

Scenes From Princeton's Past

The City of Princeton and the individuals who organized the Second Annual Cemetery Walk would like to thank all of the volunteers and everyone who attended or contributed to the Second Annual Cemetery Walk held on August 25th. The Cemetery Walk's purpose was two-fold – to provide a bit of history on our forefathers & mothers who helped shape the City, and it was an opportunity to create awareness of the projects undertaken and those areas where restoration efforts are still needed. The Cemetery projects have been going on for about four years and has evolved over time. Upcoming events include:

- Upcoming Food Booth at the Princeton Flea Market – September 29th.
- Silent Auction at Princeton City Hall December 1 – 20, 2018. Bid on items for Christmas gifts or for yourself. If you want to donate an item, please contact City Hall.

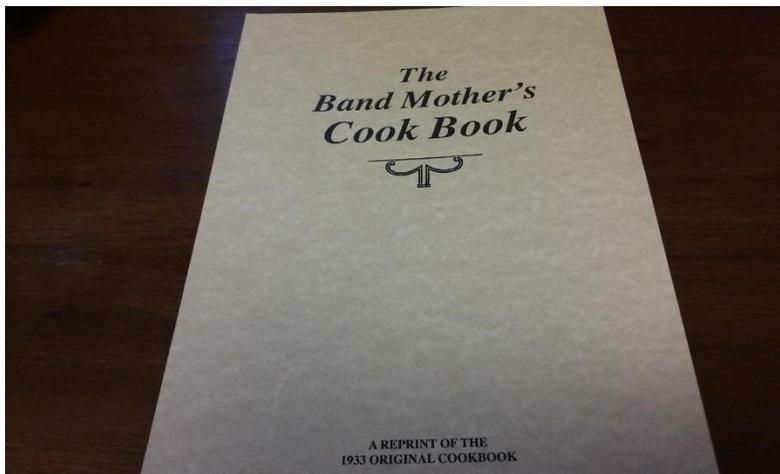
Projects already undertaken include:

- Collection of information of those buried in the Cemetery. One of the first projects undertaken for the Cemetery was the collection of information of those buried in the Cemetery. General information obtained through "Find A Grave".com was printed for each of the grave sites. The information has expanded to include additional material found on Ancestry.com or stories or photos which have been brought in by family or friends. If any readers has information to share on family or friends, please contact us. Items can be brought to City Hall, copied, and added to the family folder.
- Delineation of the Veterans Gravestones. A very early project was gathering information and delineations of the Veterans graves. Through assistance of the VFW, markers were obtained for these stones. A flag was also installed being part of an Eagle Scout Project.
- Monumentation of Potters Field was an early project which included a monument placed in memory of the many who were buried in unmarked graves.
- Restoration of grave sites. Many of the burial sites are over 150 years old. Through the efforts of the Cemetery Restoration Committee many stones have been repaired or restored and some of the very old walls which were deteriorating are being rebuilt.
- Saving Kwik Trip Milk Caps has provided funds for the headstone cleaning/restoration project. A product has been found which is used at cemeteries throughout the United States however is over \$50/gallon. Through the Kwik Trip program, when 1000 caps (or labels) are sent in, the City will receive a \$50.00 check which is used to purchase a gallon of the cleaner. Milk caps can be dropped off at City Hall.
- Volunteer work day at the Cemetery. Several work days have been held at the Cemetery where residents have worked with employees to clean stones, do landscaping, or work in the cemetery. A couple hours of volunteer work goes a long way in the overall appearance of the cemetery.
- Fundraiser – republication of the 1933 Band Mothers Cookbook. Available for \$15.00, the proceeds go toward the larger on-going projects. Cookbook is available at City Hall for \$15.00 or we can mail it to you for a small shipping cost. Cooking was very different back in 1930's and will take you back to an earlier time.
- The City of Princeton website is also the storage place for past Scene's of the Past articles along with articles and other pictures of the progress. Go to www.cityofprincetonwi.com and click on

the cemetery tab. These articles will continue through mid-November and then start up again in February 2019.

- Not specifically connected with the Cemetery but more on the History end is the re-printing of the Princeton Quas Qui Centennial Book, which is the history of Princeton from 1848 to 1973 for \$15.00. The Quas Qui Centennial Books can be also be purchased at City Hall in Princeton or by contacting Mark Judas or Patty Wianecki at US Bank. (book can also be mailed) The Quas Qui Centennial Book will have a companion Book published in 2022, the 2023 Quarto Sept Centennial Book which will provide history from 1973 to present.

Information can be brought to City Hall at 531 S. Fulton Street or call 920-295-6612 or email mneubauer@cityofprincetonwi.com or cnickel@cityofprincetonwi.com.



Available for \$15.00 at City Hall



Potters Field Monument – an early project for those plots without a gravestone



Stone wall restoration before and after

