

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY
OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
State Historic Preservation Office
Oregon State Parks, Salem, OR 97310



County Linn
Ranking _____
Name
(Common) Lebanon Odd Fellows and Masonic Cemetery
(Historic) same
Address Cemetery Road
Present Owner I.O.O.F. Cemetery Assoc.
Address P.O. Box 291, Lebanon
Original Use Cemetery
Date of Construction 1871
Map Reference Number 2

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Odd Fellows and Masonic Cemetery is divided by an east-west oriented drive that has a row of tall evergreens on the south side. The older grave sites are located to the south. There are two recent one-story structures with gable roofs located at the center of the cemetery. A war memorial is located near the entry, which is flanked by brick walls with bronze plaques reading "LEBANON ODD FELLOWS AND MASONIC CEMETERY ESTABLISHED 1871," although the earliest grave is dated 1856. The Albany-Santiam Canal runs along the southwest border of the cemetery.

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Initials _____ Date _____

Sources consulted: see attached.

History

The cemetery acreage was donated from two separate land claims. The one to the south was owned by William B. Settle who is remembered for having discovered Settle Lake while bringing cows over the mountains. Settle was born in Kentucky in 1801 and married L. V. Settle, also born in Kentucky in 1839. The second half of the cemetery was from the Donation Land Claim of William B. Grove. Grove was born in Indiana in 1811 and married Margaret Grove, born in 1817 in Kentucky. Mr. Grove also donated land for the school house and its school bell in the yard that are located to the north. Mr. Grove is buried on the Settle grant and Mr. Settle on the Grove grant.

There were originally two separate cemeteries corresponding to the land grants, one for the Masons and the other run by the Odd Fellows. They were combined relatively recently to cut costs and the Odd Fellows are now responsible for maintenance of the grounds.

The Lebanon Masonic Lodge, the first fraternal organization in the city, received its charter from the Grand Lodge of Oregon June 24, 1864. The first six worshipful masters were Richard Cheade, W. B. Donaca, E. E. Hammack, Elbert Keebler, S. O. Wallace and Jonathan Wassom. The Odd Fellows Lodge was instituted in 1873 with the old city hall which was also used by the Masons. E. I. Carter was the first noble grand, A. B. Griggs, vice grand; S. F. Miller, treasurer; W. C. Farren, recording secretary; E. S. Withers, financial secretary, and W. T. Harris, warden.

Sources Consulted

1. Welsh, William, A Brief History of Oregon City and West Linn, Lebanon, Oregon, Crown Zellerbach Corporation, 1941.
2. 1880 Census of Linn County, compiled by L. M. Boyce, Portland, Oregon, 1972.
3. Interview with Betty Woods by Kathy Stueve, March 1984.

