

GRANDVIEW UNION CEMETERY

The Grandview Union Cemetery is located NW4NW4 of the NW4 of Sec 26, T31N, R20E, land donated by John J. and Emma (Oehmcke) Bicking, later known as the Halseth Farm.

The Dec 21, 1916 *Chinook Opinion* refers to the cemetery as the Grandview Union. By 1919 the cemetery is referred to as South Fairview Cemetery, located directly south, across the fence from the South Fairview Schoolhouse on the eastside of the Barney Olson Road.

Those buried at the Union Cemetery, or the cemetery south of the Fairview Schoolhouse, were:

1. Vantz VaCla Welling, born Apr 16, 1916 and died Jul 2, 1916. Parents were Edward and Unis (Whitlatch) Welling.
2. A stillborn male baby born in 1915 to Albert R. and Gertrude Cummings, their 5th child. A son, Doug Cummings, hopes this baby was buried there by the mother's grave, but no one knows.
3. Gertrude Cummings passed away Mar 27, 1917 at the age of 39, buried March 30, 1917. The grave is now documented by the family with a cement marker after the fire of 1991.
4. Leonard Gorman born Dec 9, 1916 and died Dec 21, 1916, son of Donel and Emma (Neumiller) Gorman. Services were performed by P.G. Oehmcke.
5. Joe Froman Vogt, stillborn Aug 10, 1917 and was buried Saturday, Aug 12, 1917, son of Daniel and Caroline (Williamsen) Vogt. This was a brother to Jack Vogt. The *Chinook Opinion* news item notes; Now there are four graves at the Union Cemetery, three are children.
6. John Oehmcke died Monday, Apr 21, 1919 due to a gun shot wound and was buried Apr 27, 1919. John was the 36 year old brother of Paul, Walter and Albert Oehmcke and his sister was Mrs. J. J. Bicking.
7. Marion Ann Louise Gorman, daughter of Donel E. and Emma (Neumiller) Gorman, died at the age of 4 yrs, 7 mos from meningitis, Dec 14, 1919, and was buried Dec 15, 1919.
8. Aloise Hofer, age 74, died Aug 22, 1922 and was buried Aug 25, 1922. The coulee referred to as Hofer Coulee was homesteaded by Ed Marlow and the rock house was built by him. Hofer homesteaded east up the coulee.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, Jul 29, 1917, the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 15 miles south of Chinook, held its first Mass. The land, donated by R.J. Dower, is in the NE corner of the SE4SE4 of Sec 22, T31N, R20E and southwest of the church is a small grave yard.

Tuesday, Feb 18, 1919, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rogers was buried at the new Catholic Cemetery, the first to be buried there.

#571 Feb 19, 1921, John and Stephanie Tilleman buried their stillborn son.

The land that the two graves are located on is now owned by John Dwain and Betty Tilleman. The graves do not have a fence around them as of 2012, but a metal sign telling of the history of the Blessed Sacrament with documentation of the graves has been placed in the spring of 2012. The sign was made by Eric Tilleman with Butch Shockley and John Dwain Tilleman assisting in erecting the sign.