

Arroyo Grande District Cemetery
Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo County, California

Database Explanation

The updated Index was created from two sources.

The first source is the Index that Barry Lewis created in 2000. He walked the Cemetery recording information on the headstones, he also consulted the records in the Cemetery Office for burials which had no visible marker. Dates of birth and death were added when found.

The 'Lewis' Index also had several alpha letter designations in the first Column:

B = Brick

ND = No Date

NM = No Marker

The updated Index contains some of the above alpha notations as well as the following:

BM-1234 = Brick Marker with an identifying name

Mem-Marker = Memorial Marker which has no dates

The second source for the information comes from images of the headstones.

The process of creating an updated index was a monumental task and one that took a tremendous effort on the part of the Volunteers of the San Luis Obispo County Genealogical Society. The headstone images were matched to the 'Lewis' Index, making corrections and additions to the existing data. Burials since 2000 were added as well as burials that had headstones placed after the first index was completed.

We found a lot of errors, many due to the weathering of the stones. It is amazing what a digital camera can see that the human eye cannot.

A great many of the headstones have no date or year of birth [YOB]. Where none was found, 'Unknown' was entered. It will be up to the researcher to locate that information. This is particularly true of the children and early Veteran burials.

When there was no date of death on a headstone, we consulted two sources to find it: The California Death Index and the Social Security Death Index. If no date of death could be found and the person would have been 100 years old or more,

"Unknown" was entered the the YOD [Year of Death].

The printed index contains the following information in Columns:

Hdstn = Yes - indicates the presence of a headstone

Alpha designations as explained above are also included in the Hdstn Column

If the Hdstn Column is blank, no headstone was found.

Name = Name as found on the headstone

YOB, YOD = Year of Birth, Year of Death

Section

The Online Index [searchable pdf format] contains both the Section & Block locations. [<http://www.slocgs.org/pdf-files/AG-2012.pdf>]

There are bound to be errors in a work of this type and corrections are welcome. Any family member who can provide documentation as to corrected birth or death dates is welcome to submit same. [email: SLOCGS slocgs@gmail.com]

If your family wishes to have a marker placed where none exists, please contact the Cemetery to discuss the details.

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