



# Madison County Genealogical Society



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## Osborn Cemetery

**The Osborn Cemetery is located in section 15 of Schoolcraft township (T 22 N R 3 W ) in Madison County, Nebraska.** It is located on the top of a hill surrounded by fields containing corn and soybeans. A view of the countryside can be seen for some distance.

The cemetery is well maintained and surrounded with a farm fence on three sides. The fourth side has a chain link fence with a new addition of brick columns for supporting an entrance gate for individuals and an automobile gate.

The following surnames are buried in this cemetery:

**Bishop  
Coley  
Collins  
Cox  
Dufphey  
Grubb  
Hackler  
Hankla  
Huddle  
Ives**

**Jackson  
Kasik  
McCarroll  
McMillan  
Mink  
Musser  
Osborn  
Pennington  
Phipps  
Pugh**

**Reed  
Reeves  
Sebastian  
Shupe  
Warrick  
Wells  
Woods  
Worden  
Young**

There is also a grave that is unknown. There is an old foot stone marker but it has no name, initials, or dates on it.

### Zack Osborn's Death

Zack Osborn, aged 42 years, died at 2:30 Wednesday morning at his home in Schoolcraft precinct, ten miles southwest of Battle Creek.

The announcement of his death came as a shock to Battle Creek people, not many even knowing that he was sick. He had been complaining with "la grippe" for about three weeks, but was able to be around and was in town last week. He was, apparently, a man of iron constitution and capable of great physical endurance, but the "grim destroyer's" summons came and had to be obeyed.

He was suffering from an attack of the grip, and from that alone he would undoubtedly have recovered, but last Saturday another disease fastened upon

him---the measles. The combination resulted in broncho-pneumonia, from which he died.

He was well-known throughout the country, having lived here a number of years. A wife and five children survive him. The funeral was held at the family residence in Schoolcraft this morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. A. M. McFarland.

Source: Battle Creek Republican, Battle Creek, Nebraska, Friday March 17, 1899. Page 1 (Grippe/grip was Influenza like symptoms.)

### **Another of Virginia Colony Answers Call**

Weakened from a long illness and suffering with pneumonia contracted during the week, Mrs. Drucilla Osborn, a resident of Madison county over fifty years, died at 5:15 Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Boyer, in Battle Creek.

Funeral services, largely attended by relatives from out of town, were held at the Methodist church at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon following brief services at the Boyer home. Rev. David Scott of Meadow Grove was in charge and the music was contributed by a quartet comprised of Miss LaRose Crowley, Mrs. Clara Baker, C. C. Zimmerman and M. G. Doering, with Miss Virginia Hackler as accompanist. Burial was made at the Osborn cemetery southwest of Battle Creek in the family lot where rest the husband and a daughter who died many years ago.

William Boyer, Jack and Glen Osborn, grandsons, and Joe Reeves, jr., Hoyt Osborn, jr., and Roy Rees were pallbearers.

Drucilla Osborn was born in Grayson County, Virginia, December 2, 1856, her age being 78 years, 10 months and 11 days. She was married in Virginia to Zachariah M. Osborn, May 10, 1877, and the two came to Madison County, Nebraska, in 1883, locating on a farm southwest of Battle Creek. About twenty-two years ago, Mrs. Osborn purchased residence property in Battle creek which remained her home until a few years ago when failing health made it advisable for her to make her home with her daughter. She was a devoted mother, and her early day sacrifices were well repaid in her declining years by the close companionship and tender care of daughters and grandchildren whose constant efforts were for her welfare and happiness.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters: Allen C. Osborn, Fairfield, Idaho, and Clyde C. Osborn, Mrs. W. L. Boyer, and Miss Maude Osborn, Battle Creek. Of the surviving five brothers and two sisters, Allen R., Robert L., and Hoyt Osborn, Mrs. Alf Reeves, and Mrs. J. M. McMillan are of Battle Creek. R. F. Osborn resides in Cherry County and Charles Osborn at Twin Falls, Idaho.

Among those from a distance attending the funeral were: Mrs. M. McIntosh, Mullen; Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Cox, Seneca; Mrs. Charles Hiscox, Armond Hiscox, and Mrs. Will Hiscox, Wayne, and Mrs. Abbie Brown of Moccasin, Montana.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Battle Creek, Nebraska, Thursday, October 17, 1935, page 1.

## **Last Rites Performed Funeral of Frank Dufphey Interment at Mt. Zion Cemetery**

The funeral of Frank Dufphey, brief mention of whose death was made last week, was held at the J. A. Wright home in Battle Creek at 10:30 last Saturday afternoon, Rev. M. Doherty of the First Baptist church conducting the services. Interment was made at the Mt. Zion cemetery southwest of Battle Creek.

In the passing of Frank Dufphey, Madison County loses another pioneer. Born in Virginia, he came to Madison county in 1879 and worked with his brother, Joe, until 1883, when he was married to Miss Ellen Casey and bought the farm which has since been his home. Though experiencing all the hardships and privations with which the early settlers had to contend, he had faith in Nebraska and after years of hard work found himself free of debt and in position to enjoy his declining days. Honest to a fault, he was held in highest regard by all acquaintances and his death is a loss keenly felt by the community.

Mr. Dufphey was 61 years and 6 months old. Aside from the wife and one daughter, Mrs. Stover Mink of Emerick, deceased is survived by four brothers and three sisters, Joe and Mrs. J. A. Wright of Battle Creek, Lawrence and Tom of Tilden, Mrs. Joe Osborn of Schoolcraft, Dick of Idaho and a sister in Virginia.

Source: [Battle Creek Enterprise](#), Battle Creek, Nebraska, July 16, 1914, page 1.

A note that the burial of Franklin M. Dufphey who was born 19 February 1853 and died 10 July 1914, is at Osborn Cemetery. Source: Personal visit to cemetery by Richard R. Strenge on August 12, 2001.

## **John Creed Phipps**

An invalid for several years and helpless for many weeks, John Creed Phipps was relieved of his sufferings when he passed away Sunday, February 27, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. R. Hackler, in Battle Creek. Following funeral services which were conducted by Rev. A. A. Kerber at the Methodist church, interment was made at the family lot in the Schoolcraft cemetery southwest of Battle Creek.

Mr. Phipps was a native of Virginia, being born in that state July 21, 1846. His age at death was 81 years, 7 months and 6 days. At the age of eighteen years he enlisted in the Confederate army and was with General Lee when that general surrendered and accepted the terms of General Grant. Returning to his old home, he was married to Miss Mollie J. Osborn, who died in Battle Creek in September, 1917. The family came to Madison County, Nebraska, and located on a farm which they occupied until 1900, when they became residents of Battle Creek. Friends from various parts of the county were here to pay last respects to an honored Virginian whom they had known and respected for many years.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. J. L. Dufphey, and Mrs. M. R. Hackler of Battle Creek, Nebraska, and Mrs. R. J. Dufphey of Haley, Idaho. There are three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Source: [Battle Creek Enterprise](#), Battle Creek, Nebraska, March 3, 1927, page 1.

## **Mrs. J. C. Phipps Passes Away**

**Succumbs After Long Illness---Funeral Thursday---Long a Resident of Madison County.**

Mrs. J. C. Phipps, long a resident of Madison County, passed away Tuesday morning at the home in south Battle Creek. Mrs. Phipps had been suffering for a long time with a complication of diseases from which no relief could be found. She was past sixty-five years old and aside from the husband is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Dufphey of Tilden, Neb., Mrs. Richard Dufphey residing in Idaho, and Mrs. M. R. Hackler of Battle Creek.

Funeral services were held in Battle Creek this (Thursday) morning and interment was made at the Osborn Cemetery in Schoolcraft precinct. Further details will be given in the Enterprise next week.

Source: [Battle Creek Enterprise](#), Battle Creek, Nebraska, Thursday, September 27, 1917, page 1.

## **Funeral of Mrs. Phipps**

Funeral services for Mrs. J. C. Phipps, who passed away at her home in Battle Creek on Tuesday of last week, were held at the M. E. church Thursday morning and were conducted by Rev. Harper of Madison. After the services at the church the remains, followed by a large number of relatives and friends, were taken to the Osborn cemetery in Schoolcraft precinct and there interred.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Mollie Osborn, was born in Grayson, County, Virginia, March 14, 1851, and nineteen years later was married in that state to J. Creed Phipps. She came to Nebraska with her family in 1885, locating on a farm southwest of Battle Creek. All who knew Mrs. Phipps can testify to her Christian character, her cheerful, helpful life. Her devotion as a wife, mother and sister, her kindness to everybody, will linger as a fragrant memory in the home which her presence brightened and which death has now darkened. Aside from the husband and a number of brothers and sisters, Mrs. Phipps is survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. L. Dufphey of Tilden, Neb., Mrs. M. R. Hackler of Battle Creek, and Mrs. R. J. Dufphey of Hailey, Idaho.

Source: [Battle Creek Enterprise](#), Battle Creek, Nebraska, Thursday, October 4, 1917, page1.

## **Winnie Reeves Dead Prominent Young Lady of Battle Creek Called--- Hundreds Attend Funeral Held Tuesday**

Death came to Miss Winnifred Reeves, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reeves, at the home in Battle Creek early Monday morning after an illness of less than ten days. Miss Reeves had suffered somewhat at times with jaundice and the complaint appeared to be yielding under ordinary treatment.

Finally, when she was forced to take to her bed, the case became hopeless almost before it was realized her condition was serious. Best physicians and competent nurses could do nothing to stay the end. She lapsed into unconsciousness and passed quietly away at a time when she appeared to be suffering the least.

Funeral services were held at the family home in south Battle Creek Tuesday afternoon. Rev. W. C. Harper of Madison officiated and he was assisted by Rev. M. Doherty of Wisconsin, formerly pastor of the Battle Creek Baptist church. Floral designs and cut flowers, gifts of loving friends, banked the bier and covered the beautiful casket. Over five hundred from all parts of the county gathered to pay last respects and the great majority of those made up the cortege which followed the remains to the Osborn cemetery in Schoolcraft where last rites were performed.

Winnifred Reeves was born at the old Reeves home south of Battle Creek on November 5, 1916, and remained the baby of the family. At the time of her death she was 21 years, 9 months and 27 days old. A few years ago, when the parents moved to town, Winnifred entered the schools of Battle Creek and was graduated with honors from the high school with the class of 1917. During her school days Winnie's sweet face and vivacious ways won the hearts of teachers and classmates. Bright, happy, and always cheerful, she was the life of the home, now made desolate by her untimely departure.

“She had just passed her happy teens; the time when youth stands waiting before the half-open door that leads into a fairer and more promising land of dreams and flowers. And as she would have entered a messenger came and said,

‘Come this way; it is best,’

“She fought her fights, she kept the faith,  
Her fame shines bright and clear,  
And her memory lives in all our hearts,  
Which will hold it ever dear.”

There survives: the parents, two brothers, Enoch and Grover, and three sisters, Miss Cora Reeves, Mrs. Charity Cox, and Mrs. Blanche Cox, the latter residing at Seneca, Nebraska.

Source: [Battle Creek Enterprise](#), Battle Creek, Nebraska, Thursday, September 5, 1918, page 1.