

WINIFRED RAHN: Winifred lived in LaCrosse at the time of her death. She was 68. She grew up in the Fairchild/Augusta area and after graduating from Augusta High School, worked in Milwaukee. She was an office manager

for the Perice-Pepin Electric Co-Operative for 25 years. Along with her DAR membership, she was very active in a variety of groups for seniors and retired person, as well as the Church of the Christ Scientist. She was survived by her husband, Herman, two sons, six grandchildren, and one brother. A sister, Gladys, preceded her in death.



MABEL KOHNKE: The following is a sad tale, before the time of safety measures that would have prevented this tragedy. Mable was only about a year old when she died of an accidental medication overdose. Medicine tablets were left unattended and she ate nearly the entire package before being discovered. She died before medical attention could be summoned. Her parents, Carl and Augusta, were farmers before moving into town. The two had 10 children in all, 3 dying in childhood. They were married for 52 years, leaving 26 Grandchildren and 4 Great-grandchildren.



MARY SACKETT: Most notable about this stone is it's size —dwarfed more beside the large stone beside it, considering the age and the colorfulness of character. Mary was 101 when she passed away in 1916 and was the oldest Augusta settler at the time. She outlived three husbands, marrying for the first time at 15. She lived various places including Canada, Watertown, Woodstock (WI), and Dubuque, IA. She came back to Augusta to live near her daughter and stayed here the final 20 years of her life. She was extremely active to the end, "always taking the most cheerful view of the world, which without a doubt added years of comfort to a long and useful life".



East Lawn Cemetery Tour

Headstone Highlight



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Common Iconography

Symbolism on headstones has been going on for literally hundreds of years. Interesting progress has been made in cemetery memorials; we can now add photos of the deceased or even their own signatures to their stones. Still, many of the icons seen even today are throwbacks to or even before the Victorian era. The following is a list of symbols you may see while wandering the grounds of East Lawn.

TREE iconography is extremely common in several different forms. In East Lawn you will find headstones shaped like logs, a tree-stump, and several tall cut-off trees. There are many reasons behind this favorite. Trees themselves grow to be quite old, are tall and regal, and of course have many uses from the houses we live in to the paper this is printed on. Trees can symbol anything from longevity, a young death, and of course: mortality.



It is believed the **WEEPING WILLOW** is a symbol of the sadness felt by the griever after a death. Sometimes the willow is instead a **TREE OF LIFE**, signifying a person's spirituality in heaven and on earth and the "all covering love of Christ".

CLASPED HANDS are another common image, particularly in Christian communities. Often they are on graves of married couples, signifying lasting affection. Sometimes they are "goodbye handshakes". There are several **POINTING HANDS** in East Lawn, Upwards meaning a Rise to Heaven to the reward for the pious and faithful. Downward points do not however mean an ascension to hell; but instead note a sudden death. Some believe it to possibly be a depiction of a secret Masons handshake.



DAUFFENBAUCH Family: Minnie was born in La Valle, WI and moved to Augusta when she was 7. She was a lifelong teacher, mostly in elementary schools. She was also a twin. She died following what was only described as a long illness.



Similarly, her son Kyle, was also noted to have suffered a long illness. He was born and raised in Augusta, graduating in 1909. He worked for the Omaha Depot, and later moved following his father's passing. He died in Duluth, MN. At the time, he was survived by Minnie (living in Chippewa Falls) and 2 children. Ernest died young, only 36 (Kyle was 5) and suffered a short illness. Native to Wisconsin, his parents were farmers and he later got into hardware and tinsmithing trades. When the family moved to Augusta in 1889, he took over the local Hardware store. His obituary curiously reads:

There was nothing specially great or above ordinary in Ernst. But he was what he was true and real to the core and ever.



HAROLD & LUCY LEE: These young siblings died a short time apart. No obituary was ever published for Lucy, but Harold's notice mentioned "stomach trouble". From their mother, Anna's, obituary, we know that they died in Turtle Lake. They had two other siblings, Donald and Marie, the oldest and youngest respectively whom outlived their

mother. Anna died in 1915 of rheumatism and heart trouble, which she dealt with most of her life.

LYLE DELINE: This tends to be the most eye-catching stone for children and adults alike. Unfortunately, the published death notice only cites, as the stone says, that he drowned in a local creek. Turning up information his parents, Hattie passed in 1937 after a brief illness at Luther Hospital and she was survived by her husband, son Jack, grand-daughter, and a "ward", Hulda Phillips, along with several siblings. Edward passed in 1948 at 83. He was born in Cottage Grove and the couple lived in the city of Eau Claire for over 40 years. He worked as a brick-layer and mason contractor and at the time of his death was employed by the Kelley Estate, though it doesn't say at what work.



RALPH PRIDE: Born 1869 in Otter Creek, Ralph moved to Augusta when he was 2 1/2, with his parents, who began farming. He married Ethal Woodbury in 1893 and they moved to Boyd, WI. He worked as "draying", which was basically the movement of goods and supplies. He spent his final day helping to fight a fire in Cadott. When riding home on a "half-broke colt", the horse startled and threw him. It became tangled in some barbed wire and when Ralph caught up and freed it, it gave him a severe kick to the head. While he was in high spirits upon returning home, family saw that he was in a

great deal of pain and he eventually succumbed to an internal hemorrhage. He was fondly remembered as "a kind husband and generous friend", a member of the IOGT, Chief Templar, and a District Councillor.



RELIGIOUS symbols themselves are a plenty. In East Lawn you will quickly notice **CROSSES**, **BIBLES**, **DOVES** (representing the Holy Spirit), **ANGELS**, and more. All these symbols boil down to strongly felt faith by the individual.

FLOWER meanings can vary. In the Victorian era, nearly every flower had a different symbolism

attached to it from love, friendship, grief, or happiness. In particular you may notice **CALLA LILLIES**, representing marriage, **EASTER**

LILLIES: resurrection, **IVY:** memorial,

LAUREL: heroism or special

achievement, and **ROSES:** Love, young

death, beauty. You may notice other

plant symbols such as **CORN, WHEAT,**

or **ACORNS.** Sometimes these denote a

life in agriculture. They are also symbolic of resurrection, faith, or fertility.



Some of the lesser symbols we may see on the tour include:

BOOKS, bibles or otherwise, which may signify scholarly

pursuits. **JOINED RINGS**, which are often found on stones of

married couples. **MILITARY INSIGNIA:** Which

changes and can be examined for information.

Some insignias are engraved or placed directly

into the stone, others will have separate staked

insignias beside their stones. **FREE MASONS:**

Entire books can be written about the masons,

but safe to say if this iconic symbol is on a grave,

they were surely a member of this prestigious

group.

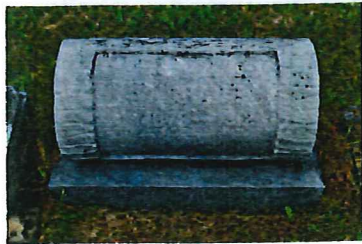


For more information about various iconography, a web search will bring up various results, but I suggest the following:

Cemetery Symbolism In Stone: <http://tinyurl.com/l87tp4y>

Visiting Headstones: Biographies of the Deceased

CLEO COOK: Cleo was 71 years old when she passed away and lived in Eau Claire. She had 1 son, Jack, from Timber, Oregon and 2 grandchildren at the time of her death. Unfortunately, her brief death notice doesn't give us more information about her life or how she died, though I think it's safe to assume natural causes, given her age. This stone has suffered some damage due to it's material and, likely, poor mower maneuvering by cemetery caretakers.



GRACE ASPLIN: Grace was in her early 30s when she passed away in Portland, Oregon in the home of her sister. She was born and raised in Thompson Valley and Augusta. She worked as a teacher in public schools, then for 4 years for the Cox Brothers

Mercantile. She moved to Portland and was working in a large dry goods store when she took ill. She was thought to be recovering nicely before dying in her sleep. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a masons-like fraternity open to men and women.



HANNAH & MOSES CLARK: Unfortunately, no obituary was published for Hannah. While Moses's death notice is short it includes that he was from Calais, Vermont, was nearly 75 when he passed of "paralysis", and that he passed in the home of his son-in-law, J.L. Ball. Ball is a well-known local figure;

responsible for Augusta's first mill, the Augusta Electric Light Plant, and the first Augusta Telephone Exchange, among other achievements.



A.G. PADDOCK: As one of the most eye-catching stones, I had to include it. Unfortunately, I can't tell you much! A.G. was a local farmer who settled here in 1867. He died due to heart

failure at 77. The stone however features much in the way of symbolism.

SPENCER FAMILY: There are a lot of people packed onto this one large stone! Dudley C. Spencer, a plain white stone to the side, married 3 times; two wives listed on this stone. His first wife, Lovina, had 9 children with him (4 surviving them). Matilda, his 2nd wife was likely Lovina's sister. Their mother, Polly Russell, is buried here as well. A number of Spencer Children are listed, including Joseph, the oldest, who drowned, Esther Abbie, who died at 19 of Tubercular Disease, and Jennie, who died at croup at 10 months.



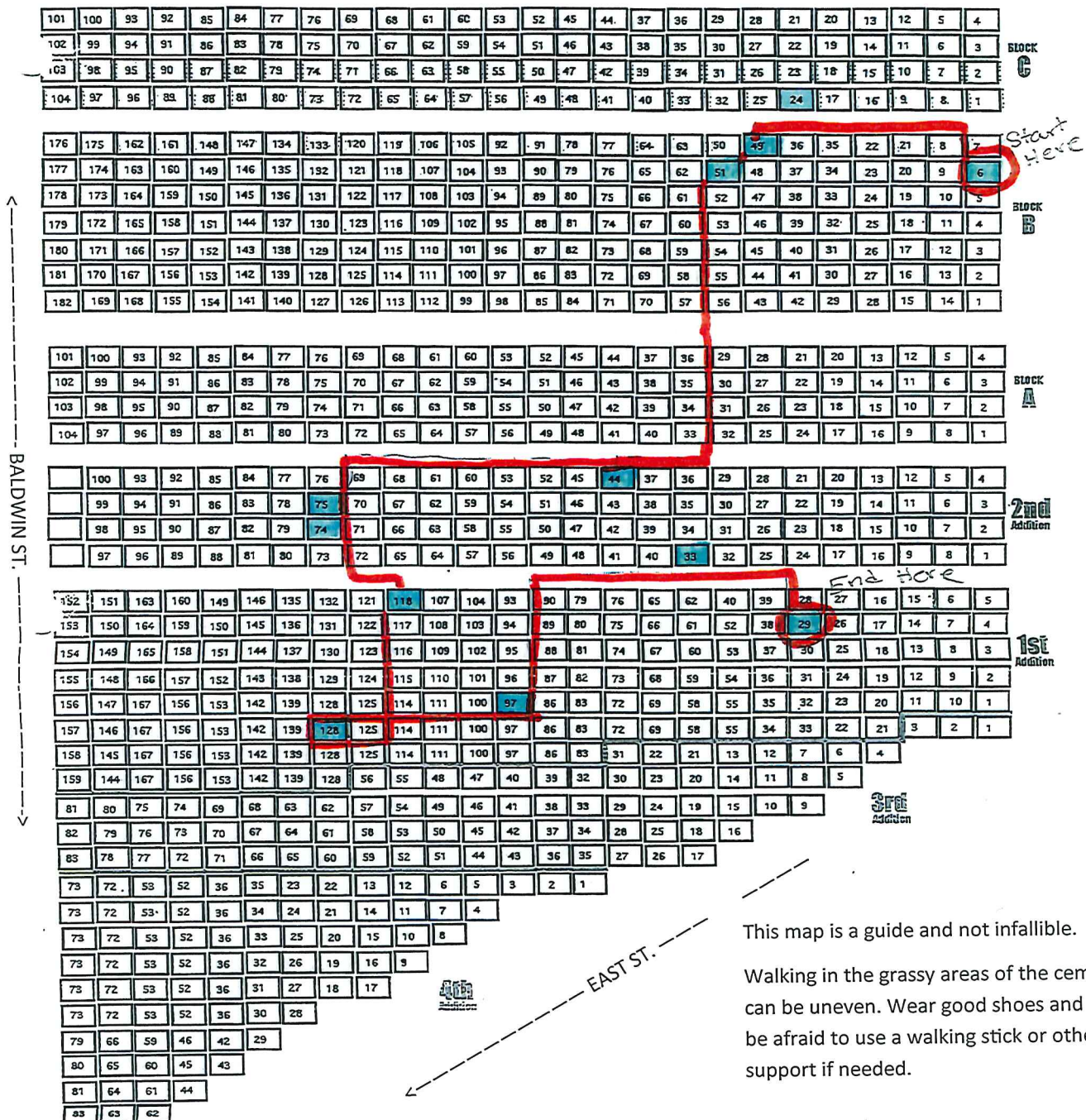
DORIS & JOSEPH GRAHAM: One of the "newest" stones on our tour. Doris lived in Augusta her entire life. She and her husband owned and operated the Green Lantern Café. She served as president of the PTA, Music Mothers, and Augusta Women's Club. She enjoyed writing and was published in the Augusta Centennial booklet. Joseph was originally from Illinois, then was in the photography business



in the Wisconsin Dells prior to the Great Depression. He served in the EC County Board of Supervisors and was involved forming Coon Fork. Lake and Campground. The house, shown on their tombstone, is the now yellow house between the Lion's Hall and the Library, and features the old Water Tower. Both were heavily

involved in many activities including serving on the boards of the Nursing Home and volunteer organizations.

AUGUSTA EAST LAWN CEMETERY



This map is a guide and not infallible.

Walking in the grassy areas of the cemetery can be uneven. Wear good shoes and don't be afraid to use a walking stick or other support if needed.

Suggested Route for Walking Tour

Name	Block	Lot	Grave	Name	Block	Lot	Grave
Cleo Cook	B	6	6	Ralph Pride	2	74	6
Grace Asplin	C	24	3(?)	Dauffenbachs	1	119	3-6
Mr. & Mrs. Clark	B	49	1-2	Harold & Lucy Lee	1	128	3&4
A.G. Paddock	B	51	4	Winifred Rahn*	1	98	4
Spencer Family	C	30	1-6	Mable Kohnke	2	33	6
Mr. & Mrs. Graham	2	44	3&4	Mary Sackett	1	29	5
Lyle DeLine	2	75	3				

*Stone is between rows. Follow row down the back of the Lee stones.