

CARTERSVILLE BUT A MEMORY

Story of a Town Once Inhabited
By the Saints.

OLD GRAVEYARD DISTURBED

Railroad Graders Unearth Human
Bones—Place Situated Near
Council Bluffs.

The following story, from a late issue of the Council Bluffs Nonpareil, will be read with interest by many residents of this section:

The human bones which the Great Western graders exhumed east of Greenfield a few days ago have proven to be those of "Mormon" pioneers who were buried in the frontier cemetery at Cartersville some 50 years ago. The right of way of the new railroad cuts across a corner of the almost forgotten burying ground, which has for years been used as a corn field, all visible traces of the old cemetery having disappeared long ago.

Cartersville was established by the "Mormons" migrating from Illinois to Utah, many of whom stopped to rest in this vicinity. Its site, which is now a farm field, is almost directly east of the Milwaukee railroad tracks at the Greenfield crossing. In 1850 to 1852 Cartersville was a flourishing village of about 300 people, and the principal stopping place for the emigrants en route west. The rise of Council Bluffs, however, soon ended the glory of Cartersville, and rapidly placed it among the list of deserted villages.

During the existence of Cartersville a cemetery was located on the knoll just east of the town, and there it is said that some 200 or 300 people were buried, it then being the only burying ground in miles of country. The advent of the Great Western and the cut made by its graders through a corner of the old cemetery has occasioned a refreshing of the memories of the pioneers concerning Cartersville.

Yesterday afternoon Rev. Henry DeLong, who came west with the first "Mormon" emigration in 1846, visited the place where the graders dug out several skeletons last week, in company with a Nonpareil reporter. Mr. De

Long has assisted in burying a number of people in the old Cartersville cemetery, and he readily located the ground. The Great Western makes a cut of 12 feet on the east side of the old cemetery, and it was there that the bones were discovered at a depth of 2 or 3 feet. Only three or four skeletons were exhumed, however, as just one corner of the cemetery evidently laid within the Great Western right of way. The main portion of the burying ground is in the cold field, just west of the cut, and there, according to Mr. DeLong, some 200 or 300 burials were made. Had the graders cut 20 or 30 feet further into the cemetery there would have been a wholesale disinterment of bones.

Nothing but the bare bones of the skeletons were found in the grave thus opened, however. 50 years of burial having turned practically everything else back to dust again. In a few places along the newly-cut embankment traces of the boards of a coffin or burial box may be seen, but the condition bears new grime to dust at the touch. Around other skeletons no evidence whatever of a coffin could be discovered. Rev. DeLong explains this by the fact that in the pioneer days when Cartersville existed, coffins were unknown to this part of the country, and that it was only rarely that boards could be obtained with which to make even a burial box. Thus, probably the majority of the interments at the Cartersville cemetery were made with the body wrapped in cloth and blankets.

All the bones that have been brought to light, and they still remain piled in small heaps along the embankment made by the graders last week, are evidently those of adult white males. They are still in good state of preservation, though stained a copper color by the action of the clay in which they were buried.

Concerning the Cartersville cemetery, Mr. DeLong says that he remembers it to have been in good condition as late as 1854, at which time many of the graves had wooden headboards, and a number of them were fenced in with wooden picket fences, as was the custom at that time. Later, however, it rapidly passed into decay, and just when the last traces of its existence as a cemetery were obliterated cannot now be recalled.

The failure to maintain the cemetery is largely explained by the fact that nearly all of the burials were from "Mormon" families, which soon after moved on to Utah, thus leaving no one in this vicinity directly connected with the cemetery or its continuance. Then, too, the desertion of Cartersville also practically ended the burials there. When the cemetery was established it was on government land, and, in fact, the first surveys were not made until 1854. It is probable that nearly all of the headboards and fences had disappeared before the land was ever put under cultivation. In any event, the cemetery ground has been used as a grain field for many years.

Though 200 or 300 burials seem a rather large number for a small village like Cartersville was, to have in the few years of its existence, Rev. Henry DeLong explains his estimate by the fact that it was the only cemetery

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In this section of the country at that time, and people came from miles around to bury their dead here. Then, too, the death rate among the "Mormon" pioneers, who had just made the wagon trip across the state from Illinois, was great, scores succumbing to the exposure and from scurvy. As far as Mr. DeLong can remember, no plague or contagious disease assisted in filling the cemetery.

As is generally known, after the "Mormons" had been forced to leave Nauvoo, Ill., they started westward across Iowa, some 4,000 or 5,000 strong, under the leadership of Brigham Young and his disciples. From 1846 to 1851 nearly all of these "Mormons" passed through this vicinity and camped here for some time, hundreds, like those at Cartersville, remained for a year or more. Many of their descendants now reside in this country.

Rev. Henry DeLong came with the first emigration, which included about 3,000 "Mormons." Mr. DeLong was then a boy of about 10 years of age, and he was brought along in the general exodus, his parents having died at Nauvoo. Just as the "Mormons" were about to resume their journey to Utah, Mr. DeLong ran away from the family with which he had been living, as they had greatly mistreated him, and he thus remained in this city.

THE WEEK IN MATRIMONY.

Names, Ages and Residences of the Newly Wedded for Seven Days.

The following marriage licenses were issued by the county clerk during the past week:

Samuel Brooksbank, Salt Lake	21	Anna L. Rosengren, Sandy	25
Zina E. Farrow, Jamestown, Ind.	21	Lorenzo Seager, Salt Lake	25
E. E. Farrow, Jamestown, Ind.	21	Mary J. Smith, Salt Lake	25
Eva Dunakin, Hadley, Mich.	18	William Forsyth, Stirling, Canada	25
G. E. Kempf, Salt Lake	28	Emily Ruffell, Salt Lake	25
May Edwards, Salt Lake	28	Edwin Cox, Union	19
Richard Ryan, Salt Lake	21	Emma M. Rosengren, Sandy	22
Naamah Erickson, Salt Lake	21	Dennis Sullivan, Park City	25
E. P. Brown, Murray	21	Mary Sullivan, Butte, Mont.	21
Dora Ballard, Murray	19	Manasseh Smith, Salt Lake	20
Alex Benson, Sandy	23	Grace Gilbert, Murray	22
Anna Johnson, Sandy	18	W. H. Milne, Union	22
William Forsyth, Stirling, Canada	25	Anna L. Rosengren, Sandy	25
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