

## UNION CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

By: John G. Edmonds

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 1859 the first meeting of the newly formed Union Cemetery Association. Present were: Simon Mezes, John Vogan Diller, John W. Ackerson, Charles Hanson, George Howard, Alex Garbi, James W. Turner, J.C. McLeod, Finger and Beyer, Chew and Hilton, M. L. Brittan, Charles N. Fox, Benjamin G. Lathrop, W. G. Beck, John Q. A. Thurber, Charles Ayers, John Ellet, W. T. Gough, Z. Ostrom, J. M Curtis, T. G. Phelps, Horace Hawes and Baird and Berry. Elected to the first office were: John Vogan Diller, President, Charles N. Fox, Secretary and Treasurer and James W. Turner, Superintendent.

San Mateo County Gazette April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1859, "Cemetery Meeting. Union Cemetery Association held an adjourned meeting on Monday evening last. Very little business was before the meeting but from the Secretary's report we learn that the ground chosen for a cemetery has been paid for, the deed perfected and filed for record and that there is a balance of cash on hand or subscribed of \$105, ready to be appropriated for fencing as soon as the amount shall have been sufficiently increased to justify it. In a future number we will give a brief history of the organization and object of the association. The officers continue to be, John Diller, Charles Fox and James Turner.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1859: "George E. Erskine Esq. the contractor and Captain Beal are now busily engaged in putting a good and substantial fence around these grounds (union cemetery grounds) and very soon the

cemetery will be fully enclosed, when it will at once be staked off and the lots ready for distribution and sale.”

August 13, 1895: “The cemetery is now enclosed with a substantial fence with three well made and excellent gates.”

Gazette, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1868: “At the meeting of the Union Cemetery Association on last Monday evening, the following officers were elected:

President: Theodore Finger

Secretary Treasurer: Herman A. Scofield

Superintendent: Curtis Baird

San Mateo County Gazette, February 13, 1869: “Special Notice – I have appointed Mr. John Shelley of Redwood City as Deputy Superintendent of the Union Cemetery, Redwood City. All persons having business with the Union Cemetery will apply to Mr. Shelley. Curtis Baird, Superintendent.”

San Mateo Gazette, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1873: “The annual meeting of the Union Cemetery Association for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at the American Hotel on Monday evening April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1873 at 7:30 o’clock. Herman A. Scofield, Secretary.

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1873: “The annual meeting of the Union Cemetery Association Was convened at the American House, Curtis Baird, in the chair. The reports of the Superintendent and Secretary were read and accepted ..... The following resolution was unanimously adopted: “Resolved, that the superintendent be and is hereby instructed that for the future, where private lots are purchased by individuals, no burial

shall be permitted until the said lots are paid for.” The passage of this resolution was necessitated by the fact of the existence of five burials, in two instances in the best lots in the cemetery and for which no payment has been made. A resolution was also passed authorizing the superintendent to erect a building not less than 12 feet square to be used for the general requirements of the cemetery and to dig a well and put a pump in the same for the use of lot owners. Curtis Baird was re-elected President, Charles Ayers was elected Superintendent and George Wentworth was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

Times and Gazette, November 11, 1876: “George H. Rice and George W. Fox have lately had erected in their lots in Union Cemetery at Redwood City two very fine monuments. They are about ten feet in height, of marble standing on granite bases..... They are the work of Muldoon, Walton and Cobb of San Francisco.”

Times and Gazette June 6, 1882: “P. H. Canavan, once a very prominent resident of San Francisco, having successively a supervisor and park commissioner, besides a prominent real estate dealer, died suddenly of heart disease in Page’s lumber yard, Mayfield, on Tuesday last. His funeral, which took place on Wednesday, was large. He was buried on his own request in the Union Cemetery at Redwood City, the services being conducted by Reverend Sink of the Congregational Church. The following well known gentlemen came from San Francisco to act as pall bearers, with Judge Joseph S. Wallis of Mayfield: M. Wilson, J. C. McCeney, J. G. Eastland, Colonel Deane, A. C. Bell. The deceased had been a resident of Mayfield for two years and leaves a wife and grown up daughter. He was a brother of Mat Canavan, widely known as a mining superintendent and politician in Nevada.

Times and Gazette, 10-9-1886: "Union Cemetery is at present in more attractive condition than it has been in for many years past. The relatives of the late Ambrose Saunders and Joshua Saunders have recently erected substantial and handsome monuments, four-sided shafts of granite, in part rough and in part polished, and surmounting , of the same stone. Between these two lots is the lot of Simon Mezes, in which sloping tablet of granite on which rests a marble slab, suitably inscribed. Mr. Eddy has recently built a commodious vault."

Times and Gazette June 4, 1887: (An article describing the efforts of the General George S. Evans Post and the Women's Relief Corps)....."The grave of Comrade Filkins, who but a year ago marched past the spot where all of him that is mortal now lies, was tenderly and tearfully decorated, after a few feeling words. The graves of Lieutenant Filkins and Frisbie and Comrades Robert McElwin, Clark A. Page, Frederick Koch and Thomas Warren were decorated by the post and corps: and before returning a tall cross, dedicated to the "Unknown Dead", was covered with flowers and ivy. It had been set up in the triangular lot adjoining the east end of the Masonic plot, that lot having been purchased by the post, who will improve it a make it a fitting companion for the well-kept and handsomely-improved plot of the Masons.

Times and Gazette June 25, 1887: "Improvement is the watchword in Union Cemetery, the following being the most recent of many additions. In the granite shaft, surmounted by a funeral urn of the same material, above the pedestal, also of granite, is the name Eikerenkotter, a crown and cross: 'Katie beloved wife of E. A. Eikerenkotter, born in California October 15, 1857, died July 9, 1886.' The height of the monument from the ground is 9 ½ feet. Messers

Coombs, Blanchard and O'Neil of San Jose, builders of the Eikerenkotter monument, will probably erect one to the memory of the late Nimrod Winter next week. The same builders have just completed a granite coping around the lot of the Mezes family, in which the vault and memorial slab of the late Simon M. Mezes have for some time been. On the coping, which is of unpolished granite, are nine hubs and six balls. A cameo of the name Mezes, surrounded by a border of polished granite, is set into the face of the entrance step. The pathway surrounding the memorial slab is floored with alternate tiles of blue-veined white marble and black slate, enclosed by a marble coping. In the lot belonging to the widow of the late Captain Perry Minner, a twin enclosure commemorates the last resting place of the kind old captain and the future resting place of his devoted wife. About a month ago a beautiful little marble slab, rising from a granite pedestal, was placed above the grave of the late Thomas T. Taylor, who died May 22, 1885. It is also worthy of note that around several plots, cypress hedges have been started."

Times and Gazette April 21, 1888: "General George S. Evans Post of this place has on hand \$600 toward erecting a suitable monument in the memory of comrades who have served in the war for the Union. A drawing of the design for the monument may be seen at P. P. Chamberlain's store. The monument will consist of an erect cannon with a ball placed on the top. This is mounted on a die on the front of which are the words: 'To the memory of California's patriots, dead, who served during the war for the Union', and below are the words 'Mustered Out'. On the reverse side is the following: 'Erected by the grateful people of San Mateo County – all honors to the nation's defenders.' Below this on each of the four sides of the block which

support the die are crossed cannons, crossed swords, crossed muskets and crossed anchors. The designer and builder is William Black of San Francisco.”

Times and Gazette, February 23, 1889: “A number of important improvements are now being carried out in Union Cemetery and others are about to be made. James Crowe is erecting a handsome granite monument in his lot. It was made by the Western Granite and Marble Company of San Jose, and is 14 feet high. Jessie Palmer surrounded his lot with a new fence which was built by Tannahill & Brown. Ford has laid the foundation for a coping around his lot and George H. Buck will probably build a monument over the grave of his brother. Many of the oak trees, which detracted much from the beauty of the place have been cut down and the tool house has been moved from the central avenue to the most western corner of the cemetery.”

March 23, 1889: “Mrs. George Wentworth has contracted with the Western Marble and Granite Company of San Jose to build a monument and coping on her lot in the Union Cemetery.”

May 25, 1889: “The new monument which will be completed by next Thursday will stand on the triangular lot near the entrance of the cemetery. The lot is 75 feet long on each side, 43 feet at the rear and at the entrance is 20 feet wide. It is to be surrounded with an 8x16 inch granite coping. Projecting from the coping will be posts of cannon shape placed 15 feet apart. In the center of the lot will stand the monument which will rest on a concrete foundation five feet square. The pedestal be of granite about nine feet high. On the four sides are the emblems of the different branches of the services. On the side of the pedestal fronting the entrance of the cemetery is the inscription:

‘To the Memory of California’s Patriotic Dead who served during the War for the Union. Mustered Out.’ On the opposite side are the lines ‘Erected by the grateful people of San Mateo County.’ The pedestal will be surmounted by a metal figure of a soldier standing at ease. The monument, when completed, will be 15 feet high. It was built by the Western Marble and Granite Company of San Jose and will a handsome addition to the cemetery. Messers P. P. chamberlain and John Stafford who have charge of the collection of funds to defray the cost of this work ask the people to contribute liberally as there is still a considerable sum due. The members of the Post now own a lot in which will be buried all United States Soldiers, including those who served in the Mexican War. The bodies of those who are now buried at the county farm or in Potter’s field will be taken up and reentered in this lot where the people can annually gather and do honor to their memory.”

November 9, 1889: “A visit to the Union Cemetery revealed that fact that a number of monuments are being placed in position and that other changes are being made. Administrator Crowe is having a neat monument and coping placed around the grave of the late Reubin T. Fogg. Mrs. Loveland, of Menlo Park, is having her plot ornamented with a monument engraved with the names of her dead. In the Wentworth plot a handsome granite monument a coping is being placed and Owen McGarvey and C.J. Hynding are each improving the appearance of their plots with marble and granite. All of these are from the Western Marble and Granite Company of San Jose. One of the neatest pieces of work in the cemetery is the headstone and coping over the grave of Estella, daughter of F. J. Buck of Palo Alto. Mr. Buck is a stone mason and had no previous knowledge of marble cutting but

the work on the headstone shows artistic skill of no mean order. James E. Van Court is having the walks in his plot paved with shells from the bay. Among other improvements can be mentioned the removal of the dead house from its central position to a place at the corner of the Odd Fellows plot.”

Times and Gazette, April 19, 1890: “At a meeting of George H. Rice, Benjamin A. Rankin and James Crowe, trustees of the Union Cemetery, last Tuesday, it was decided to let the contract for macadamizing the main driveways of the cemetery to Owen McGarvey.”

Redwood City Democrat April 27, 1893: “The annual meeting of the Union Cemetery Association took place in Town Hall on Monday evening last, when the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing term: George H. Rice, president; Benjamin A. Rankin, secretary and treasurer and James Crowe, superintendent.”

Redwood City Democrat March 15, 1894: “Benjamin A. Rankin has been circulating a petition that has been numerously signed which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors asking that body to appropriate \$35 per year towards maintaining a grass plot in the Grand Army of the Republic plot in Union Cemetery. With a handsome monument in the center of a lawn of green, the eye of the visitor will be attracted in a pleasing manner and he will carry away with him feelings of respect and admiration for a community thus paying a just tribute to the memory of their honored dead.”

Redwood City Democrat, July 4, 1895: “A letter addressed to the Board of Supervisors” “Gentlemen, on behalf of General George S. Evans Post and the Women’s Relief Corps, I most respectfully represent



and ask that you honorable body allow the sum of \$25 from the funds of the county for the purpose of keeping in repair the soldiers monument and Union Cemetery at Redwood City, for the year 1895. Respectfully submitted, J. H. Mansfield, Commander General George S. Evans Post, Grand Army of the Republic.”

Mr. Mansfield said that the monument virtually belonged to the county, the latter had appropriated money to build it and he hoped that the Board could see their way clear to aid in keeping it in repair. The Grand Army post, he said, had no funds, and the ladies of the WRC had assessed themselves last year for the purpose. Chairman Bryan said that he favored the appropriation if it could be done within the law. Supervisor McEvoy said that the matter was a small one, involving a laudatory and patriotic affair and recommended payment and the motion was seconded and passed.”

Democrat January 23, 1896: “A monument is to be erected in Union Cemetery in the plot belonging to the estate of William Lloyd and Patrick H. McEvoy. It will be constructed at the joint expense of the owners of the plot. The design is that of an arched gateway on a granite base composed of Quincy granite highly polished. The structure will be of red Swedish granite and it will take about 12 months for completion as much of the work will be done in Scotland.”

Democrat, October 10, 1906: “By a fire which raged in Union Cemetery last Friday damage to the extent of several thousand dollars resulted. The flames, which originated in some unknown manner, destroyed fences and other woodwork, and the heat was so intense that a number of valuable marble and granite headstones were so badly cracked and damaged as to amount to their practical ruin. It was

supposed the fire was an act of some mischievous youngsters but as yet no direct evidence has been secured against them.”

Democrat March 9, 1911: (note: half a column of the cemetery was set up by the editor in which he stated that the cemetery was in a disgraceful state with fences torn down, children playing around the grave sites, headstones still fallen over from the earthquake and chickens scratching around the new graves. The town trustees have signified their willingness to help in the matter. The Civic section of the Women’s Club, of which Mrs. Robert Brown is chairwomen, is ready to put its shoulder to the wheel but these cannot act alone. It would seem that the lot owners must be the ones to take definite steps toward forming a new cemetery association or reorganizing the old association that this ground which is hallowed to many may receive protection.”

March 30, 1911: “The old Union Cemetery Association has been reorganized and the city’s burial place which has been neglected will again be beautified and protected from desecration. A new gate will be erected at the entrance, the fences will be repaired and the weeds and wild shrubbery cut away.”

Redwood City Standard June 21, 1925: “Headstones for Soldiers.” “Following an appeal by Mrs. Archer Kincaid and Mrs. Mary Winter, representing the Women’s Relief Corps of Redwood City, the supervisors Monday voted to appropriate sufficient money to defray the costs of setting new headstones on the graves of the soldiers buried in the Grand Army plot in Union Cemetery. The monuments are to be furnished free by the U. S. Government and the law allows the county to pay for the setting of the headstones at a cost not to exceed \$5 each.

According to Mrs. Kincaid and Mrs. Winter, there are thirty-nine soldiers' graves of the soldiers buried in the Grand Army plot in Union Cemetery. James peace, who raised the first American flag in San Mateo County, is also buried there and a headstone will bbe provided for his resting place."

Redwood City Standard, June 2, 1927: "Hundreds attended Memorial Day Services..... The four surviving Civil War veterans occupied seats on the platform and who afterwards rode in machines to the cemetery were:

P. P. Chamberlain

Howard E. Woodward

George Shugart

W. Wilder

The parade to Union Cemetery was headed by Puhara's band of San Jose; following the band came the four surviving Civil War veterans riding in automobiles, then the United Spanish War Veterans, the American Legion, the four troops of Boy Scouts and color bearers, the girl scouts, the boys and girls of the convent, the Women's Relief Corps and the Spanish American and American Legion Auxiliaries. At the cemetery, the address to the Unknown Dead was given by Mrs. A. S. Kalenborn and the Ode to the Unknown Dead by Clement Collins. There was prayer by Reverend A. C. Clark, salute to the dead and taps by buglers from the Boy Scouts. The decorations of the graves of the soldiers in the Grand Army plot followed the program."

Redwood City Standard April 19, 1926: (note: after the council had met and had at first nominated Mr. Thorning for mayor, a position he declined on grounds of business pressures, Henry A. Beeger was chosen to be mayor again, then the council sat down and listened to Mr. Thorning bringing up the problem of getting the Union Cemetery to look decently:

“Several matters were discussed by the new board, the most important of which was brought up by councilman Thorning, the improvement of the old Union Cemetery on Woodside Road. Mayor Beeger explained that he and city attorney Mansfield had investigated the ownership of the cemetery and found that it was controlled by an association formed many years ago. The only living member of the association being former county Treasurer P. P. Chamberlain, Councilman Thorning offered the suggestion that the various organizations and Chamber of Commerce be asked to cooperate with the city in the plans for the improvement and beautifying of the cemetery. Charles Ward of the Creator Redwood Improvement Club stated that the American Legion and the Grand Army posts were working on plans for beautifying the cemetery but the problems were too big for these two organizations alone. With the cooperation of the city however, he said the plans could be easily carried out. Merton F. Hughes, president of the Redwood City Promotion Association and one of the candidates of the Good Government League for councilmen at the last election, spoke strongly in favor of steps being taken to clean up the cemetery and putting it in permanent condition. Following further discussion the board referred the matter to city Attorney Mansfield to secure additional information pertaining to the ownership of the cemetery and

the steps needed to be taken to obtain the proper authority to improve the grounds.”

Democrat May 17, 1928: “The matter of improving Union Cemetery was taken up again at the meeting (of the community council) and Acting President Hinman appointed a committee consisting of William J. Duce, chairman; A. S. Liguori and Otto Maehl, to appear before the city council with a request that a survey be made to determine the boundaries of the burial ground.”

Thursday May 24, 1928: “The improvement of Union Cemetery was one of the many matters taken up by the board Monday night, William J. Duce, representing the Community Council, appeared before the board and asked that a survey be made of the cemetery boundaries. He explained how the land for the burial ground had been deeded to the Governor of California with the stipulation the grounds be maintained through the sale of plots. Mayor Beeger pointed out that the city was desirous and willing to cooperate in every way in improving the cemetery and that it is intended making a provision in the coming budget for funds to carry on the work. Merton F. Hughes, president of the Redwood Progress Club, suggested the appointment of a committee to handle the entire matter. At the suggestion of Mayor Beeger it was decided to let the committee Council continue to act in this capacity and bring in a report and recommendation to the council.”

Thursday May 31, 1928: “City engineer Dimmitt reported that he had completed the survey of the old Union Cemetery, as directed by the board and at the request of the Community Council and has found that the burial grounds contained 6.13 acres of land. Blue prints of the

survey were directed to be made and given to William J. Dusel, the chairman of the committee from the community council matter.”

Redwood City Standard, Tuesday April 22, 1930: “The state of California is not responsible for the upkeep of Union Cemetery in this city, according to the opinion of Harold I. Smith, assemblyman of San Mateo, with whom the matter had been taken up recently by the local city council. Smith in a communication to Parkman stated that his office had examined the records fully and that he is of the opinion that John D. Weller, as governor of California assumed no liability when he consented to act as trustee for the Union Cemetery Association on March 16, 1859. Even if the state were under a legal obligation said Smith, there is no authority in law for the provision of funds to maintain the cemetery and in his opinion any attempt to provide funds for this purpose would constitute a gift and would therefore be in contravention of the constitution of California. Fr this reason Smith said, no part of the emergency fund may be used to maintain the cemetery. The board, on motion of councilman Thorning and Stafford, ordered the communication from the department referred to city attorney Albert Mansfield for further investigation.”

Times and Gazette, Friday April 23, 1933: “This is clean up week at the Union Cemetery on Woodside Road. Poison oak and weeds are being removed and the general appearance of the place improved. The work is being done under the direction of city superintendent of Parks George Hopkins, by unemployed men, under county relief bond funds.”

On March 26, 1962 the city of Redwood City accepted a quick claim deed to Union Cemetery from the State of California. The state

was happy to get rid of it and the city was happy to receive the new city park. But the cemetery was still in terrible condition.

Redwood City Tribune June 9, 1969: "Letter to the editor"

We had the good fortune to attend the Memorial Day service at the Union Cemetery here in Redwood City. The statue of the old cast-iron veteran looked the best that we have ever seen him. Mr. Edward Mora of San Carlos, our own Redwood city fireman and all those who donated their time and money to his restoration deserve our thanks.

Our thanks also are due to the members of the Women's Relief Corps, the Reverend Mr. Ulig and our own Mayor Bob Bury for the time and effort they took to participate in the memorial services. The old standbys, Messers Granger and Herkner, were also present.

It was especially gratifying to see the good turnout of Boy Scout troop and post 67, led by Mr. Sam Samansky. Not many of us know that these Scouts, many of them only 11 years old, have spent their Saturdays for the past several months cleaning up the cemetery as their community project. Troop 67 also furnished the necessary equipment and participated in the services.

We hope that the city to protect installs the necessary lighting to protect the cemetery from vandalism. (editor's note: This was written before the vandalism to the soldier statue June 2 disaster)

We have heard talk of the possibility of moving the graves to the rear portion of the existing cemetery and converting the remainder of the cemetery to a park. This has been done in other parts of the country with good results.

This sounds like a fine idea for several reasons: (1) the present eyesore would be kept up the entire year, rather than just once a year and as at present; and (2) it would give the children of the five-points Area an additional place to play. A part of the envisioned program would be the securing of an easement over the vacant lot to the north to install a walk from Poplar Avenue to permit easier access to the park.”

Charles K. Korman

Redwood City Tribune, June 11, 1969: (teenager talks to youth)

To the Editor:

On the front page of the Tribune, June 3, 1969, there was an incident that disturbed me greatly. I cannot understand how anybody in their right mind on earth, can do something like tearing down the soldier at the Union Cemetery. What has happened to this generation?

Our “now generation” is trying to get ahead and make their place in the world worth something, but how can they when they insist on doing things like what is happening. This incident makes me think about my generation and wonder why?

If our young people prove they can break laws, they have done so. I cannot see that they have proved anything else. They are downgrading our country and giving all young people a bad name. I can remember when I could go into a store without being stared at like I was some kind of a weird-o ready to do anything.

This generation says they “love” people, but would they please start showing it? All they have shown the older people is that they can



be dirty long haired slobs and do nothing but cause trouble in our streets and on our campuses.

I realize that this is not the majority of our young people, that the larger part of this generation are well adjusted people. I think our silent majority should speak up, so I am.

I must admit that I have only lived 17 years and I don't know everything there is to know, but I do know that what my generation is doing is wrong.

The "new" generation doesn't realize what they are getting into, and they are making the people who will give them their start in life distrust them. The older generation won't take much more.

Many of the "now" generation say that the older generation doesn't know what they are talking about, but why don't they stop and realize the "older" generation was once young. They didn't have the kind of problems that we have now. So why not stop, look, and listen to our "older" generation. It won't hurt you as much as you have been hurt from your marches and doing your own thing."

Kathy Arnold, Junior, San Carlos High School

## UNION CEMETERY CHRONOLOGICALSUMMARY REPORT

June 1993

DATE	DESCRIPTION
February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 1859	Articles of Association of Union Cemetery

Adopted.

March 5 <sup>th</sup> , 1859	Six acres purchased for \$500 by Union Cemetery Association and who deeded title over to the Governor's office of the State of California.
1937	Daughters of the American Revolution inventoried all stones standing at this time.
August, 1947	Per City Council adoption of Ordinance No. 456, no more burials are permitted in Union Cemetery.
May, 1957	Vandals pull down soldier statue and damage it.
February, 1958	Soldier statue restored and mounted on its pedestal at cemetery.
March 26, 1926	Resolution No. 3667 passed by City Council accepting Quit Claim for Union Cemetery from State of California.
May 31, 1962	Skylawn Memorial Park executes 10 year agreement with city to maintain cemetery for \$1 per year.
January 17, 1966	City Park Superintendent Balzarini recommends to city manager 1) Entire cemetery be fenced with a chain link fence

or equal; 2) Straighten head stones, posts, fill inside of Grand Army plot and seed; 3) Paint flagpole and statue of soldier; 4) Clean up rubbish and debris throughout cemetery; and 5) All 6 acres of landscaped area should be lighted to prevent vandalism.

September, 1966

Frank M. Stanger writes a History of Union Cemetery.

May 3, 1967

Skylawn Memorial Park informs city Manager of 13 man days of work performed at cemetery that included: 1) Trees and shrubs trimmed; 2) 51 foundations reset or straightened; 3) 400 markers repaired and reset; 4) Leaves and debris raked and collected; and 5) 9 large loadsof waste hauled away. Skylawn proposes to visit cemetery every six weeks to maintain property.

June, 1967

State of California notifies City of Redwood City that Union Cemetery was accepted a a California Historical Landmark No. 816.

October, 1968

Soldier statue pulled down from its pedestal and damaged by vandals.

January 7, 1969

Giuseppe Costa, Sculpture, Fierino Avenza (Massa Carrara), tel. 57.271 quotes a price

of \$2, 747 to make an exact replica of soldier statue approximately 6' tall by telegram.

January 23, 1969

Edward E. Morra of Morra Specialized Machining., San Carlos, offers to restore Union Soldier statue at no cost. (Estimated cost of volunteered work - \$1,000.)

January 31, 1969

Alloy welding of Redwood City offers to repair Union Soldier statue at a cost of \$482.

May 29, 1969

Soldier statue restored and placed on its pedestal.

June 2, 1969

Vandals topple Soldier statue from pedestal and do serious damage.

September 30, 1970

City manager requests update on efforts to restore Union Soldier statute and asks Park Superintendent to call Skylawn and remind them of agreement to maintain cemetery.

April 15, 1971

San Mateo County Historical Association and County Historical Museum requests donation of head of Union Soldier statute for preservation and display, along with one of the original hands of statue donated earlier by the city.

1971-72 fiscal year	Capital Improvement Project request for \$228,000 to institute a master plan for development at 6.5 acres at intersection of 5 points.
May 31, 1972	Park Superintendent Balzarini recommends approving maintenance agreement with Skylawn Memorial Park to maintain Parks and Recreation commission removes proposal to convert Union Cemetery into a park from the five year Capital Improvement Program.
1977	Norma Sanders completes a photographic inventory of cemetery using color film.
December 12, 1979	Archives Committee of the Library recommends a survey of Union Cemetery by Doctor Deetz and University of California students to City Manager.
February 25, 1981	Clean – up committee offers to remove litter, prune overgrown bushes and repaint white fences.
August 28, 1981	Parks and Recreation Department agrees to commence spraying for weed control in cemetery per City Librarians request.
December 28, 1981	Researchers James A. Morrison and Pamela L. Blaufarm, Anthropology Department, University of California, Berkeley, submit

application to Office of Historic Preservation, Department of Parks and Recreation, State of California, to nominate Union Cemetery to National Register of Historic Places.

August 25, 1983

Union Cemetery placed on National Register of Historic Places.

October 13, 1983

Parks and Recreation Department proposes two cost estimates for annual maintenance services at Union Cemetery (\$18,529.66 and 26,212.98 respectively).

June, 1984

Union Cemetery Committee formed.

September 18, 1984

Union Cemetery Committee meets with 12 persons in attendance.

December, 1984

Request for proposals for survey and landscape architectural services mailed out by Parks and Recreation Department.

1985-86 fiscal year

City Council agrees to allocate funds for the rehabilitation of the cemetery in the 1985-86 Capital Improvement Program.

June 27, 1986

Architectural Resources Group of San Francisco submits a draft of Union Cemetery Report recommending \$573.100 of improvements in two phases to the Parks and Recreation Department.

July 1, 1986

Final draft of Union Cemetery Schematic Plan is received by Parks and Recreation Department from Architectural Resources Group of San Francisco and Charles M. McCulloch. Landscape Architect, of Berkeley.

March 9, 1988

Union Cemetery clean up day sponsored by Parks and Recreation and Community Services Department, City Beautification Committee, Union Cemetery Committee, Historic Preservation Committee and Archives Committee.

November 7, 1988

City Council awards contract of \$162,591.25 to Fisk, Firenze & McClean Inc. for Union Cemetery Improvements Project consisting of; 1) Foot high vinyl fence along Woodside Road; 2) Six foot chain link along the westerly property line; 3) Lighting and electrical work; 4) Curb, gutter, fencing and pavement at entrance; 5) Irrigation; 6) Entry sign and lights; and &) Two drinking fountains.

July 5, 1989

L. Bocci & Sons, Inc. submits a budget for \$100,000 worth of renovation work on granite and marble monuments at Union Cemetery. Hourly rate is \$72, 2 men per day for 100 days over a 9 month period.

September 28 1989	Helen Graves recommends establishing a Steering Committee for Union Cemetery Historic Site to Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director.
October 25, 1989	Union Cemetery Committee re-established with Parks & Recreation Commissioner Susan Swope joining Jean Cloud, Helen Graves and Nita Spangler.
November 20, 1989	Second meeting of Union Cemetery Committee.
December, 1989	City Manager approves concept of a Management Plan for Union Cemetery with potential funding between \$7,000 and 12,000.
February 14, 1990	Request for proposals sent to Bocci & Sons, Inc. and V. Fontana & Company of Colma for field work to identify those monuments too fragile for rubbing purposes.
February 18, 1990	V. Fontana & Sons respond to PR&S Director's letter of February 14 <sup>th</sup> positively and offer to do work free of charge.
April 26, 1990	City Council accepts Union Cemetery project improvements and authorizes release of bonds.



June 14, 1990	Request for proposal for a Cultural Resource Management Plan distributed to Union Cemetery Committee members.
September 17, 1990	City Council authorizes \$15,000 for of a management plan for Union Cemetery.
July, 1991	City Manager recommends creation of a non-profit organization for Union Cemetery to the Archives Committee.
July, 1991	Request for proposals for a Cultural Resources Management Plan for Union Cemetery mailed out by Parks and Recreation & Community Services Department.
October 1991	Peak & Associates and Woodward-Clyde Consultant representatives interviewed by Parks & Community Services Departments. Peak & Associates selected to complete Cultural Resources Management Plan for Union Cemetery.
November, 1991	Brian, Kangas and Faulk agree to do an aerial/laser survey of Union Cemetery.
February 5, 1992	Councilman Jack J. Murray proposes establishment of a blue ribbon committee on Union Cemetery to bring together all the

people and/or groups interested in the cemetery's future.

April 23, 1992

Peak & Associates, citing the extremely negative decisiveness in the community over Union Cemetery, notifies the Parks & Recreation and Community Services Department of its withdrawal from the Cultural Resources Management Plan project.

April 24, 1992

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department Management Analyst travels to Sacramento to meet with Peak & Associates. Compromise reached and Peak & Associates agrees to continue working with Department representative but only in an advisory capacity. Cultural resources document to be done by Parks & recreation committee and Community Services Department with technical assistance from consultant on an as needed basis.

June 5, 1992

At a dinner meeting sponsored by Parks and Recreation Committee & community Services Department, Peak & Associates outlines work program for physical and photographic surveys of Union Cemetery based on an archeological grid format with Union Cemetery Committee.

June 6, 1992	Physical and photographic Surveys of Union Cemetery commences. 50 volunteers complete 76 of the 196 archeological grids superimposed on the cemetery.
June 7, 1992	Physical and photographic surveys of Union Cemetery continues. 15 volunteers return and complete 25 more grids.
July 24, 1992	Identification of Persons buried at Union Cemetery by archeological grid report completed by PR&CS Department.
July 24, 1992	Review and classification of 1,000 photographs by archaeological grid completed by PR&CS Department.
August 5, 1992	Review and classification of 300 pages of and drawings by archaeological grid completed by PR&CS Department.
August 26, 1992	Proposed Union Cemetery Historical Obituary Record form mailed out to Union Cemetery Committee for comments.
November, 20, 1992	Union Cemetery Cultural Resources Management Plan – Draft #1 completed and sent out for review and comments.
November, 1992	Historic Union Cemetery Association, a non-profit corporation is established for the cemetery.

May 21, 1993

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department is advised by the Office of Historic Preservation, State of California that there is no state or federal requirement for a management plan for Union Cemetery. Restoration and/or preservation projects funded by local funds are a local matter and do not need state approval/disapproval.

