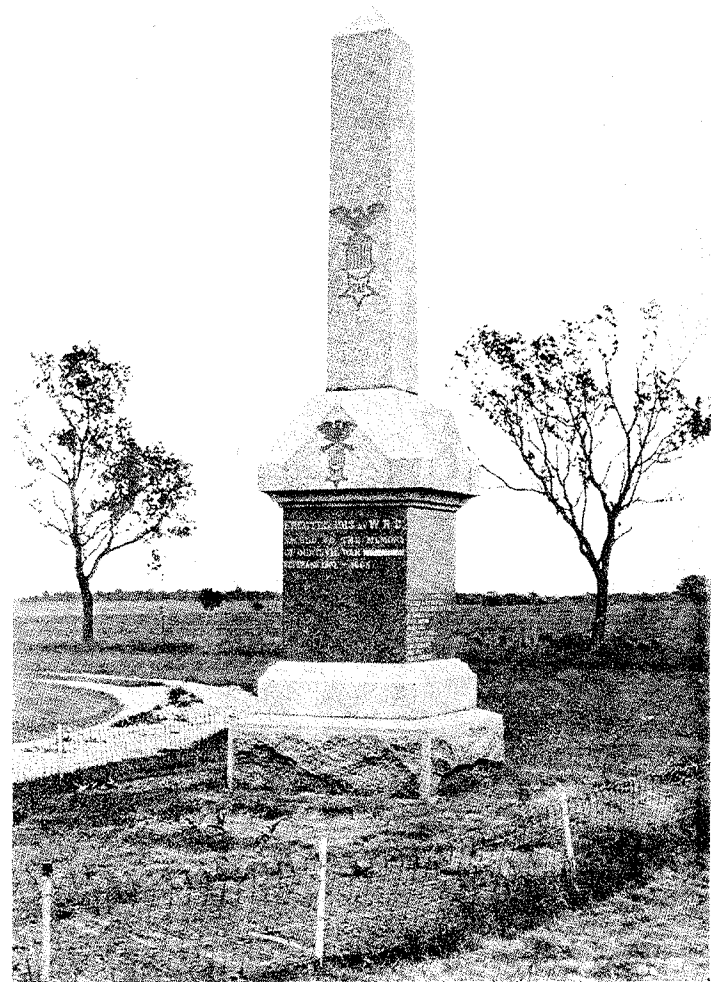
No scepter is known in the City of Peace,  
Distinctions no longer divide;  
But pontiff and peasant, and beggar and king,  
In changeless equality bide.  
The same kindly earth folds them fast to her breast,  
The same gentle dews nightly fall,  
The same zephyrs lull them to untroubled rest,  
And the same loving skies over all.

They grow old no more in the City of Peace,  
The seasons of bloom and of snow  
In rapid succession alternately come,  
Disarmed of each weapon of woe.  
They murmur no more. No discords appear  
To mar the serene of that spot  
Where those who had striven in enmity here  
Have all of their strivings forgot.

No watchman of earth walks the City of Peace,  
But the angels of God gather there,  
And, bending in love over each lowly bed,  
They guard it with tenderest care.  
And while those yet linger, new legions draw nigh,  
Lest the sleepers might waken alone,  
And thus to and fro they unceasingly fly  
'Twixt the City of Peace and the Throne.

They are waiting for us in the City of Peace,  
And withersoever we fare,  
We shall ne'er find a pathway which leads not at last  
With unerring certainty there.  
They are waiting for us. We are hastening on,  
Even eventide brings us more near  
The shadowy portals through which those have gone  
Whom we miss in our journeying here.

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O city, coeval with time in its birth,  
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Erected by the Woman's Relief Corps of Redwood Falls  
and dedicated to Grand Army of Republic



Quarried from North Redwood Granite Works  
1889  
North Redwood, Minn.

## Redwood Falls Cemetery

These are God's acres, henceforth consecrated to burial rites, and slumbers of the dead.

Once in that garden filled with gloom  
Christ in His Anguish bent the suppliant knee  
And from the fragments of His rended Tomb  
The Stars flashed forth immortality.  
And here, as there, full many a heart shall break  
While here as there Grief sends forth her piteous wail  
Yet o'er the grave the light of Hope shall break,  
For Christ endured, and we in Him prevail  
His Blood has mingled with Earth's meaner dust  
His flesh reclaimed the furrows of the grave  
Sown in Sepulchral fields the seeds of trust  
Presaging what shall thence in glory wave  
So when the spade shall turn this matted sod  
And hidden germs shall fill the fertile mold  
Oh, think not then Life's fruitage lost to God  
Though pulseless forms lie shrouded low and cold  
What if, like shadows ages long shall fly  
And scatter mildew through the planted loam  
Yet, when the Autumn of the world draws nigh,  
Shall reaping Angels shout the harvest home.  
How oft in dappled morn as dewey eve  
Shall kindred dress the tear-bathed surf above  
And o'er the sleepers scented garlands weave  
The last fond tribute of our thwarted love  
Here rest in Hope the beautiful and brave  
As rifled households one by one shall tread  
Like Israel—each his own Machpelah's cave  
And here the lantern of God's word shall shine  
A holy light amid the encircling gloom  
To cheer and comfort aching hearts that pine  
With yearning sorrow o'er the voiceless Tomb  
Oh, priceless Word, revealed from age to age  
On which transcendent faith lays hold  
Triumphant Faith—the substance and the gage  
Of Life Eternal as the world grows old.

## History of Redwood Falls Cemetery

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The care of the remains of those who were first to pass away has always been an enigmatical proposition in the early history of all communities. Organized cemetery associations are frequently the last community movements. Burial places, consequently, from the start, are isolated. In fact, the first settler, the first group of travelers, have placed the remains of those who have suddenly passed away, where, in a few years, the marking and spot would be forgotten and lost.

Redwood Falls was no exception to this rule. Graves were scattered over what is now the city, but in its embryonic state, a mere gathering of a few settlers. Now and then reports of the disinterment of bones occur and an old resident recalls a burial at the particular spot. This will continue as the years roll by.

With Redwood Falls proper the early day burials were in the old stockade grounds, at the liberty pole erected on the present court house square, at the Baldwin hotel corner on Bridge and Mill streets, afterwards giving away to the old Redwood House, and in later years known as the Baldwin Hotel. The principal place of burial, however, was on the banks of the ravine or Redwood river, at the confluence of the ravine and the river, just back of the present G. Kuenzli home, on Bridge and Lincoln streets. There were one or more burials on the bank of the river just back of the present W. H. Gold residence on Minnesota street.

In July, 1873, ten years or more after the founding of the town, Edward March purchased from Pomeroy Angel, and surveyed ten acres in section 31, town 113, range 35, the present cemetery site. The first burial to be made in this cemetery was Julia Ann Longbottom, and her sister, Jane Longbottom, this occurring in June of 1874. The next burial was that of Mrs. David Alexander, and the next was that of the body of Eugene Thorpe, a soldier boy, who, at the age of nineteen, and in 1868, was drowned in the Redwood river, his remains being removed from their original resting place in the village proper to the soldier plot donated by William P. Dunnington in the new cemetery.

Among the early settlers, whose remains were transferred from the village places to the new cemetery, were those of Mrs. Ellen Penney, William Beard, Beverly Brown, the Clark baby, Frederick Thurston, Bela Hali-day, Rev. Charles F. Wright, Albert Werder, . . . . . Simmons, Dr. B. Bruce, C. C. Belt, Amasa Daniels, the Herriott baby, the two Fisk sisters and Valentine Apfel. The remains of the two Fisk sisters were first laid to rest in the old stockade, while the remains of Valentine Apfel were laid to rest on the brow of a small hill just south of the present cemetery. He was father of Mrs. Rosette Schmah, one of the early pioneers of Redwood county.

Among the children who passed away in the early days and whose remains were transferred to the new and present plot, were Baby Powell, Price Hollen, Coulter Wiggins and Minnie C. Jones.

On September 24, 1883, William P. Dunnington and Fred L. Warner purchased the remaining ground of the cemetery from Edward March and Catherine March, his wife. On September 27, 1884, Fred L. Warner sold his interests to Mr. Dunnington, and on May 25, 1899, Mr. Dunnington disposed of his interests to George L. Evans and Fred L. Warner, a few months later Mr. Warner closing out his interests to Emil Kuenzli, and the new owners were Kuenzli & Evans.

On March 15, 1910, there was a gathering of a number of ladies of Redwood Falls at the G. A. R. hall, and after going over the poor condition of the cemetery, it was decided to organize a society to be known as the Redwood Falls Cemetery Association. At this meeting Mrs. P. M. Fuller was chosen as chairman and Mrs. Julia Glassco as secretary. A committee was appointed to draw up by-laws, and on March 26, 1910, they met at the home of Mrs. Cunningham, seven members being present. At this meeting Mrs. Phebe M. Fuller was elected president of the association, Mrs. Carrie Golden, first vice president; Mrs. Ella V. Philbrick, second vice president; Mrs. Shella Lutz, recording secretary; Mrs. Lelah Pease, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Ida Fedderly, treasurer.

On May 15, 1910, the association purchased of Mary Shaver a tract of land, 4¼ acres, directly west of the old site paying \$75.00 per acre and bringing all of the property down to the road leading to North Redwood. On May 28, 1910, the members met at the G. A. R. hall, where the articles of incorporation were adopted and signed, and ordered recorded with the secretary of state and register of deeds of Redwood county. Nine trustees, Phebe M. Fuller, Alice F. King, Ella V. Philbrick, Shella Lutz, Carrie Golden, Alice Angell, Lelah Pease, Ida Fedderly and Nelina McLean, were elected on this occasion and the acknowledgment to the articles was taken by James B. Robinson, who has since passed away. Mrs. Fuller was re-elected president, while Mrs. Alice Angell was elected recording secretary, Lelah Pease, actuary, and Ida Fedderly, treasurer.

March 28, 1911, the association purchased of Kuenzli & Luscher their remaining interest in the original tract, paying \$1,200 for the same, and assuming a mortgage for \$700.00. The money for this purpose was raised by popular subscription of the lot owners, donations, etc., among the larger donors being J. Fletcher Skinner, of Chicago, formerly of Redwood Falls; Mrs. Mary Shaver, of Seattle, Wash.; Anton C. Weiss, of Duluth, all former residents; W. H. Gold, J. P. Cooper, Julius A. Schmah, Frank Clague and R. E. Fuller.

On April 6, 1925, the ladies bought of Mr. Wilbur Lines, ten acres of land joining the cemetery on the east over to the road on the other side paying two hundred and fifty dollars cash per acre. Such was the foundation of the organization of ladies that has been the cause of transforming the grounds from a state of neglect to the present beautiful condition. In its present condition there is ample room for burial places for another generation.

A beautiful monument has been erected by the Womans Relief Corps of Redwood Falls and placed in the center of the cemetery dedicated to the Grand Army of the Republic—where more than a company of soldiers sleep. Several of the World's war veterans have been returned from over seas and laid to rest in this cemetery. In the past few years the following officers of this association have been laid to rest here, Carrie Golden, Ella V. Philbrick, Shella Lutz and Ida Fedderly.



ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
REDWOOD FALLS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:—

That we, the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming a corporation, under the provisions of Chapter 58, of the Revised Laws of 1905 of the State of Minnesota, and the amendments thereto, and for that purpose do hereby adopt and sign the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Corporation shall be The Redwood Falls Cemetery Association; and the general nature of its business shall be to conduct, own and acquire land, by gift or purchase, for cemetery uses and purposes, plat and sell lots, and improve and beautify cemetery grounds. The principal place of business of this corporation shall be the City of Redwood Falls, County of Redwood, and State of Minnesota.

ARTICLE II.

The time of the commencement of this Corporation shall be the 1st day of June, A. D. 1910, and the period of its existence shall be the term of thirty (30) years from that date.

ARTICLE III.

There shall be no capital stock owned or issued by said corporation. The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this corporation shall at any time be subject is One Thousand, (\$1,000.00) Dollars.

ARTICLE IV.

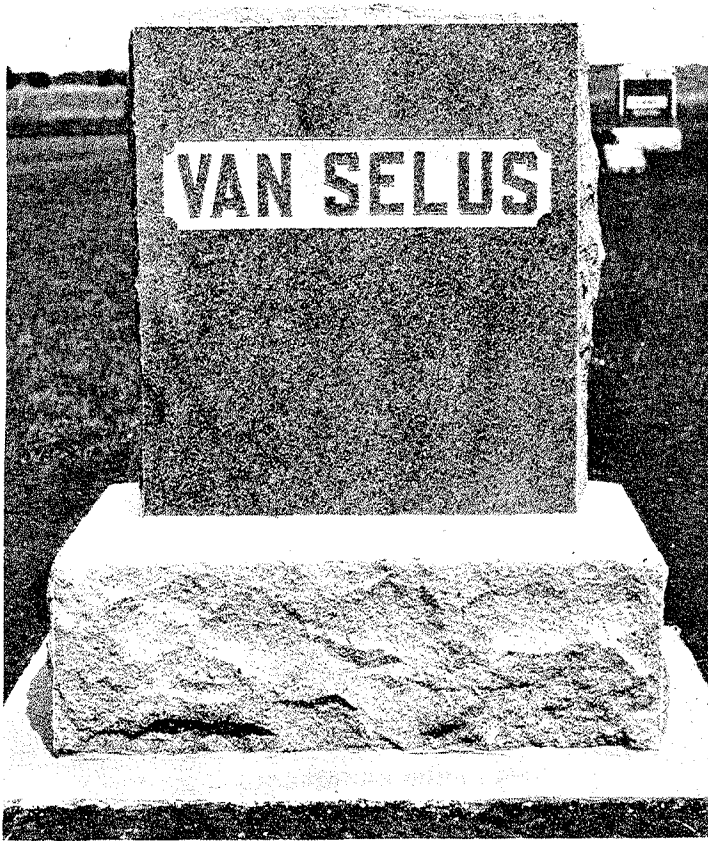
Any person may become a member of said corporation upon the payment of a membership fee, as provided by the By-Laws, in the sum of One Dollar, and the amount of yearly contribution or dues of each member shall be fixed in the By-Laws of said corporation.

ARTICLE V.

The names and places of residence of the persons forming this corporation, are: Ella V. Philbrick, Alice King, Lelah Pease, Shella Lutz, Nelina McLean, Ida Fedderly, Phebe Fuller, Inez Luscher, Carrie Golden, Emma Huntsberry, Ella Bell, Frances Chadbourn, Calista Swan, Hattie Stewart, Julia Glassco, Lucinda McDermott, A. M. Angel, R. E. Seifert, Jessie M. Beer, Rhoda Ferris, all of Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

ARTICLE VI.

The government of this corporation and the management of its affairs shall be vested in a Board of nine (9) Trustees, each of whom shall be a member of this corporation and shall be elected annually from the members of the corporation at its annual meeting, which shall be held on the 1st Saturday of May of each and every year. Said Trustees shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and qualified. Any vacancy in the Board of Trustees may be filled at any regular or special meeting of the corporation. The Board of Trustees at their first meeting after the annual meeting of the members of this corporation, each year, shall elect from their own number, a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Actuary and Treasurer, who shall hold their office until their successors are elected and qualified. Any vacancy in any such office may be filled by the Board of Trustees at any regular or special meeting thereof. Until the first annual meeting of the Board of Trustees the officers of this corporation shall be as follows: President Phebe M. Fuller, Vice President, Ella V. Philbrick, Secretary, Shella Lutz, Actuary, Lelah Pease, Treasurer, Ida Fedderly.



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