



# History, Map & Walking Guide

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*Italian Cypress trees like those at Evergreen Cemetery have represented death since pagan times. When cut down, the tree will not spring up from its roots, symbolizing the finality of death.*

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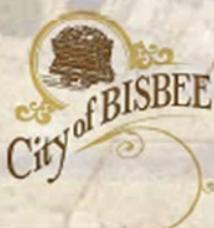
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Directions to Evergreen: Take West Highway 80 Exit off Bisbee traffic circle, turn right at gas station on to Old Douglas Road. Cemetery entrance is across from the 1932 Lowell Middle School.

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Cemetery closes at sunset. | Annual Memorial Day ceremony 10am



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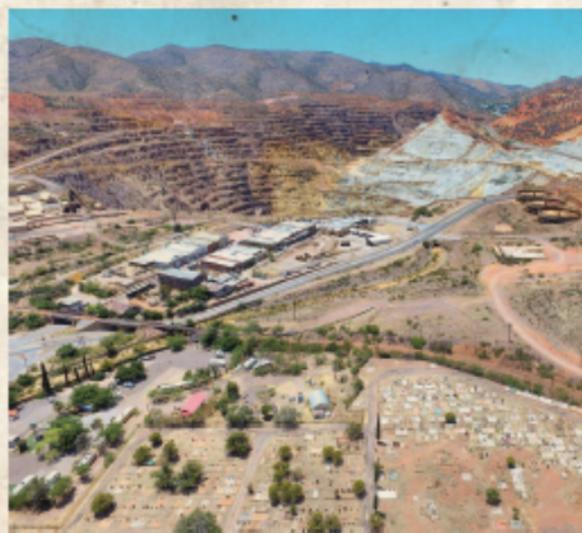
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# Bisbee Beginnings

Chief of Scouts JACK DUNN lead a contingent of 15 soldiers and 25 Indian Scouts under the command of Lt. John Rucker in an August 2, 1877 reconnaissance of the Mule Mountains in search of renegade Apaches. They camped overnight in the immediate vicinity of what is now Evergreen Cemetery. Dunn left the party the next morning to proceed up the canyon in search of water and Indian signs. He discovered a spring and an outcrop of ore in the vicinity of Castle Rock. He grubstaked George Warren, a civilian packer with the army, to file claims on the property and share 50-50 in the discovery. Several claims were filed, but none bore the name of Jack Dunn. These would be the first mining claims filed in the Bisbee area. Disgusted with Warren, Dunn left Arizona for the comforts of a farm in Connecticut, dying there in 1891.

**Origin of Evergreen Cemetery:** When the mining settlement of Bisbee sprang up, burials of primarily unmarried men were haphazard, usually taking place where they died. By 1883, a cemetery had been established in what is now upper Brewery Gulch in the Bisbee historic district. But public health concerns about the leaching of graves into the town's water supply arose after a series of typhoid outbreaks. The City established Evergreen Cemetery in 1912 and transported bodies to the new cemetery. The old cemetery is now City Park. It can be visited by walking up Brewery Gulch.

In 2005, Evergreen Cemetery was listed in the National Register of Historic Places, one of only two cemeteries in Arizona so designated. More than 40 acres in size, it is divided into 51 distinct sections lumped together by fraternal organizations, religion, ethnicity, race and military service.



CEMETERY

# Walking Guide

As you enter the main gate of the cemetery in front of the Lowell Middle School, proceed up the paved promenade to the kiosk. The former icehouse complex is located to the east of the main entry. The Masonic vase (on left) indicates that this is the Masonic Lodge section of the cemetery. (See map.)



1. The large white obelisk is a memorial to **GEORGE WARREN**. Warren had been grubstaked by army scout Jack Dunn to file claims on the mineral outcroppings he had discovered. In 1879 while drinking heavily, Warren bet a friend that he could outrun him on horseback over a short 100 foot course, around a stake and back again. He wagered his mining claims, and lost the race. Brothers Ben and Lewis

Williams and their brother-in-law DeWitt Bisbee (after whom the town would be named) would purchase those claims and adjoining property in 1880 and develop the site as the Copper Queen Mining Company. Between 1881-1884 the property produced 34.5 million pounds of copper and dividends of \$1.35 million. In August, 1885 this property was purchased by Phelps Dodge & Company and merged with their adjoining claims to form the Copper Queen Consolidated Mining Company. This was the beginning of Phelps Dodge as a mining company. After the horse race, things went from bad to worse for Warren. He found odd jobs, but drank even more than before, and relied on charity for much of his keep. After his death, donations were collected to build a monument in Warren's honor in Evergreen Cemetery. The citizens of Bisbee had named their mining district, the "Warren Mining District" after this likeable ne'er-do-well. In the 1880's, the well-known Tombstone photographer C. S. Fly photographed Warren leaning on a pick and looking like a prospector-miner. That image would be incorporated into the Arizona State Seal. And the Bisbee suburb laid out by the Calumet & Arizona Mining Company in 1906 for an expanding population would be named "Warren." A plaque on the south side of the monument reads, "Poor in Purse, Rich in Friends."

3. Behind the Warren monument is the grave of Sheriff **HARRY WHEELER**. After several years of military service, Wheeler enlisted in the Arizona Rangers and was quickly promoted from private to sergeant to lieutenant to commander (in 1907). In 1911 Wheeler was elected Sheriff of Cochise County. Sheriff Wheeler was the driving force behind Bisbee's infamous 1917 Deportation of unionized miners. During WWI, union turmoil threatened to close the copper mine, and mine owners wanted a solution. Wheeler deputized 300 men with orders to round up union supporters. In all, 1,487 miners were marched to the Warren Ballpark, loaded into railroad cars and transported to the New Mexico desert where they were abandoned. Sheriff Wheeler lost his next election.



4. Behind the Warren monument is the grave of **LEMUEL OVERLOCK**, a native of Maine. Overlock joined his brother in a cattle business, and operated a butcher shop, grocery and bakery in Bisbee. In 1908 he opened a stock and mining brokerage in what is now the Stock Exchange Bar on Brewery Gulch in Old Bisbee (where the stock price boards are still on the wall).



5. Also behind the Warren monument is the grave of **J. J. MUIRHEAD**, the first Mayor of Bisbee, elected in 1902. Muirhead operated the Castle Rock Boarding House, now a Bed and Breakfast. The spring (water source) discovered by Army Scout Jack Dunn is located on that property.



6. Further up the promenade on your left is the prominent tombstone of **J.B. ANGIUS**, a Serb, who had a large grocery and general merchandise store on upper Main Street, Bisbee, with a hotel on the second story.



8. Across the promenade, south of 2nd Street in Section 17 is the pole monument marking the **IOOF Odd Fellows** section of the cemetery.

9. Further up the promenade is the simple grave with brass plaque of **ELSIE TOLES**. Elsie was a member of the first graduating class of Bisbee High School in 1906. After college she returned to teach in Bisbee. At age 24, Toles became the first woman elected Cochise County School Superintendent. At 32 she was elected Arizona School Superintendent.



11. Nearby in Section 27 are several tombstones in the motif of wood logs where members of the **Woodman of the World Lodge** are buried. Similar tombstones can be found in section 44.

12. Enclosed by an iron fence under spreading tree branches are the graves of **ANTON MUHEIM** and **HEINRICK DUBACKER**. The Muheim and Dubacker families were brew masters from Switzerland, operating a brewery for which the street Brewery Gulch is named.

13. Across the promenade is a simple grave marked "**Col. J. C. Dunn**, Civil War." Twenty eight veterans of the Civil War are buried at Evergreen.

14. Further up the promenade on the right is the grave of **MAGGIE LETSON**, born in Ireland, arrived in Bisbee in 1886. Known for her business acumen, at one time Letson owned most of the property fronting on either side of Main Street.

15. Above 4th Street is **ST. STEPHEN NEMANJA (SERBIAN) CHURCH** section. Serbian immigrants were well known for their underground mining skills. Many Serbian women arrived in Bisbee as mail-order brides.



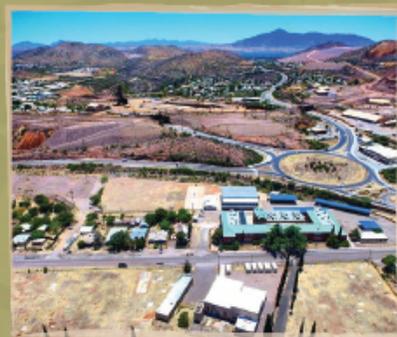
Reference: Cochise County Stalwarts, by Lynn Bailey and Don Chaput, Westernlore Press, 2000  
Genealogy Research: The City of Bisbee has computerized all cemetery records. They are available for public access at the Public Works Department, 118 Arizona Street, 432-6002.

# Evergreen Cemetery Map



## MAP LEGEND

- City of Bisbee Sections
- Religious Sections
- Fraternal Sections
- Veterans & County Sections
- Cemetery Roadways
- Fence
- Gate
- Rosok Mausoleum



CEMETERY

## Key To Plot Section Numbers

### #-NAME

- 1-New Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
- 2-New General
- 3-Serbian
- 4-New General
- 5-Loyal Order Of Moose
- 6-Knights of Pythias
- 7-New General
- 8-Veterans
- 9-Knights of Columbus
- 10-American Legion
- 11-Northeast General B
- 12-Northeast General A
- 13-East General

### #-NAME

- 14-East General
- 15-Loyal Order of Moose
- 16-General
- 17-Independent Order of Oddfellows
- 18-Independent Order of Oddfellows
- 19-General
- 20-General
- 21-General
- 22-County
- 23-East General
- 24-East General
- 25-General

### #-NAME

- 26-Knights Of Pythias
- 27-Ancient Order of United Workmen
- 28-Loyal Orange Lodge
- 29-Loyal Order of Moose
- 30-Catholic
- 31-General
- 32-Northeast Catholic
- 33-Northeast Catholic
- 34-Catholic
- 35-Old Catholic
- 36-New Catholic
- 37-St. Stephen Nemanja Church
- 38-Northwest General

### #-NAME

- 39-Baby Land
- 40-Northwest General
- 41-Northwest General
- 42-New Northwest General
- 43-Improved Order of Red Man
- 44-Woodmen Of the World
- 45-West General
- 46-Old Masonic
- 47-Old Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
- 48-The Fraternal Brotherhood
- 49-Fraternal Order of Eagles
- 50-Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
- 51-Masonic