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VIRTUAL CEMETERY TOUR

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Graceland Cemetery

Grab your cellphone or tablet and take a tour through Freeborn County history. You will meet local iconic figures while you visit their final resting places.

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Geneva Cemetery Block 3, Lot 219

LISLIE F. AITCHISON

Born January 20, 1897 in Canaan, Connecticut. He died on October 2, 1955.

Graceland Cemetery Block F, Lot 173 or 113

ROBERT G. RANSOM

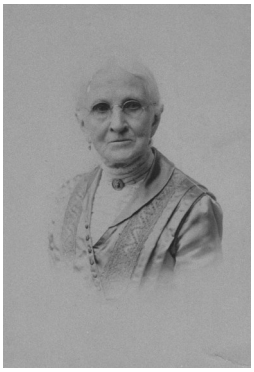
Born on November 18, 1843 in Fenner, New York. He died on August 12, 1927 in Freeborn County, Minnesota.

Graceland Cemetery Lot 182 of original section

SADIE BLISS COX

Born May 19, 1891 in Houston County, Minnesota. She died on February 19, 1970 in Albert Lea, Minnesota.

Graceland Cemetery Lot 424 of original section

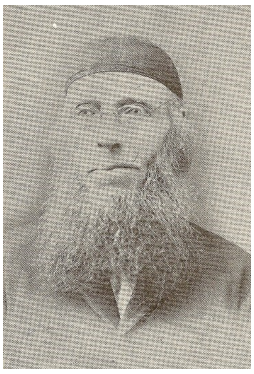


MARTHA S. (PARTRIDGE) ROBSON GIBBS

Born April 13, 1829 in Canaan, Connecticut, USA. She died on September 28, 1920 in Geneva, Freeborn County, Minnesota.

An early settler in the Geneva area. In 1857, Martha, her husband, James Robson, and their children, Elise and John moved to Freeborn County, Minnesota from Wisconsin. The couple's youngest children, James Harvey and George, were born in Freeborn County. Following her husband's tragic death in 1862, Martha remained a widow until her marriage to John L. Gibbs in 1868. Martha died in 1920 at the age of 91 years. She is buried in Geneva Cemetery.

Geneva Cemetery – Lot # RE2-11; John L. Gibbs in lot #RE2-11; James A. Robson in lot #RE2-11



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A prominent farmers of Freeborn County and a well known old settler was of a serious nature yet he was able to be about every day until the day of death and the end came unexpectedly. In 1865, he moved to Hayward, section 5, where he resided until his death. Mr. Teslow enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all his neighbors and townsmen and although he never sought political office he was frequently called uptown to fill local positions of honor and trust. He was one of the charter members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and for many years was secretary of the organization.

You can view Anders diary at the Freeborn County Historical Museum Library.

Hayward Cemetery — Lot #M-4; Anna Teslow, Lot #M-4

MARY KING

Born April 1, 1887 in Freeborn County to Henry and Martha King. Mary King died in 1980 .

Mary attended Naeve Hospital School of Nursing and graduated in 1916. She also attended the University of Minnesota. Miss King returned to Naeve Hospital and served as Hospital Administrator and Superintendent of the Nursing School from 1921 to 1945.

Lakewood Cemetery — Block 3, Lot 219

LISLE F. AITCHISON

Born January 20, 1897 in Miller, Woodbury, Iowa. He died on October 2, 1955, in Freeborn County, Minnesota.

A World War I veteran, he married Ida Schultz in 1917. They had 5 daughters. L.F. Aitchison came to Albert Lea in 1919 and engaged in the lumber business. He was active in several organizations; American Legion, Elks, and Chamber of Commerce.

Before L. F. Aitchison's death in 1955, he spent a number of years farming and raising his stable of Harness horses. He raced county and state fairs as well as at Santa Anita, California, tracks on the East Coast and Chicago.

Graceland Cemetery — Block F, Lot 173 or 113; Ida Aitchison buried in same location

ROBERT G. RANSOM

Born April 13, 1829 in Canaan, Connecticut, USA. She died on September 28, 1920 in Geneva, Freeborn County, Minnesota.

Robert G. opened up in Albert Lea in 1868 with a small restaurant, which he purchased from his father and a few years later with his brother Willis, started the wholesale grocery firm.

Robert was a very successful businessman and along with his brother, grew into a prominent grocer and eventually into one of the largest grocery wholesalers in the U.S.

Following the road for over twenty years, he established their own Tea Gardens, with resident agents in Japan, their own coffee from Brazil, making trips to California and establishing their own distributors of California raisins, apricots and Bartlett pears; and shipping the carload lots direct to their store in Albert Lea, also to New York State, where he established a warehouse at Elmira, NY for distribution of apples in carload loads for Minnesota grocers.

Operating their own cracker and biscuit factory at Albert Lea and distributing their carload lots of various products from all over the world, the established a business that continued for many years until they sold out to the Western Grocer Company.

Graceland Cemetery – Lot 182 of original section

SADIE BLISS COX

Born May 19, 1891 in Houston County, Minnesota. She died on February 19, 1970 in Albert Lea, Minnesota.

A musician and piano teacher, was born in Houston County, Minnesota. When a child, her family moved to Albert Lea. She gave her first music lesson at 12 years old. Sadie studied at Oberlin [Ohio] College of Music; Chicago Musical College; and Lake Forrest [Illinois] University. She married James Cox and they resided in Minneapolis for a short time before returning to Albert Lea.

Graceland Cemetery — Lot 424 of original section; James Cox buried in same location; Sadie's parents also buried in same location.