Millstadt, IL, Area Cemeteries

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Baltz Cemetery [aka Salem Cemetery]

Located on Stemler Road in Section 12 of the south part of Sugar Loaf Township. Baltz Cemetery is also known as Salem Cemetery. Salem Evangelical Church was established adjacent to this cemetery and was dedicated June 16, 1844 by Pastor Johann Jacob Riess, Pastor Jacob Knauss, and Conrad Riess. The church was sold in December 1910 to George Culli who moved it to Millstadt where it was torn down in July 1964. The earliest known burial and the oldest existing tombstone in the cemetery appears to be that of Mrs. Susanna Hoffmann nee Drumm who died in Oct. 1844. Tombstone inscriptions were copied in 1971 and revised in 1985 by Robert Buecher. The inscriptions were published in the *St. Clair County, IL, Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Volume 3, pages 181-185 and 1986 page 43. Additional burials **WITHOUT tombstones** are found in the death records of Zion Evangelical Church, Millstadt and have been added to the Find A Grave web site. Click here for the Find A Grave web site for Baltz Cemetery.

Centreville Cemetery [also known as the Old Millstadt Cemetery]

The cemetery was officially established by the "Centreville Cemetery Association" on May 4, 1844 on land purchased from Henry Randlemann for \$7.00. It is located in the southern part of Millstadt, IL, at the intersection of South Jefferson & Harrison Streets. The first known burial after that date was Wilhelm Siebert, son of Martin & Wilhelmina Siebert, nee Wolf, who died October 22, 1844 at the age of 2 years. There is also a tombstone in the cemetery for another son, William Siebert, who died on 16 April 1842 at the age of 3 years. It is possible that there were some burials on this land before the cemetery association was officially established in 1844. A southern section consisting of 1 3/8 acres was purchased in May, 1861 from Henry Oldendorph for \$235.00. The cemetery was named "Centreville" since that was the name of Millstadt at the time. The cemetery is also sometimes known as the "Millstadt Cemetery" or the "Old Millstadt Cemetery".

The earliest minutes of the Centreville Cemetery Association were translated from the German and published in the *St. Clair County Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Volume 10, 1987, pp. 84-87. The cemetery is now owned by the Village of Millstadt.

In the beginning, burials were performed in order of date died. The oldest section is that closest to the intersection of Jefferson and Harrison streets. That section contains few remaining tombstones. Many buried in that section are believed to be the victims of the cholera epidemic that struck the village in the Summer of 1849. Information about those buried in this cemetery can also be found in the death records of Trinity Lutheran Church and Zion Evangelical Church. Burials found in those church records and which have no tombstone have been added to this list. The above information supplied by Robert Buecher, St. Louis, MO.

Click here for the Find A Grave web site for Centreville Cemetery.

Concordia Cemetery.

Located in Section 28 of Stookey Township at the intersection of Illinois State Route 163 and Concordia Road. The original plot of ground was deeded on 24 Nov. 1845 to the "Trustees of the School and Meetinghouse Concordia" by Simon & Martha Peter. The cemetery is owned by Concordia United Church of Christ which is adjacent to the cemetery. This cemetery was also sometimes known as the FlickingerCemetery after <u>Pastor Wilhelm Flickinger</u> who served as pastor here from 1855-1866. The oldest part of the cemetery is in the southwest part where the graves are in chronological order. Many tombstones have disappeared from this section. The oldest existing tombstone is for <u>Jacob Lepaer [Lepere]</u> who died 11 April 1846. The death records of Concordia Church, which begin in 1851, contain information about many burials for which there are no tombstones. The tombstone inscriptions were copied in 1985 by Elsa & <u>Martha Mae Schmidt</u> and were published in *St. Clair County, IL, Genealogical Society Quarterly*, 1989, pages 194-208. Click here for the Find A Grave web site for Concordia Cemetery.

Freivogel Cemetery

Located south of Millstadt in Section 21 of Millstadt Township at the intersection of Saxtown Road & Mueller Road. It is owned by Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt. In 1837, Freivogel Cemetery was established near the original log church of Zion on land donated by Johann Nicholas Schmalenberger. The first known burial was that of Valentin Gruenewald who died on September 1, 1837 at the age of 31 years. The oldest existing tombstone (as of 2013) is for Johann Friedrich Baltz who died on October 30, 1840 at the age of 31 years. The tombstone inscriptions were copied in April 1972 and were published in *Millstadt Township Cemeteries, St. Clair County, IL*, pp. 83-88, published by the St. Clair County Genealogical Society in 2007. Additional burials WITHOUT tombstones are found in the death records of Zion Evangelical Church, Millstadt. These 300 additional burials can be found on the Find A Grave web site for Freivogel Cemetery. Click here for the Find A Grave web site for Freivogel Cemetery.

Hahn Catholic Cemetery

Located in Section 16 of the North Part of Millstadt Township. It is in the Y of Floraville Road and Saxtown Road, just south of Millstadt. The tombstones are all in a pile including whole stones and broken pieces of stones. Most of those buried here were members of Millstadt's Catholic Church.

Click here for the Find A Grave web site for Hahn Cemetery.

High Prairie Cemetery

Located in Section 20 of Smithton Township at the intersection of Douglas Road and High Prairie School Road. The oldest existing tombstone is for the infant, <u>Martha McCulley</u> who died 9 July 1833. Records for many of those buried here can be found in the death records of St. John United Church of Christ, Smithton, IL.

Click here for the Find A Grave web site for High Prairie Cemetery.

Kleinschmidt Cemetery [aka Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery]

This cemetery is located in Section 1 of Sugar Loaf Township Recently, a sign has been added indicating it is Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery. Most of the burials here are for individuals who were members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and information about them can be found in the church's records.

Click here for the Find A Grave web site for Kleinschmidt Cemetery.

Mount Evergreen Cemetery

Located in the northwest part of Millstadt , IL, on North Polk Street. The cemetery is owned by the Village of Millstadt. The cemetery was dedicated on January 16, 1908 with the first burial being WilliamSchmahlenberger. The land for the cemetery was bought from William Hoeser (1867-1939) and the name of the cemetery was suggested by John W. Wagner (1864-1949). Some of the tombstones are for persons originally buried in Centreville Cemetery but who were later moved to Mount Evergreen Cemetery. The tombstone inscriptions were copied starting in 1986 by Don Slinkard, Jim Stoeber, and Bill Jacobus. The inscriptions were published in Millstadt Township Cemeteries, St. Clair County, IL, pp. 1 - 51, published by the St. Clair County Genealogical Society in 2007. Click here for the Find A Grave web site for Mount Evergreen Cemetery.

St. James Catholic Cemetery

Located just north of Millstadt, IL, on the east side of Illinois Route 163. The cemetery was established by St. James Catholic Church of Millstadt in 1867 with a southern part added in 1894. The north part has the earliest burials which are either unmarked or badly worn. The tombstone inscriptions were copied in 1986 by Elsa & Martha Mae Schmidt and were published in *Millstadt Township Cemeteries*, *St. Clair County*, *IL*, pp. 68-77, published by the St. Clair County Genealogical Society in 2007. Click here for the Find A Grave web site for St. James Cemetery.

Saxtown Cemetery.

Located in Section 4 of the South Part of Millstadt Township on Bohleysville Road near the intersection with Fossil Creek Road. Many of those buried here were either members of St. Paul United Church of Christ atFloraville or Zion Evangelical Church at Millstadt. The earliest existing tombstone is for Philippine Probst who died in infancy in 1865. The tombstone inscriptions were copied in the Summer of 1972 by Edward,Esther & Robert Buecher and were published in Millstadt Township Cemeteries, St. Clair County, IL, pp. 91-92, published by the St. Clair County Genealogical Society in 2007. Click here for the Find A Grave web site for Saxtown Cemetery.

Stookey Cemetery

Located in Survey 716 southwest of Belleville on privately owned property. The tombstone inscriptions were copied in the 1930's by the DAR and corrected in 1994. The cemetery is terribly overgrown and has been severely vandalized over the years.

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Sunset Gardens of Memory

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Union Hill Cemetery.

Located in Section 11 of Millstadt Township, this cemetery is approximately 2 miles northeast of Millstadt on Illinois State Route 158. It is supposedly the oldest cemetery in Millstadt Township with its first burial being John Ross who died October 1, 1823. A church, known as the Union Meeting House, was established adjacent to the cemetery in 1819. The church was destroyed by fire on March 31, 1881. A new church was dedicated in September 1904. The oldest existing tombstone is that of Thomas Jarrard who died 16 October 1823 at the age of 51 years. Tombstone inscriptions were copied by the Belleville Chapter of the DAR in the early 1930's and by Robert Buecher in 1972. The inscriptions were published in *Millstadt Township Cemeteries*, *St. Clair County*, *IL*, pp. 78 - 82, published by the St. Clair County Genealogical Society in 2007. Click here for the Find A Grave web site for Union Hill Cemetery.

White Cemetery.

This cemetery is located on Mine Haul Road behind the Henry R. White Research Farm. The earliest burial for which there is a tombstone is for <u>Stephan Lacey</u> who died in March 1821 at the age of about 28 years. The tombstone inscriptions were copied by the Belleville Chapter of the DAR in the early 1930's and in March 1987 by Earl & <u>EdnaShondy</u> and <u>Martha Mae</u> & Elsa Schmidt. The inscriptions were published in *Millstadt Township Cemeteries*, *St. Clair County*, *IL*, page 92, published by the <u>St. Clair County Genealogical Society</u> in 2007. <u>Click here for the Find A Grave web site for this cemetery</u>.