

MINUTES OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY CEMETERY BOARD

155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406

March 30, 2023

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Cemetery Board was called to order at 1:30 PM on March 30, 2023.

PRESENT Cemetery Board Member Hillery Page Hiskett

: Cemetery Board Member Julie Gilmore

Cemetery Board Member Jaime Sammons

ABSENT:

Public Comment:

Chairman Julie Gilmore asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:

It was verified by Lana Chenoweth that the agenda for this meeting was posted on the 13th day of March 2023 at all of the locations listed on the agenda, in accordance with NRS 241.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Agenda as submitted or revised:

Chairman Julie Gilmore made the motion to approve the agenda as posted. Page Hiskett seconded that motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on:

Lana Chenoweth stated that there were no minutes to approve. The minutes of the previous meeting have already been approved. This section of the meeting was not removed before creating the agenda.

New Business:

Board Chair Julie Gilmore asked if there was any new business to discuss. Board Secretary Lana Chenoweth brought the topic of the Cemetery's online index to the meeting.

Vicki Tripp, the previous county recorder, was also part of the cemetery board. Mrs. Tripp was in charge of updating the index. Once Vicki was no longer the County Recorder, Joan Simms took her place. That process was not passed down to Joan, and the list has not been maintained since then.

Committee and Departmental Reports:

Director Jorge Guerrero discussed the flood situation. Flood mitigation with sandbag operations located on Miners Rd. Some of the staff from the Cemetery are working on filling sandbags and any other work needed there. Jorge advised the committee that a backhoe was requested for the Cemetery. With the flood mitigation, the County Commissioners have approved the purchase of a backhoe to assist with the mitigation efforts on Miners Rd.

Vandalism at the Cemetery on the pump house at the end of the watering season. There were some issues with the pump that were being worked on. After the vandalism, the pump was rendered unusable. SPB Utilities got the pump back together and looked into getting the upgrades it needed.

Funds were received for the expansion area on the east side of the cemetery grounds. Battle

Born Engineering surveyed the area, and they could let the staff know where to put the water lines and mark the corners of the plots. The project has been stalled due to various reasons.

A- Director's Report

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

ACTION REQUESTED:

B- Staff Report

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Claude Parsley Cemetery Sexton discussed a letter from Glen Perazzo regarding five plots purchased by Charles Andrew McKay and Viola Jessie Howell McKay in 1934. Mr. Perazzo is interested in purchasing the remaining lots if there are no living relatives.

Mr. Perazzo researched on his own to discover that there are indeed three living descendants. This information shows that the five plots cannot be sold or purchased.

Claude mentioned that the plots in question have not been active since 1977. Claude also advised Glen that if he did find information that there were no living relatives, the cemetery could not resell the plots as they had already been purchased.

Director Jorge Guerrero stated that with the information showing the living relatives, we would have to discuss it with our D/A's office. That came with the thought that the D/A's office would come back with the same conclusion. The McKay family owns the plots.

Charles Andrew McKay Family Cemetery Plots in the Churchill County Cemetery

An analysis of the family of
Charles Andrew McKay
(1862 -)
and
Viola Jessie Howell McKay
(1857 - 1947)

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PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE OF THIS REPORT

Charles Andrew McKay, Jr. (aka Charley McKay or C.A. McKay) purchased eight plots in the Churchill County Cemetery in 1934. Only three of the plots are currently in use with the other five reserved for C.A. McKay. When I asked the cemetery sexton Claude Parsley about these five plots he asked me to see what I could find out about the McKay family and where they lived and where they are buried. This is a follow-up to that request.

My objective in writing this report of the McKay family is to establish the relatives of Charles Andrew McKay, Jr. that may have a legal and lawful right to the five remaining cemetery plots purchased by Charles Andrew McKay, Jr. in the Churchill County Cemetery in 1934. If no family members are located, it would be my desire to proceed through the legal means to purchase these five plots in the cemetery to be interred with my wife and other family members near my parents and uncle and aunt upon my death.

SUMMATION

I found it interesting to discover information about the McKay family. Though there were eleven children in the family of Charles Andrew McKay, Sr. and Viola Howell McKay, subsequent generations had fewer children.

As laid out in this report I was able to track most of Charles' siblings. As they were all born in the 1800s, all are now deceased, as are, as far as I can determine, their children. There are very few living relatives that I could find.

I used www.FamilySearch.org to track the details of my research on this family. Charles Andrew McKay, Sr.'s Identification Number is LJKZ-6J9; the other family members in his family are connected on Family Group Sheets and the Pedigree Charts.

INTRODUCTION

Several generations of my family are buried in the Churchill County Cemetery. On Memorial Day we visit the gravesites of grandparents, great grandparents, an uncle and aunt, a nephew, my mother, and others in between.

My mother died in 2018 and is buried in plots my parents had purchased years before. Being a hobby genealogist, I wanted to meet my mom's "new neighbors" and decided to do a bit of research on those buried near her. My mother, Nancy Perazzo, is buried IOOF-N11-1.

MOM'S NEW NEIGHBORS

George Hughey, Jr. (1923-1934) burial plot is located directly south of my mother's. George Dewey Hughey, Jr. is the son of George Dewey Hughey and Theodate Etta McKay. Here's the story as I understand it from the research:

The 1930 Census shows that Theodate was divorced and she and her son, George, were in Fallon living with her mother (his grandmother), Viola McKay, and her brother (his uncle), Charles A. McKay. Regarding George's death, the Nevada State Journal 5 May 1934 issue states:

"Fallon, May 4 -- Fatally injured, when he fell under the wheels of a hay wagon, George Hughey, 11-year-old son of Mrs. Theodore Hughey, died at the hospital here this afternoon. The boy apparently had climbed on to the hay wagon as it passed his home, and fell beneath the wheels. The driver, John Shane, had not known he was on the rack until the accident occurred. He was rushed to the hospital and died soon after arrival there. He was a native of Fallon and the nephew of Charles T. (sic) McKay of Fallon."

George's uncle, Charles A. McKay, Jr., purchased eight cemetery plots when George died. George was the first interred. When Charles's mother, Viola Jessie Howell (1857-1947), died in 1947, she was buried next to her grandson, George. Charles Andrew McKay, Jr. (1894-1977) was the third buried in the family plot in 1977.

George occupies plot IOOF 11-1. Viola is in plot 11-2. Charles is buried in plot 11-3. IOOF 11-4, 11-5, 11-6, 11-7, and 11-8 are all reserved for the family of Charles Andrew McKay, Jr. (son of Charles Andrew McKay, Sr.).

FAMILY OF CHARLES ANDREW MCKAY, SR.

Charles Andrew McKay was born in August 1862 in Nova Scotia, Canada.

He married Viola Jessie Howell on September 29, 1881 in Inyo, California. Viola moved to Fallon in 1921 with her son Charles A. McKay, Jr..

Viola died on 4 June 1947 and is **buried in the Churchill County Cemetery**.

Charles and Viola McKay are the parents of 11 children:

- 1) Alice M. McKay 1882-1882
Alice was born in August 1882 and died as an infant on December 4, 1882 in California. She is buried in the West Line Street Cemetery in Bishop, California with two of her brothers. No children.
- 2) Howell (Harry) Charles McKay 1883-1972
Married Alice Leona Allen (1880-1872)
Harry was born 19 October 1883 in Bishop, California. He died in Carson City and is buried in the Mountain View Cemetery in Reno. He had no children.
- 3) Melville McKay 1885-1910
Melville was born in April 1885 and died in March 1910. He is buried in the West Line St. Cemetery in Bishop, California w/ a brother & a sister. No children.
- 4) Sarah McKay 1886 - ? Visited Fallon in 1922 as Sarah Smith from San Francisco. She's not mentioned in her mother's 1946 obituary.
- 5) Charlotte Ann McKay 1888-1972
Married Solomon A. Phelps in 1909. Divorced. They had no children.
Married Eldredge H. Packer in 1914. They had one child:
 - a. Eldredge H. Packer, Jr. (1917-1942) Following the Bataan March, he died of dysentery in a Japanese prison camp. He had no children.Charlotte is buried in the Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, Cal. Eldredge H. Packer, Jr. died in the Philippines and is buried in the Golden Gate Nat'l Cemetery in the same plot as his father and mother.

- 6) Arthur McKay 1890-1905
Arthur was born in Feb 1890 and died in July 1905. He is buried in the West Line St. Cemetery in Bishop, California w/ a brother & a sister. No children.
- 7) Margaret McKay 1890-1967 (buried in Sacramento, California)
Married George Adams (1894-1964) They had one child:
a. Faith Adams (1925-2020)
Married Joseph R. Faraci (1918-1998)
They are buried together at Odd Fellows Lawn Cemetery and Mausoleum in Sacramento, California.
They had two children:
a. Dale A. Faraci (1945-2015)
Married Jessica Nieman (1948 - living) They had one child:
- Rachel M. Faraci (1980-2021)
- Married Matthew Dorsten (living) They had one child:
- October Dorsten (living in Dayton, OH)
b. Claire Faraci (1950- living)
Married Bruce D. Hupcey (1950- living) (md 1970 div. 1973)
- 8) George Homer McKay 1892-1983
Md. Edith Lousia Cheetman (1897-1989) m.1922 div.1971 One child:
a. Jean McKay (1925 - ?) Unable to trace.
George is buried in Napa Valley Memorial Park and Mortuary in Napa, CA
- 9) Charles Andrew McKay 1894-1977
Married for a time to Kathryn Hoeffel. Divorced in 1953. No children.
Charles died May 5, 1977 and is **buried in Churchill County Cemetery**
- 10) Viola V. McKay 1894-1985
Married George Short (1882-1936) md. between 1930 - 1935
Viola is buried in the Mountain View Memorial Park Cemetery in Lakewood, Washington. No children.
- 11) Theodate Etta McKay 1898-1974 (buried in Las Vegas, Nevada)
Married George D. Hughey (1923-1934) div. by 1930
They had one child:
a) George D. Hughey, Jr. (1923-1934) - **Buried in Churchill County Cemetery**

POSSIBLE DESCENDANTS

Child 4) Sarah McKay was born in 1886 and appears in the 1900 census. She visited Fallon in 1922 as Sarah Smith from San Francisco. She's not mentioned in her mother's 1946 obituary so I assume she has died by 1946. I've hit a dead end with Sarah Smith.

Child 7) Margaret has living direct descendants. October Dorsten lives in Dayton, Ohio and, if I calculated correctly, attends Middle School. C.A. McKay, Jr. is his great, great, great uncle as diagrammed below:

Charles Andrew McKay, Sr. and Viola Howell McKay
/
Margaret McKay (1890-1967) - brother Charles A. McKay, Jr.
Md. George Adams
/
Faith Adams (1925-2020)
Md. Joseph Faraci
/
Dale A. Faraci (1945-2015) - sister Claire Faraci (1950 - ?)
Md. Jessica Nieman md. Bruce Hupcey (1950-?) div. 1973
/
Rachel M. Faraci (1980-2021)
Md. Matthew Dorsten
/
October Dorsten
2878 Bobbie Pl#1C
Dayton, OH 45429

Child 8) George Homer McKay and his wife Edith had one daughter, Jean, who, according to George's obituary, was living in Santa Monica, California when George died in 1983, but I could not find any record of her afterwards.

VIOLA JESSIE HOWELL MCKAY OBITUARY

Reviewing the obituary of the mother of the above named 11 children (a copy of which appears later in this report), seven of her children survived her past 1947:

Charles McKay of Fallon - died in 1977
Harry (Howell) of Bakersfield - died in 1972
George of Los Angeles - died in 1983
Mrs. George Adams (Margaret) of Fairbanks, Alaska - died in 1967
Mrs. E.H. Packer of San Francisco (Charlotte) - died in 1972
Viola Short of Tacoma, Washington - died in 1985
Etta Shinner of Las Vegas - died in 1974

There are two granddaughters: Faith Adams (1925 - 2020) and Jean McKay (1925- ?)

CHARLES ANDREW MCKAY, JR.

I searched the local newspaper hoping to find an obituary for Charles A. McKay, Jr.. The newspaper did not have an obituary, but they did print the eulogy that was presented at his funeral. A copy of the informative eulogy is provided later in this report.

Though I did not find any near kin, it may be a good idea to see if he left a will or any official paperwork by which his estate was executed after his death. His brother George and sister Viola were still living when he died, as were his two nieces. I'd imagine his Masonic brothers were involved in the actual funeral service. I have no knowledge if George or Viola or his nieces attended the funeral services. He, of course, had purchased his burial plot back in 1934.

It was fun to note that FamilySearch.org calculates that Charles Andrew McKay, Jr. and I are 12th cousins. We share the same 11th great-grandfather, Richard Molyneux (1495-1569).

The following three pages provide a photograph of the tombstone and the obituary of the three individuals in the McKay family plot:

The Nevada State Journal 5 May 1934 issue tells the tragic death of George Dewey Hughey (1923-1934):

Boy Is Killed Beneath Wheels Father's Wagon

FALLON, May 4.—Fatally injured, when he fell under the wheels of a hay wagon, George Hughey, 11-year-old son of Mrs. Theodore Hughey, died at the hospital here this afternoon.

The boy apparently had climbed onto the hay wagon as it passed his home, and fell beneath the wheels. The driver, John Shane, had not known he was on the rack until the accident occurred. He was rushed to the hospital and died soon after arrival there.

He was a native of Fallon and was the nephew of Charles T. McKay of Fallon.



The Nevada State Journal 11 June 1947 issue shares Viola Jessie Howell McKay (1857-1947) obituary:

Last Rites Held For Mrs. McKay

FALLON, June 10. (Special) — Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the Roe and Kaiser chapel for Mrs. Viola Jessie McKay, who died Wednesday after a long illness at the Earl Allen home, where she has been for more than a year.

The Rev. Harold Ludwick of the Baptist church was in charge, with music by Miss Frances Springer and Mrs. Art Chailstrom.

Mrs. McKay was born at Sutter, Calif. 88 years ago. She was married 60 years ago to Mr. McKay and the couple had 11 children, seven of them surviving.

She came to Fallon 26 years ago with her son, Charles McKay, and this has been her home since.

The children surviving are Charles of Fallon, Harry of Bakerfield, George of Los Angeles and four daughters, Mrs. George Adams of Fairbanks, Alaska, Mrs. E. H. Parker of San Francisco, Mrs. Viola Short of Tacoma, Wash., and Mrs. Etta Shinner of Las Vegas. There are two granddaughters.



Charles Andrew McKay, Jr. who purchased the family plot was the last of the McKay family to occupy the family plot when he died in 1977. Only three of the eight plots are currently occupied.



Eulogy for C.A. "Charley" McKay who passed away May 5, 1977 in Mina, Nevada.

by Herman Arriahelaga, Jr.

My assignment is a difficult one because, if he were able, Charley would stop me before I start.

Charley (C.A. McKay) was born August 12, 1894 in Bishop, California. He came to Fallon, bringing his mother with him, in 1920. In 1922, he purchased a building and ice works from the Wonder Water Co. in Wonder, Nevada, and moved it to Fallon. This was the beginning of the Fallon Ice and Cold Storage Co.

A partnership, known as the Etkman Co., was formed between Charley and George W. Etkman in 1925. The two men built the Texas Co. bulk plant on East Williams Ave. and introduced Texaco products into the area. Now called the Texaco Bulk Plant, the building stands in the same spot today.

Later, Charley bought the corner lot at Maine and Williams. Using bricks from the smoke stack at Wabash, Charley built "The Grand Central Service Station" from which he dispensed Texaco Products, i.e., Tahoe Beer and soda pop.

Charley manufactured the soda pop and made and stored the ice on North Maine Street. This location also became his business headquarters, a Dodge and Plymouth dealership and an outlet for diesel, stove and furnace oil.

Sometime in the early 80's, George W. Etkman became the Texas Co.

Consistent, but Charley maintained the ice, beer, soda and the fuel business. During those years, Charley employed many local young men, including Lewie Monia and me. We worked freezing and pulling, and also delivering ice to the trade.

Charley was an avid hunter and sportsman, and a member of the exclusive "Cottie Gun Club" whose members were William "Bill" Powell, Howard Young, George Smith, M. B. Johnson, Art Down, Fred Marsh, Frank Marsh, and the youngest, William Alan "Al" Powell, the only member still living.

Charley was, to the end, a member of the Masonic Order, and during his active years in business, a member of the Fallon Rotary Club, Fallon Volunteer Fire Dept. and an involved participant in community affairs.

Charley was well known in the community as a "conservative" business man, "honest as the day is long", and a "good hearted jovial fellow." He once asked me, "Do you know the capacity of a bucket?" "No," I said. "Any given amount," was his laughing reply.

Charley's loyalty, honesty and integrity were beyond reproach. He did not wish ever to be a burden to anyone. He helped many people, especially older people, without regard to color, race or creed, and he would not ever pass up a hitch hiker or leave anyone stranded if he thought they might need a helping hand. Charley was a good man.

Chair Julie Gilmore motioned to have Claude Parsley contact Glen Perazzo to make contact with the remaining three decent Page Hisket seconded the motion, which carried a unanimous vote. Yes.

Claude went on to discuss the reserved spaces.

Around ten or more years ago, a notice was sent about the reserved spaces that had yet to be paid for. Some of the spaces that were reserved and paid for called in to make sure their space was still reserved. Which they are Claude was trying to reach the people who had not paid yet.

Board Members Julie Gilmore and Page Hiskett asked to see the list of the spots that still needed to be paid for. The board members offered to spend half a day or more reviewing the book and locating the unpaid reservations. Claude agreed that the members could come out and look at the book, and he could show them how to locate the reserved spots that have yet to be paid.

Director Guerrero suggested that we look back and find out when we tried to reach out to people in the past. He also suggested that we contact the DA's office about whether anything could be done about the reserved and unpaid spots. He would hate for the project to get started and then have to stop.

Consider Future Agenda Items:

Chair Julie Gilmore asked if there were any future agenda items.

Claude Parsley inquired about the price changes the board approved. Those prices were sent to be approved by the county commissioners on the April 19, 2023, meeting.

Set Cemetery Board meeting date and time:

June 22nd, at 1:30 PM

Public Comment:

Chairman Julie Gilmore asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.

