

PORTER CEMETERY

The cemetery is about one acre, fenced in and mowed cleanly. There are many broken stones, some leaning against other stones or trees, some are missing, and there are a number of unmarked graves.

This list is based on a partial transcription by Becke Dawson, a transcription copied 23 July 1967 by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hixon, Iowa City and posted to the [Iowa Archives](#) by [Annette Lucas](#), and a reading by the Des Moines County Genealogical Society from 1978, transcribed by Karen McAtlin, 24 Jul 2012. Information from photographs, and various other readings and sources has been added. Photographs have been particularly helpful. Please email the County Coordinator if you have corrections or additional information to contribute.

This list starts with the first row on the east side of the cemetery. All rows are north to south
–Richard

First Row

SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	AGE	NOTES
Meyer	Friedriche J.		May 30, 1891	60y 11m 8d	
	Sophia M.		Aug 17, 1872	3y 4m 25d	Same stone. (Some records list "Sophia D. M." or "Sophie D. M.")
	Infant daughter				Same stone
	Dorothea B.		Jul 11, 1903	63 2m 14d	Same stone
Sommers	Henry J.	Apr 3, 1849	Aug 20, 1921		
Sommers	Dorothea		July 22, 1948	87y	Wife of Henry J. Sommers. Dau of Friedriche J. & Dorothea B. Meyer. (Thanks to Leslie Saint for this information)
Four small, blank foot markers.					
Jengel	Peter	Mar 13, 1838	Mar 4, 1909		
Miller	Maria	May 30, 1814	Nov 16, 1903		
Three small blank markers.					
Nauerth	John	Sep 10, 1836	Oct 30, 1901		
	Barbara	Dec 31, 1836	May 21, 1896		This stone knocked off of foundation.

Second Row

SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	AGE	NOTES
Disteihorst	Henry C.	Jul 17, 1879	Sep 19, 1951		
	Elsie S.	Mar 19, 1886	Nov 8, 1972		

Markers: J. A. S., D. M. S., H. J. S., Sophia, Infant, Friedrich, Dorothea. (except for the first, these seem to be footstones for the people in Row 1.)					
Roemer	Balthaser	Dec 12, 1836	May 23, 1904		
Hillgartner	Laura	Feb 23, 1886	Aug 6, 1903		Daughter of Wm. & Louisa.
Small rock pile.					
Hurl?	Dudley Harrison		Mar 19, 1842	1y 11m 11d	Son of John B. & Amelia (Amanda) Delash. Broken. (On some records this child is listed as simply Dudley Harrison.)
Scheihing	Johann Gottlieb	May 26, 1819	Apr 14, 1887		Geb In Unterturkheim.
	Christiana D.	May 16, 1824	Sep 6, 1890		Gattin von J. G.
Marker: Mother					

Third Row

SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	AGE	NOTES
Marker: G. H. E.					
Eckey	Clara H.		Nov 15, 1865	54y 2m 10d	
	Christoph		Feb 9, 1875	63y 3m 6d	
Markers: Mother, Father					
Porter	Thompson	Mar 24, 1813	Sep 12, 1869	56y 5m 18d	
	Sarah A. Abbott	Dec 27, 1821	Oct 22, 1866	44y 9m 5d	Wife of T.
	Douglas		Oct 20, 1860	11m 22d.	All are children of T. & S.
	John		Sep 6, 1857	3m 7d	
	Amelia		Jul 9, 1853	11d	
	Henrietta A.		Apr 5, 1853	1y 2m 27d	
	Lewis A.	Jan 27, 1843	Apr 15, 1868	25y 2m 18d	
Renz	James A.	Oct 6 1895	Mar 14, 1896		Son of Wm. G. & H.

Fourth Row

SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	AGE	NOTES
Roemer	Balathasur	Dec 12, 1836	May 23, 1904		
Roemer	Barbara	2 Nov 1833	Apr 29, 1894	61y	"Frau von B(alathasur) Roemer." Broken stone. Birth and death date info from The Rev. Dr. Ned H. Benson.
Blaesi	Katherine F. Gugeler	Aug 4, 1841	Sep 21, 1864		Wife of C. Gottlieb Blaesi.
Blaesi	Katharine F.	Sep 14, 1864	1864		

Gugeler	H. Jacob		Oct 19, 1883	73y 6m 17d	
	Katherine F.		Sep 5, 1894	78y 5m 12d	Wife of H. J.
	Carl F.	Oct 25, 1896	Feb 12, 1919		
	Albert H.	Dec 19, 1855	May 19, 1927		"His wife," same stone
	Emma Roeder	May 16, 1867	Aug 12, 1924		

Small blank marker.

Abbot	Hays	Dec 24, 1794	Feb 24, 1853	58y 2m	Stone in pieces.
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Small marker: H. K., C. K., P. F. K.

Small blank marker.

Kassel	Conrad	Aug 29, 1811	Jul 9, 1887		
	Anna M.		Mar 2, 1900	82y	Wife.
	Conrad	Apr 30, 1847	Jan 15, 1863		Son of C. & A.
	H.	Feb 14, 1779	Apr 16, 1869		
	Phillip F.		Mar 30, 1893	31y 5m 23d	Son of K. & Anna M.

Fifth Row

SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	AGE	NOTES
Jarvis	Sarah I		11 Feb 1838	3y 8m 21d	
Jarvis	George W		16 Sep 1829	15y 11m 20d	
Peterson	Jerry	1806	6 Nov 1884		born in Sweden
Peterson	Mary S	16 Jun 1802	28 Sep 1899		ss, his wife, born in Sweden
Tiemann	Wm F		d 6 Dec 1887	64y	
Tiemann	Augusta	21 Jul 1824	18 Oct 1902		ss, w/o Wm F (Thanks to Leslie Saint for help with this entry.)
Tiemann	Frieda B	13 Dec 1900	18 Aug 1901		d/o W C & Anna

Sixth Row

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Lich	Conrad	11 Jul 1842	23 Feb 1900		
Lich	Elizabeth		30 Jul 1884	75y 5m 3d	
Lich	Conrad	18 Dec 1809	24 Feb 1892		
Lich	Heinrich	11 Aug 1837	10 Mar 1878		
Lich	William	8 Dec 1835	12 Feb 1902		
Kleineweischede	Henry K	5 Mar 1816	26 Jan 1903		b. in Steinau, Germany, ss, his wife, b. in Hemmerde, Germany. Find-A-Grave Memorial .
	Maria	5 Sep 1813	31 Jan 1903		

Seventh Row

SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	AGE	NOTES
Hammer	John	21 Mar 1829	20 Aug 1886		Barbara, his wife, Dora, their daughter
Hammer	Barbara	13 Nov 1834	12 Jan 1913	Wife	
Hammer	Dora C	18 Oct 1875	31 Mar 1887	Their daughter	
Hammer	John H	28 Dec 1859	2 Feb 1939		
Hammer	Charles P	6 Dec 1859	2 Feb 1939		
Markers: Dora C.—Mother—John H.—Chas P.					
Hammer	Mary	18 Aug 1869	25 Mar 1948		
Boughaute	A. L.	29 Apr 1896	3 Mar 1919		Veteran
Fritz	Edith	1899	1936		d/o D & L,
Fritz	Louisa	1877	1966		
Fritz	Dan	1864	1945		ss

Eighth Row

SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	AGE	NOTES
Miller	Lizzie Lauer	1 Jun 1903	27 Sep 1903		d/o Julia & Anthony Miller
Lauer	Theobald	3 Jul 1834	10 Mar 1895		
Lauer	Catharina	25 Jul 1839	14 Apr 1911		ss, his wife
Larson	Infant	20 Jul 1895			s/o J A & Kate,

Unknown Row

SURNAME	GIVEN NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	AGE	NOTES
Roemer (Hillgartner)	Laura	23 Feb 1886	6 Aug 1903		d/o Wm & Louise A Hillgartner- This is the same person as in Row 2, above.

Eagen	Deborah Ann	(23 Sep 1959)	(24 Nov) 2002		Wife of Joe Eagen. There is just a cemetery marker here—no gravestone. There is also a marker for her at Aspen Grove.
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