

# Tualatin: A Good Community From the Ground Up!

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Congratulations Tualatin, for being chosen as one of the best eight communities in America. And thanks to the great foresighted leaders that are shaping our Tualatin citizens' lives even today.

In Tualatin's early years, our community's leaders took steps to assure that as years passed, citizens would have the basic needs for a civilized society. Those needs, then as now, included schools, streets, railroads, bridges, and yes, a cemetery.

Before Winona Cemetery was established in 1900, the area's dead were buried up at Robert Bird Cemetery in Stafford, Crescent Grove in Tigard, or even in a plot of ground on the deceased's family property. The community took a step towards its future when it planned the five acre tract west of Tualatin as a permanent resting place for the community.

In the photo of the first burial ceremony at Winona Cemetery (a poor quality picture compared to current technology's standards), I imagine that among the persons in the blurry image were members of the Ball, Byrom, Casteel, Day, Galbreath, Jurgens, Ladd, Mack, Martinazzi, Nyberg and Thompson families, And of course, many more whom I can't name. To pay for the necessary land survey the families I just named each purchased a seven lot family plot. If you visit the cemetery today you can see after a century how those families' plots lined up.

Winona Cemetery is especially precious to me personally because our family lived just across the field on Jurgens Road when I was growing up, and we would always cut through on our walk to Tualatin, but also because I have two great-grandfathers there; one from Germany, and one from Italy. Also grandparents, parents, nephews, great aunts and uncles galore, and that's where I want to be when I turn up my toes.

Margie Larsen told me her mom and step father Asa Mack used to push a wheelbarrow full of tools and a lunch to clean up the graves for Memorial Day. It was the custom then, as now, to bring pretty spring flowers to decorate family graves. Winona Cemetery

trustees have planned the annual spring clean up day for Sunday May 15 from 9am to 3pm. Donations and a sustained trust help pay for some care but there is still much to be done. We urge the community to come help on that day, or any other day. We also urge you to participate in our Adopt-a-Grave program, because some families have moved away and no one is left to care for the grave. Come help us spruce up our community necropolis. There are still some 1,000 burial and cremation lots available.

Why not purchase your own spot in this lovely little resting place. Contact Guy Wherity, sexton at 503-885-9660 who will help you find your perfect spot.

Mike Hanegan and Arne Nyberg held a simple Memorial Day service some 10 or 15 years ago with a flag, prayer and song. That tradition has continued and now the VFW auxiliary sponsors a lovely ceremony with planes dipping their wings in a flyover, patriotic music, prayers and speeches. Come join your community on Monday, May 30th at 10:45.

Now, about John S. Galbreath, third child of Oregon Trail Pioneers Sam

and Sarah Galbreath. The three oldest Galbreath boys, George, Joseph and John went to the Idaho mines in the 1860s with the Byrom family who operated a store and inn. The boys sent their wages home to their parents. When the mines played out and the Bryoms returned, George and Joe came home too but John stayed. He settled in Montana and the story goes that he was riding to Portland on the train to sell his cattle at the stockyards when he got into a gambling game and won a fair amount. He died on the train and was thought to have been poisoned by the loser.



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Winona Cemetery was laid out in a clearing on Isaac Ball's property in 1900. The first interment was Louis Nierman and his funeral, conducted by his fellow Woodmen of the World, drew the whole community. Nierman's headstone, in the shape of a tree trunk can be seen today near the south fence.



John Spencer Galbreath was born in Tualatin in 1854. He died in 1915 under suspicious circumstances and was buried in Winona Cemetery. His headstone, one of the largest in the pioneer cemetery, was delivered by wagon and horses.



Isaac Ball was the first school teacher in Tualatin. He taught in a one room log school on Herman Road. Later he was a County Commissioner and a Justice of the Peace.



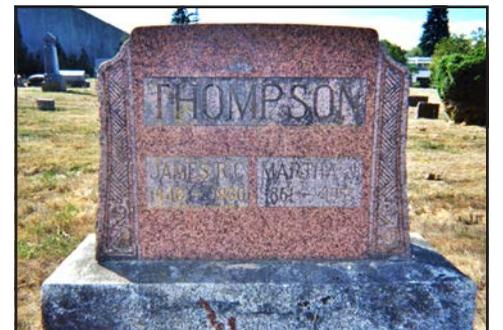
Vetal Cimino traveled the Oregon Trail as a young man, went to the mines in California and then Idaho. When he returned he purchased 101 acres along Tualatin- Sherwood Road and married Sonora Boone, descendant of Daniel Boone.



William Jurgens came from Germany and enlisted in the Union cavalry during the Civil War. He did not like to ride a horse so he joined the army band. According to his military record, he was a first class musician. He lived just north of the cemetery.



Helen Gore Jennings, a handsome woman in her prime, was murdered one hundred years ago this month



J. R.C. and Martha Thompson named the cemetery, as well as the Grange for their daughter Winona, who died before 1900 and is buried in Stafford's Robert Bird cemetery.



Julius Caesar and Nettie Martinazzi gravesite. He was born in Burma, and she was born across the road.