A walking tour of Greenmount Cemetery burials during the Spanish Flu epidemic, 1918-1919

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First, here is an overview of the Cemetery (shown to the right in color, in terms of its proximity to the downtown Durango area):

This walking tour takes 1 to 2 hours (depending on how detailed you want to be) and covers about 1.5 miles. It takes you through most of the older (i.e., hilly) blocks of the cemetery and starts at the Parks and Recreation Department’s Moore Parks Office Building. Free visitor parking spaces are available in the lot near the building.

For purposes of clarity in this guide we have named the drives as shown in blue on the centerfold tour map (pages 12-13). Thus far in its more than 130 years, Greenmount has had no named roads—they are all called drives. To dispel confusion and to make it easier to give directions, we have named the 8 roads that run roughly east to west numerically (Drive 1 through Drive 8), and have labeled those that run from south to north by letters (Drives A through F).

The graves noted in this guide are matched with circled numbers on the map. If you want to stay on the roadways, you will be able to get an overview of the array of burials during the Spanish Flu era—but will not be able to read all of the headstones, because nearly all of them are read from the East. Where—and when—you walk here will be your call. The monumental map at the Cemetery entrance (pictured above) shows the overall layout of most of the drives and the Blocks in the cemetery.

A simple set of rules (pictured above) is also posted at the entrance. The main tenet of cemetery etiquette is not to walk, stand or sit on a gravestone. Also, pets are not permitted at Greenmount. To report questionable behavior of humans, call non-emergency dispatch at (970) 385-2900. (Of course, call 911 in an emergency.) Note: best time to tour during irrigation season is between 4 pm and dusk.
As noted in our little eBook about *Durango’s Response to Infectious Diseases, 1881-1929*, The Great Influenza of 1918 (commonly known as The Spanish Flu) reached Southwest Colorado in October of that year, and Durango was not exempt. Even though it fared better than some neighboring communities (Silverton lost ten percent of its population), the cost was high and was sobering—as will be recognized by all who participate in this tour of Greenmount burials during the span of the flu. The Spanish Flu was over 100 times more lethal than the coronavirus outbreak of 2020 which (as of 5/11/2020) was the reported cause of one death in La Plata County. More Americans died from the 1918/1919 influenza than were killed in battle in both world wars. “Especially remarkable was the 1918 flu’s predilection for taking the lives of otherwise healthy young adults, as opposed to children and the elderly, who usually suffer most.”¹ That was true here in Durango as well: men in the 17 to 60 age bracket were by far the largest group of people who died—46%. They comprise 74 of the 158 persons identified in this guide. (Summary statistics are at the end of this booklet.) As Guy Walton states in his excellent summary of the effects of the Great Influenza in Durango, “In La Plata County, there were more than 200 deaths from an approximate population of 11,000.” He notes that

Bessie Finnegan was a nurse in Durango when the flu struck. In a 1976 interview with Fort Lewis College professor Duane Smith, almost 60 years after the fact, she recalls the nightmare. “You should have seen it ... There was nobody in the streets ... The whole town was in mourning. Everything in town was shut down,” she said. Every nurse she knew came down with the disease and two of them died. Mercy Hospital appealed to its sister hospital in Denver for nurses and physicians. The Durango City Council asked the Red Cross to open an emergency hospital in the Durango Exchange on Main Avenue.²

**Note: we only have the year of death for many of the 158 persons remembered and honored here, not the date—and not everyone who was buried here between October of 1918 and the spring of 1919 died of the flu epidemic. No doubt some men who are noted as having served in the Army died while serving their country while the Great War (World War I) was still being fought. Nonetheless, to have died of whatever the cause during such an epidemic must have been an especially severe trial for these and for their loved ones.**

This tour is light on biographical information. The focus is on the life, the name of the person remembered, and the brevity of life. Throughout history, it has been the person’s date of death rather than his or her birthday that is celebrated. A number of these individuals had not yet had the opportunity to grow old enough to “make a name for themselves,” but their headstones admirably serve the purpose (as they always do), and in their design they reflect the individuality of each life and the love of those who placed the memorial. This is the format of the data:

| Block # / Row # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name or Middle Initial | Born | Died |

Generally, the rows in each block are counted from the east (i.e. closest to the Moore Shop).

**Walking instructions are in lavender, which matches the arrows on the accompanying tour map.**

The first four burial locations are in Block 41, which originally was designated for members of a fraternal organization, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; its motto was Friendship, Love and Truth (FLT, as shown on its colorful icon here—and in this zoomed-in view of the top of the first headstone, of Stephen Bendure, which offers much more detail than most on this tour.) Note the staining on some headstones (such as Anderson) by lime in the irrigation water (the cemetery staff has a way to remove it, by request.


[1.] The four Frech family burials were all of babies/infants, no more than three years old. Andrew and Elizabeth were 2 or 3; Mary and Mildred were 1 at most. This is in Lot 11, near the upper (SW) corner of Block 41, 3 rows this side of Drive B.

| 41/6 | FRECH | ANDREW | J | 1915 | 1918 |
| 41/6 | FRECH | MARY   | L | 1918 | 1918 |
|      | FRECH | MILDRED| J | 1919 | 1920 |
|      | FRECH | ELIZABETH | J | 1915 | 1918 |

[2.] Age 70 years, 6 months and 13 days. Lot 15.
These two sites are nearly at Drive B. Bendure is the first in a row of tall markers just after Frech. Anderson is one row closer to the Moore Shop.

| 41/6 | BENDURE | STEPHEN | A | 1849 | 1919 |
| 41/5 | ANDERSON | FERDINAND | A | 1855 | 1919 |

[3.] Mr. Anderson died at 63 or 64. Lot 15.
Cummings is five stones north of Anderson.

| 41/5 | CUMMINGS | BERNARD | 1905 | 1919 |

Continue north on Drive B past the Blk. 42 sign, for Girardi, 3 rows to your right--1 tree before the end of the row of tall pines. After that, turn left onto Drive 8 (8 is the number of “new beginnings” and Drive 8 is the northernmost road at Greenmount).

[4.] Cummings was 13 or 14. Lot 19.

| 42/6 | GIRARDI | JOHN | D | 1868 | 1918 |
| 28/2 | MARTINEZ | JUAN | CAMILO | 8/19/1835 | 11/20/1918 |

[5.] Mr. Girardi died at 49 or 50. Lot 27.
Martinez is on your left at the 1st intersection, in the very northeast corner of Block 28, 2 rows west of the sign.

[6.] Mr. Martinez, “old and full of years,” died at 83. Lot 55A.
After Site #6, turn left onto Drive C; you will be walking south. Look to the right/west at the 3 old pillars in the upper center hill among trees, for the three pillars for Chinese men (Site #7).
These 3 Chinese men reportedly were construction workers on the Durango-Silverton narrow gauge railroad. The names are in Chinese characters; data is not legible; no birthdates noted. The man whose stone is shown here on the right was 36 years old; the one with the tallest marker (middle) was 32.

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Ages at death: Giuseppe (left) at 36 or 37, and Giovanni Grisenti at 32 or 33. Brothers? This is in Lot 7, near the SW corner of Block 28, 17 strides south of the Chinese men’s markers.

Evans was 13 or 14. Lot 8, just east of the Grisentis’ plot. This grave is in the concrete-edged Evans family plot.

Age at death: 46 or 47. Lot 7. Anesi is just south of Grisentis’. Bonan is just south of Anesi. For Willis, walk straight across Drive C and stay in the same row line—4 stones south of a tall bush.

Age unknown (Army veteran). Lot 16. If you’re choosing to stay on the pavement, keep Block 27 to your right as you continue south on Drive C. The 1918/1919 burials are as thick as newly sown grass seed here, continuing in a swath that began with the Chinese men’s plots to the north. The flu-era memorial stones here are like giants’ stepping stones, from north to south.
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Knudsen is in the center of Block 27, near its west edge; Lot 21 (you may want to skip it, to save time).

[14.] Nettie Harvey died at 33 or 34. Lot 30.
Harvey is 1 grave S and 2 rows W of Redman (#15).

[15.] Redman was 31/32. NE corner; Lot 41.
Redman is about 6 stones south of Drive, on your right in Block 27.

[16.] McKinley was 42/43. Lot 53.
McKinley (very small and close in the ground) is in the very NE corner of Block 27.

[17.] Mr. Dalton died at 57/58. Lot 54.
Dalton is the next grave south in that row #11.

[18.] Lofgren died at 55/56. Lot 54.
Lofgren is one row east of Dalton.

[19.] Fletcher was 30/31. Lot 56.
Fletcher is 5 graves south of Lofgren.

[20.] Loisa Bass was 8 years old that day. Lot 43.
Bass is 3 rows directly west of Fletcher and 4 stones south of Redman.

[21.] Funk was 23 or 24. Lot 31.
Funk is 1 row directly west of Bass (5 graves south of Lofgren), in the shade of 4 cedars.

[22.] Mr. Hughes was 65/66. Lot 67.
Hughes is 2 rows in from the east edge (middle N/S) of Block 27.

[23.] Brown was 19 or 20. Lot 57
Brown is 2 stones south and 1 row west of Hughes.

Placing a marker above the Loisa Bass burial was Guy Walton’s headstone project in 2019 (for more info, see two Durango Herald articles online at Durangogov.org in the City’s public portal of newspaper articles).
[24.] Mrs. Sowers was 40 or 41. Lot 58. Sowers is between 2 tall old cedar trees. Miller died at 33 or 34. Lot 58. Beatrice Berri was 1, at most. Lot 59.

[25.] Miller died at 51 or 52. Lot 60. Sowers is immediately west of Sowers--and 13 strides south and 3 rows east of Funk. Berri is just south of Sowers.

[26.] Beatrice Berri was 1, at most. Lot 59.

[27.] Mr. Carbauh died at 43 or 44. Lot 34. Carbauh is 1 row west and 1 grave south of Berri--5 rows west of Drive C; it is the next stone south of Miller.

[28.] Pearl Silas lived to 71 or 72. Lot 34. Silas is 16 strides south and 1 row west of Funk (Site #21), and is 4 rows immediately west of Berri. Sheridan is 1 row nearly west of Silas.

[29.] Grace Sheridan was 73 or 74. Lot 34. Sheridan is 1 row nearly west of Silas.

[30.] Mr. Snodgrass died at 51 or 52. Lot 34. Snodgrass is immediately south of Sheridan.

[31.] Snyder died at 13/14. Lot 60. Snyder is 4 stones south of Carbauh.

[32.] Mr. Baer was 40/41. E edge; Lot 70. Baer is 3 rows directly east of Snyder.

[33.] Alva McCaw was 21 or 22. Lot 71. McCaw is 2 rows west and 1 grave south of Baer. Farrar is 3 stones south of Snyder. The Farrar family plot is 2 rows east of the large Ochsner family memorial, about 29 strides north of Cemetery Road. White is 3 headstones south of Francis Farrar’s.

[34.] Frances Farrar was 12 or 13. Farrar is 3 stones south of Snyder. The Farrar family plot is 2 rows east of the large Ochsner family memorial, about 29 strides north of Cemetery Road.

[35.] Frank White died at 18 or 19. Lot 62. White is 3 headstones south of Francis Farrar’s.
[36.] Mr. Jones was 42 or 43. Lot 78.
The Jones plot is close to Cemetery Drive—3 rows east and 10 strides south of Frank White’s plot.

[37.] Guy Johnson died at 23 or 24. Lot 79.
Johnson is 6 graves north of Cemetery Drive. Wright is one row east and 2 rows south of Jones- 3 headstones south of Wright.

[38.] Venerable Mr. Wright was 84 or 85. Lot 79.

We now cross Cemetery Drive to view the Spanish Flu-era burial sites that are at the northern edge of the Elks’ Block 26, which is on your left as you walk uphill; take the road that bends to the left.

[39.] Josie Hood was 33 or 34. Lot 83.
The Josie Hood gravestone is 4 headstones north of Cemetery Drive—in the shadow of the Connor family memorial just to the east. Galloway is near the southeast corner of Block 27—3 stones north of Cemetery Drive—2 rows west and 3 graves south of Josie Hood’s. Her headstone, like a number of small ones here, is slowly sinking into the earth.

[40.] Galloway was 34 or 35. Near the SE corner, in Lot 83.
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[41.] Mr. Isgar was 18 or 19. Lot 82A.
Isgar is the 4th marker south of Cemetery Drive (now in Block 26), just beyond the tall blonde cross. Soens is two rows west of Isgar.

[42.] Mr. Soens died at 59 or 60. Lot 82A.

[43.] Norrinne Nelson was 6 or 7. Lot 80.
This Nelson marker is on the very edge of Cemetery Drive—7 strides north of Soens. Sloan is 9 rows west of Nelson—5 stones south of the Drive.

[44.] The Sloan baby was a year old, at most. Lot 25.
Mr. Sullenberger died at 36 or 37. Lot 24. Sullenberger is 1 row west and 1 grave south of the Sloan infant headstone.

Katherine McGue died at 25 or 26. Lot 21. The McGue headstone is 24 strides south of Sullenberger.

Mr. Larson died at age 53 or 54. Lot 8. The Larson headstone is in the row just west of McGue.

Ms. Johnston lived to 77 or 78. Lot 9. Johnston is adjacent to Larson, just to the north.


Block 14 is a slender old Block (basically, one of the numerous veterans’ sections scattered around Greenmount Cemetery), just west/uphill of Block 26. After seeing Sites 50 and 51, just to the left on Drive D a little bit, we will be making a U-turn and heading north/uphill on Drive D to see a Spanish Flu era site in Block 8 (Site #52, on your left) and (way downhill, north) Sites 53 and 54 in Block 2 on your right (to the east). After those, turn left and head uphill on Drive 8, which is the northernmost drive.
[50.] Age at death: 21 or 22. An Army veteran. Lot 5.
Trujillo is 2 rows east of Drive D.

[51.] Mr. Sheets was 75 or 76 when he died.
Sheets is about 33 strides north of Trujillo.

[52.] Zone Bovee died at 39 or 40. Lot 10.
Bovee is near the SE corner of Block 8 on your left, on a crest of the hill, just west of a low concrete boundary wall. Andrews is 3 stones north of Drive 7 (way down on your right, in Block 2)—just east of Drive D. Rock is just two headstones in from Drives D and 8.

[53.] Mary Andrews was 28 or 29.

[54.] Ilah Rock died at 27.

[55.] Mr. Willson died at 67 or 68. Lot 78.
Walking west up Drive 8, Willson is 4 markers to your left. Kerr is this side of Ditchfield.

[56.] Mr. Kerr was 68 or 69. Lot 40.
Kerr is this side of Ditchfield. Ditchfield is nearly on Drive D.

[57.] Ditchfield was 42 or 43. Lot 41.

[58.] Kate Heather died at 37/38.
Heather is 10 stones south of Drive 8.

[59.] Thomas Powell was 30/31.
Powell is about 18 strides west of the Heather plot—nearly at Drive 8.

[60.] Roff was age 44 or 45.
Roff is the next family plot north after Powell (ringed by a low concrete boundary marker).

After you’ve seen Sites 58-60 on your left in the NW quarter of Block 3, continue west up Drive 8. Quite alone near the top/west end of this Block 1 (which most certainly has many more burials than it does headstones; many of the original wooden markers are long since gone) is the aging headstone of young James Longwill.

Next, look across Drive 8 to Sites 62-64 in Block 4.
[61.] James Longwill died at 17 or 18.
See notes on previous page re: Longwill. Anheier is in the NW corner of Block 4—nearly at Drive F, a bit west of Longwill.

[62.] Mr. Anheier was 55 or 56. Lot 61
4/19 | ANHEIER | ALBERT | M | 1863 | 1919

[63.] Mr. Timothy died at 34 or 35.
The Timothy plot is slightly uphill, to the south.
4/16 | TIMOTHY | THOMAS | 1883 | 1918

[64.] Mr. Graves (Lot 65) died at 61 or 62. (His name was suitable.)
The Graves family plot is immediately east of Anheier.
4/12 | GRAVES | HEBER | 1857 | 1919

[65.] Theodora Johnson was 11 or 12.
For Johnson, walk uphill/south on Drive E, nearly to Drive 7; it is edged on 3 sides with concrete. Edwards is about 25 strides from the SW corner of Block 4; you may want to skip that one, but if you want to see it, walk up the steep, unpaved Drive 7 nearly until it reaches Drive F. After that, take a U-turn and be careful walking back down that slippery stretch of “drive.”
4/2 | JOHNSON | THEODORA | LAWRANCE | 1906 | 1918

[66.] George Edwards died while he was still a teenager, at 17 or 18.
4/15 | EDWARDS | GEORGE | GRAHAM | 1900 | 1918

Next, we walk South on Drive E, crossing the steep and unpaved Drive 7. If you are staying on the paved Drive E you will be seeing the back sides of the headstones of Sites 69-79 on our left on the western edge of Block 8, and then the easily viewed memorials at Sites 80-82 on our right in the SE corner of Block 7, which has surprisingly few 1918/19 burials. (Some of the older Blocks in the upper NW portion of this cemetery seem to have more plots sold than used or at least marked. As already has been noted, not so long ago some graves were denoted by simple wooden markers, which did not survive.)
[67.] Mr. Young was 32 or 33. Young is in the very NW corner of Block 8—on your left heading south on Drive E, just past steep/slippery Drive 7. McNicholas is 5 stones south of Drive 7.

[68.] Mr. McNicholas was 67/68. Lot 7.

[69.] Robert West died at 14 or 15. Lot 5.

[70.] Mr. Raymond lived to 58 or 59. Lot 4.

West and Raymond are adjacent, on the peak of this row #13—uphill from Peterson Site #74.

[71.] Lanah McFadden lived to 88 or 89 (a rarity, in this list).

[72.] Mr. Lewis died first (age 84/85); his wife was 74/75. Lewis is just below the Pickerill Site #73 at the crest of Greenmount in Block 8 (Block 7 to the west has a slightly higher peak). Peterson Site #74.

[73.] We do not know Anne Pickerill’s age at her death.

[74.] We don’t know Hardin’s age; an Army veteran. This is in a high-wall-edged section, about 30 strides N. of Drive 6.

[75.] Mr. Barton was 51/52. Barton and Pinson are adjacent, just south of the Pickerill family plot. Santy is in the upper (SW) corner of Block 8, just on your left as you reach Drive 6.

[76.] Bernice Pinson died at 23 or 24.

[77.] Mr. Santy was 34 or 35.
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| 78  | Ellen Gallotti | 61 or 62 | 7/1 | 13 |,
| 79  | Mr. Hilliker | 86/87 | 7/22 | 10 | The Gallotti memorial stone in the SE corner of Block 7. Hilliker is in the middle of little Block 10. |
| 80  | Mr. Peake   | 40/41 | 7/30 | 10 | The Peake site is at the top/west of Block 10. |
| 81  | Mrs. Martinez | 46 or 47 | 7/13 | 13 | Martinez is at the top of the slender Block 13. Boyle is across Drive E, at the base of the slender Block 12. |
| 82  | Mr. Boyle   | 70 or 71 | 7/12 | 12 | Walk most of the way up Drive 6 for Gilbert, on your right--nearly at the SW corner of Block 7. |
| 83  | Young Mr. Gilbert | 23/24 | 7/17 | 15 | |
| 84  | James Glenn | 15/16 | 7/19 | 15 | Gilbert is on the W. edge of Block 7, north of Glenn. Schrader is nearby. Turn left onto Drive F and walk about 30 strides to S. end of unmarked Block 17. |
| 85  | Mr. Schrader | 59/60 | 7/17 | 17 | Miss Carstairs was 21 or 22. |
| 86  | Miss Carstairs | 21 or 22 | 7/19 | 17 | |
| 87  | Mary Donald | 50 or 51 | 16/12 | 16 | Walk east/downhill; #87 is on your left in lovely upper Block 16. |
| 88  | Mr. Gagg    | 46 or 47 | 15/24 | 15 | |
| 89  | Blackburn   | 21 or 22 | 15/23 | 15 | Blackburn died at 21 or 22. Lot 4. Next, turn left and walk E/downhill on Drive 4; turn left/north at the 1st intersection, onto Drive E. The next sites are in the SW portion of Block 15 (your right). Gagg's marker, on the edge of Drive E, faces W, toward the Drive; 10 stones N of Drive 4. Blackburn is 2 rows E of Drive E; Reynolds is 7 strides beyond/N of it. |
[90.] Mr. Myers was 41 or 42. Lot 4.
Myers is adjacent (just south of) Myers. Raymonds is 3 rows east of Drive E and 31 strides north of Drive 4. Both are 1 row east of Blackburn.


The Mayn family plot is 1 row east of Elmer Myers' grave. Thompson may be this no-longer marked pillar (E and W views shown below, middle).

[93.] Thompson's age at death: unknown. Lot 3.

[94.] Rigg was 21/22. Lot 1.

[95.] Juanita Cordova died at 13. Lot 56.
These headstones are close together.

[96.] Garcia's age is unknown.


Walk back uphill/west a short way on Drive E to turn left/south onto Drive E for Sites 99-106 in Block 20. When you reach the T, turn left and walk down Drive 3 to see more flu-era sites in Block 20 and also on the right in the slender old Block 22 (Sites 107-113).

[100.] Edith Conroy was 28 or 29. Lot 5.
Conroy is 2 rows east of Drive E, about halfway N/S in Block 20. Boyle is 4 rows east of Drive E, 15 stones north of Drive 3. Casen is just 1 row east of Boyle.
[103.] Nicolino: age 34/35. Lot 8. Nicolino is closer to Drive 3.
[104.] Patt was almost 5 years old. Lot 9. Cuginini (the lamb’s head is now missing) is 7 stones north of Drive 3.
[105.] Baudinos: about 1 year old, & 34/35. Lot 11. The Baudino family plot is nearly at Drive 3.

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[106.] Mr. Birkner died at 34 or 35. Lot 10. Birkner is 7 graves east of Drive E.
[107.] Baby Nicoletta was 5 months old. Next, cross Drive 3 for Sites 107-113 in Block 22.
[108.] Antonio Pacotti died at 18 or 19. Pacotti is 5 rows east of the Nicoletta Tulio grave.

[109.] Joseph Martinez died at 16 or 17. Martinez is just south of Enrico; they are adjacent. Enrico is about 2 rows west of where Feeley (Site 114) is, across Drive 3.

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[110.] Mr. Enrico was 46 or 47.

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[111.] Horvat died at 19/20. Trujillo was 56/57. Hegler died at 40/41. “And his daughter Angolaa.”
Horvat is just east of Enrico. Trujillo is 18 strides east of Horvat. Hegler is just in from the sign for Blk. 22.

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[114.] Lionardita was almost 8 years old.
[115.] Frank Salazar was 13 or 14.
[116.] Florencia Martinez was 60 or 61.

Maestaz is straight in SE from the curve where Drives 3 and D meet. Martinez is just 2 stones north of Maestaz.
Salazar is 1 row east and 7 strides north of Maestaz.

Now we are walking north on Drive D, seeing Sites 117-126, 128-129 on the left/west in the eastern part of Block 20 and Site 127 on your right in Block 21. When you reach the T, turn right onto Drive 4, and make a quick right turn/south to see Sites 130 and 131 near the NE corner of Block 25.

[117.] This mother died at 53/54. Lot 12.
[118.] Sarah Feeley lived to 75/76. Lot 9.

Vandewiele is 4 stones north of Drive 3—nearly at the SE corner of Block 20 near the curve where Drive 3 becomes Drive D.

The Kern family plot is likewise visible from the SE corner of Block 20 near the curve where Drive 3 becomes Drive D.

Kerns’ ages at death (Lot 11):

[120.] George was 40/41.
[121.] Harry: 30 or 31.
[122.] Albert: 34 or 35.

Harrington is on the west edge of Drive D, 14 strides north of the Kerns’. Thomas Petty’s marker is 2 stones north of Vandewiele. Lissner is 1 row east of Petty and 10 strides north.

[123.] Robert Harrington was 17 or 18. Lot 9.
[124.] Petty was 29 or 30.
[125.] Marie Lissner was 18 or 19. Lot 10.
Hamor is 22 strides north of Vandewiele.
Sponsel is 3 rows in from Drive D, midway north and south in Block 21 on your right.

Next we will see two sites (#s 130 and 131) that are in the shade on this edge of Block 15.

Now we walk east on Drive 4 and soon turn south onto Drive C for Sites 132 and 133 on your right, in the northeastern area of Block 25. Afterwards, turn around and start heading back to the tour’s starting point outside the Moore Parks Shop—via sites 134 through 146 at the base of Block 26.
[132.] Mr. Dalla was 41. In Lot 105. Dalla is on the west edge of Drive C, 10 markers south of Drive 4. Anesi is 5 stones in from Drive C, in the middle of Block 25 north and south.

[133.] Rachele Anesi died at 34 or 35. Lot 102.

[134.] Mr. McLean was 40 or 41. Lot 15.
McLean is 2 rows west, and 1 plot south, of Gogarty (#139).

[135.] Katherine Sanders was 44 or 45. Lot 27.
Sanders is just south of Gogarty.

[136.] Mr. Kuhn died at 38 or 39. Lot 2 (right).
Kuhn is 1 row immediately west of Monninger.

[137.] Mr. Harmon was 71 or 72. Lot 3.
Harmon is 2 rows north of Kuhn.

The final 13 sites are on our left as we walk downhill toward the northeast on the curving Drive C. Sites 134-146 are in the southeastern area of Block 26, close to the intersection of Drives C and 4.
[138.] Monninger was 27 or 28. Lot 14. 
Monninger is adjacent (just to the south of) McLean.

[139.] Minnie Gogarty was 35 or 36. Lot 28. 
Gogarty is 8 headstones north of Drive 4 and 25 actual rows west of Drive C.

[140.] Marie Brown died at age 39 or 40. Lot 60. 
Brown is east of the Block 14 sign on Drive 4. 

Carr is 3 headstones north of Drive 4 and 1 stone in from Drive C—in the SE corner of Block 26.

[142.] Mary Tyler died at 42 or 43. Lot 42. 
Tyler is 14 strides north of Carr. 

[143.] Harry Hurley was 29 when he died. Lot 47. 
Hurley is in the interior of Block 26, 30 strides south of the Sloan infant (Site #44), 10 strides east of it.
[144.] Fillmore Hand died at age 63 or 64. His plot is 26 strides north of McLean (Site #134).

[145.] Smith family ages at death: L. Elmon [the husband and father?] was 37 or 38; Mabel Myers Smith [his wife?] was 28 or 29; and Layton Eugene [their son?] was 5 or 6 years old. Lot 71.

[146.] Robert Hott died at age 21 or 22. Lot 72.

This concludes our tour of every burial that could have occurred during the span of the Spanish Flu in Durango, 1918/1919. You can walk down the rest of Drive C to Cemetery Road and your car or bicycle at the Moore Parks Shop parking lot.

Here are some summary statistics:

A total of 158 individuals are mentioned in this guide. We do not know the gender of two of them. There are nearly twice as many males (101) as females (55).

**These are the age brackets of the 55 females:** 7 of them were less than 6 years old; 9 were 6-16; 21 were 17-39; 8 were 40-60; and 8 were 61 or older (we do not know the age of 2 of the females).

**Age brackets of the 101 males:** 4 were less than 6 years old; 8 were 6-16; **47 of the males were between 17 and 39 [that was the largest demographic] and 27 of the males were 40-60;** 15 were 61 or older. How much the First World War contributed to the large number of young-to-middle age men, as opposed to dying from the Spanish Flu, we do not know. (To see the 3-page index of the 158 individuals, with the details of these demographics, search for “Spanish Flu” in the Histories in the Records Portal.)

Well, what did you think? If you walked this tour and want to share your observations, please do email them to us at clerk@durangogov.org.
A closing thought: President Franklin D. Roosevelt, when viewing the Pyramids of Egypt, remarked that “man’s desire to be remembered is colossal.” One difference between the Pharaohs and the individuals remembered in this tour is that it is likely that most of these who died during the years of the Spanish Flu had not been making massive plans for their remembrance after death. That does not diminish the human desire to matter. This guide, and your participation in the tour of their resting places, has been one way to enhance the remembrance of their lives.

An index of the 158 lives recognized and celebrated in this guide (with their tour site numbers), is on the inside of the loose pull-out map of the tour.

To search the City’s Geographic Information Systems records of burials at Greenmount and to view photos of headstones, open the GIS Greenmount Cemetery Records Search at https://gis.durangogov.org/DurangoJS

When the GIS Viewer is open, click on Map Themes, select Greenmount, then open “Maps” and then “Bookmarks” and then “Greenmount Cemetery”. At that point you can use “Quick Search” to search by last name, first name, dates, years, if a veteran, by typing in service, e.g., Army, Navy, etc. OR, click on the Search yellow button to the left of that row of icons, and select the Advanced Search menu option, which allows you to refine and filter your search.

Note that some of the Greenmount keyword search fields are divided into 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.—which is because some gravestones have multiple names on them. Be advised that an Advanced Search for a date field as a date (e.g. searching for all dates prior to a certain date) does not work—because GIS did not format that field as a date field. Also, the GIS database is not quite current.

When you zoom in on the map, three different colors of boxes are visible. A larger red box indicates a headstone for multiple people in a family. Green squares mean the headstone includes the spouse. Smaller orange boxes mark a headstone for an individual. When zoomed in further still, the names for that headstone will be listed next to the box if you’ve selected. Select Identify/Detail from the upper tab and an inset box will open when you click on a surname—showing details about that burial.

For further reading and research on Durango cemetery burials:

- A biographical walking tour of Greenmount Cemetery, by Todd Ellison, updated 2019 (20 pages, including 200 names in at least 75 burial locations, plus a separate tour map and index (downloadable the same as this tour guide is).

- Spanish Flu era burials names genders and ages (3-page index and details of the demographics mentioned on page 23) (downloadable at durangogov.org/records – scroll down to see the Search Type box and select Histories – INDEXED SEARCH).

- Historical notes and references re: Greenmount Cemetery, by Todd Ellison, 2017 (12 pages, including a list of references to the Cemetery in the City’s minutes, 1884-2016 (downloadable as explained above).

- La Plata county cemetery index published by Genealogical Research Society of the Four Corners, Vol. 2 (Greenmount Cemetery). Durango, CO: Genealogical Research Society of the Four Corners, 1997. Call number at the Durango Public Library: SW 929.5 GEN V.II (upstairs above the front door in the Southwest section; cannot be checked out).

- Durango Herald Archive and Genealogy Digital Workstation upstairs in the Durango Public Library.

- Animas City Cemetery: to read about persons whose bodies were interred at Durango’s other cemetery, bounded by Florida Road and North College Drive, see www.animascitycemetery.org

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