

Prologue

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Riverside Cemetery came in existence in 1876. Then in 1900, Fairmount Cemetery took over ownership of Riverside Cemetery.

Before Riverside Cemetery there was City Cemetery. City Cemetery was in operation until about 1890. About 75 to 100 Union Veterans were removed from City Cemetery to Riverside.

Riverside Cemetery has a number of military burials. It is said, unofficially, that Riverside Cemetery has the most Civil War vets of any cemetery in Colorado.

Soon after Riverside Cemetery came into existence, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Cemetery Association purchased about three-fourths of the lots, minus the walkways, within Block 27 for the purpose of burying their Union Civil War Veterans. Today, the Sons of the Union Veterans, who inherited the lots, have ownership.

There are about 900 to 1100 veterans buried in the GAR lots of Block 27. Some are in unmarked graves.

However, there are a few Confederate Veterans (about 10 to 15) buried at Riverside Cemetery in various locations.

And, yes, there are veterans of various other wars as well; they too are buried in various locations within Riverside Cemetery.

For those who may ask, what about Fort Logan? In the early days of Fort Logan, before it became a National Military Cemetery, it interred those folks who were stationed at and died at Fort Logan. It would be after World War II when Ft. Logan became a National Military Cemetery where military members could be buried.

It is the hope of this compiler to document ALL of the veterans interred at Riverside Cemetery -- approximately 1400 all together.

Note: The original older Civil War headstones did not bear dates on them. If the stone has a date(s), then it is probably a replacement stone or new stone, then the death date may really be the interment date of the individual.