

**PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED BRETHERN CEMETERY**

Homesteaders considered schools and a place of worship to be priorities once a shelter was established for their families and animals. Four single women: Kate Kleener, Alice Chilton, Maud Phifer and Maud Hawkins settled on adjoining property around that area in the Elloam Community. Sunday school classes and services were held in the home of Miss Hawkins in Sec 22, T36N, R18E and a schoolhouse was on Miss Phifer's property, and later, a cemetery in Sec 14, T36N, R18E.

Noted in the *Chinook Opinion* June 22, 1916: "The people in the neighborhood of the Phifer School have made arrangements to put up a community church building. The building will be a union affair, open to all denominations that desire to hold services there". M.I. Hopkins Hopkins and U.V. Robbins made arrangements for the platting of a cemetery site at Prairie Chapel on land donated by Miss Phifer for the cemetery. Later that month, Mr. and Mrs. Selmer Chose returned from Duluth with the body of their daughter, Bernice, who died in the hospital there. The Church was referred to as the Prairie Chapel United Brethren.

The Cemetery was listed in the death record as 25 miles north of Chinook.

| FILE NO. | FILE DATE | NAME                       | SEX | RACE | M/S | DOB        | DOD        | PLACE OF BURIAL | INFORMANT       |
|----------|-----------|----------------------------|-----|------|-----|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|          |           | Chose, Bernice             | F   | W    | S   | 9/15/1910  | 9/12/1917  | Prairie Chapel  | Selmer Chose    |
|          |           | Martinez, Phillip Eugene   | M   |      | S   | 5/30/1915  | 9/29/1917  | Prairie Chapel  | Fred Martinez   |
|          |           | Maeirt, Emil               | M   | W    | S   | 12/12/1897 | 11/13/1918 | Prairie Chapel  | Gustav Maeirt   |
|          |           | Maeirt, Edward             | M   | W    | S   | 12/12/1897 | 11/23/1918 | Prairie Chapel  | Gustav Maeirt   |
| 527      | 7/8/1920  | Coleman, Ruth I.           | F   | W    | S   | 3/21/1920  | 7/3/1920   | Prairie Chapel  | Lee Coleman     |
|          |           | Klein, Charles             | M   | W    | M   | 08/22/1845 | 4/30/1923  | Prairie Chapel  | Charlotte Klein |
| 702      | 6/15/1922 | Bedinger, Ernest           | M   | W    | S   | 7/13/1922  | 6/13/1923  | Prairie Chapel  | R.C. Bedinger   |
| 744      | 7/5/1924  | Bedinger, Merrill Oliver   | M   | W    | S   | 12/5/1920  | 7/5/1924   | Prairie Chapel  | R.C. Bedinger   |
|          |           | Klein, Charlotte           | F   | W    | M   | 05/05/1850 | 4/29/1932  | Prairie Chapel  |                 |
|          |           | Infant of George Harris ?? |     |      |     |            |            |                 |                 |