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# Cemeteries of Larimer County, Colorado

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## CEMETERIES IN LARIMER COUNTY

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#### POST CEMETERY

#### Fort Collins, Colorado

Post Cemetery was one of the first cemeteries in the Fort Collins area. It was established by Lt. Col. William O. Collins, for whom the Fort was named, before the town was founded, and while the military post was known as Camp Collins.

The cemetery was put on a high point of ground which is now the southwest corner of Oak Street and College Avenue, where the "old" Post Office or Federal Building was built in 1911.

The Post Cemetery was established in 1864 and disbanded in 1873. There were only eight or ten soldiers and a few early settlers buried there. There was only one name found to identify any of the bodies - a soldier by the name of W. W. Westfall of Company J, 13th Missouri Volunteer Cavalry, who died November 3, 1865, and was buried on November 8, 1865. This information was obtained from a note which was found in a bottle buried with his remains.

In 1873 the bodies were removed from this cemetery and placed in a new cemetery known as Mountain Home Cemetery, which was formed in March of 1873.

#### MOUNTAIN HOME CEMETERY

### Fort Collins, Colorado

Mountain Home Cemetery was founded March 15, 1873, approximately one month after the incorporation of the town of Fort Collins. It was located in the east part of town, which now would be between East Laurel and East Elizabeth Streets, just east of Stover Street. It consisted of 449 lots.

There never was a record made of whom and how many were buried here.

On August 15, 1887, the City of Fort Collins purchased 80 acres from Thomas Connolly for \$50 per acre, and the work of transferring the graves from Mountain Home to Grandview Cemetery, as it was named, began. A few graves were moved to Harmony Cemetery, south of Fort Collins.

#### GRANDVIEW CEMETERY

Fort Collins, Colorado

Grandview Cemetery was founded by the City of Fort Collins on August 15, 1887, with the purchase of 80 acres of land from Thomas Connolly for \$50 per acre.

It is located at the west end of Mountain Avenue and one-half mile west of the center of Fort Collins, or College Avenue.

On December 24, 1887, the first graves were moved from Mountain Home Cemetery and placed in Grandview. The graves of those who were transferred from the Post Cemetery to Mountain Home were again moved to Grandview. The only one who was identified in the move from Post Cemetery to Mountain Home was W. W. Westfall, a soldier, who is now in the Soldiers' section of Grandview.

Abbreviations used:

- Mon. = Monument (or stone on gravesite)
- Vet. = Veteran
- Gr. = Grave Number
- Lot = Lot Number
- Sec. = Section Number

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