

Stories in Stone

A self-guided Jones County cemetery trail

Meet the artists, community builders, veterans and inmates whose stories are part of Jones County. Choose a few stops or split the route across the weekend. Suggested daylight visiting; follow posted access rules and give all services and mourners space.

WEST & SOUTH | Anamosa - Fairview - Martelle - Morley - Olin

1. Riverside Cemetery - Anamosa

Elm Street, Anamosa | [Map](#)

Grant Wood, painter of *American Gothic*, rests here, as does his sister **Nan Wood Graham**, the painting's female model. **Edmund Booth** and **Mary Ann Walworth Booth** are also buried here. Edmund helped establish Anamosa and became a newspaper editor and an influential advocate for Deaf education. [2, 3]

2. Anamosa State Penitentiary Cemetery - Boot Hill

Ridge Road / County Road E28, west of Buffalo Creek | [Map](#)

Documented inmate burials include **Noah Banks**, a bank robber and escapee; **Charles DeForrest Ives**, convicted in the 1931 killing of Des Moines grocer George Cordaro; and **Patrick "Paddy" Ryan** and **Albert Mitchell**, who died during the August 1886 escape attempt. Many earlier graves were relocated here; several markers carry multiple names. Use the cemetery entrance and obey any state-property restrictions. [4-7]

3. Wilcox Cemetery - Fairview / Viola area

Fairview Road at Linn-Jones Road | [Map](#)

Edward Millis Crow, an early settler in the neighboring Viola area of Linn County, is buried here. The association began as the Old Settlers Cemetery Association of Fairview in 1873. This is a good stop for the pioneer families whose lives crossed today's county boundaries. [8, 9]

4. Norwich Cemetery - near Martelle

7528 Iowa Highway 1, Martelle | [Map](#)

Charles White Ormsby, credited with laying out Martelle in 1872, is buried here. So is **Frank Hoffman**, the town's first merchant, who began supplying customers at Christmas 1872. The cemetery also preserves the story of the earlier Norwich settlement and the pioneer Soper family. [10, 11, 41]

5. Green Center Cemetery - rural Morley

5986 180th Avenue, rural Morley | [Map](#)

Hiram Putnam Farnham and his wife **Mary** are buried here. In 1870, H. P. Farnham and his wife sold land for the neighborhood chapel. Its congregations connect this rural burial ground with the later church community in Morley. [12, 13]

6. Olin Cemetery - Olin

Iowa Highway 38, south of Olin | [Map](#)

Look for **Norman B. Seely**, one of the people involved in establishing the cemetery, and **David E. Rummel**, a Civil War veteran and longtime cemetery association leader. The Grand Army of the Republic section adds another chapter to Olin's community story. [14, 15, 24]

East & north

Oxford Junction - Wyoming - Scotch Grove - Monticello

7. Mayflower Cemetery - Oxford Junction

Northeast of Oxford Junction, near County Road E45 | [Map](#)

John Sylvester Stout, a former Oxford Junction mayor, is listed among the burials. Czech and German inscriptions on some early stones tell another part of the area's immigrant history. Use the cemetery's on-site directory to explore the families represented here. [16-18]

8. Wyoming Cemetery - Wyoming

Iowa Highway 136, northwest of Wyoming | [Map](#)

James A. Bronson and **Bushnell K. Bronson**, two of the men who laid out Wyoming, are buried here. **Dr. Martin H. Calkins**, the town's first mayor, longtime country doctor, historian and state legislator, is another highlight. The cemetery's online resources include a plot map and burial lists. [19-22]

9. Scotch Grove / Scott Cemetery

95th Avenue, just north of the historic Presbyterian church | [Map](#)

Notable burials include **Rev. James McKean** and **Charles P. Hutton**, both listed as War of 1812 veterans. **John E. Lovejoy**, brother of abolitionist editor Elijah P. Lovejoy, is also buried here. Pause at the Civil War soldier monument while exploring the community's early families. [23, 24]

10. Oakwood Cemetery - Monticello

East Oak Street, Monticello | [Map](#)

Sewall Spaulding Farwell, Civil War officer, Iowa senator and U.S. representative, is buried near the Company H monument. **Ross and Elizabeth Baty**, the benefactors whose names grace Monticello's public library, are here too. Jones County Tourism also identifies Oakwood as the resting place of **Sara Sherman Maxon Wood**, Grant Wood's former wife. [2, 24-26]

OPTIONAL CASCADE EXTENSION | DUBUQUE COUNTY

+ Cascade Community / Protestant Cemetery

101 McKinley Street NW, Cascade | [Map](#)

James Hill received the Medal of Honor for his actions at Champion Hill, Mississippi, in 1863. Another memorable stop is **Maxine Menster's** stone: her family had her Christmas cookie recipe engraved on the back as a loving tribute. This cemetery is on Cascade's Dubuque County side. [27, 28]

Another Jones County option: Bowens Prairie Cemetery, northeast of Monticello, contains the grave of **Otis Whittemore**, an early settler and Iowa state representative during the Civil War era. [29, 30]

Visit with care: Walk around graves, leave decorations in place, and never climb, lean on or make rubbings of old stones. Daylight is a suggested visiting practice, not a verified schedule of cemetery opening hours.

Arrange permission first

Historical records identify the sites below as being on private land or farms. Ownership and entry arrangements can change; confirm with the current owner or caretaker before visiting. These are history features, not walk-in stops.

Cemetery / area	People & stories	Access evidence
Cherry Grove / Mann Between Martelle and Morley	David Mann and family; Suza Mann's recorded death in 1838 is an especially early burial.	The published history identifies privately owned land and describes the Olin FFA's 1997 restoration. Obtain current permission. [31]
Ristine-Midland / Wehling Jackson Township	Margaret Ristine and the Ristine, Snyder and Shaffer children are among the recorded burials.	The cemetery record explicitly locates it on an individual's land. Confirm the present owner and access route. [32]
Clark gravestone / Troy farm Castle Grove Township	Jane Clark, died April 15, 1846; a single-grave pioneer site.	The record places the grave on the Troy farm. Do not enter farm lanes or fields without permission. [33]
Hutton / Julif Temple Hill area	David Hutton, died 1846, and Mary L. Hutton, died 1852.	A related Scotch Grove burial note places Mary's stone on a farm. Treat this as permission-first; verify current arrangements. [23, 34]
Sams / Fremont Cass Township	Edward M. Sams, Cassander / Casander Edginton Sams and other family members.	A 2015 family-research note identifies private land. Current access was not independently established. [35, 36]

Two more sites to handle separately

Edinburg / County Home Cemetery: Records include **Donald and Ann Livingstone** and **Alexander and Jane Sutherland**, connecting the site to early settlement. Confirm this cemetery's own entry arrangements. **Edinburgh Manor is private property and requires reservations;** its booking rules do not establish access to a separate cemetery parcel. No Halloween weekend admission or availability is promised here. [37, 38]

Bear Creek / Beers / John Paul Beers Cemetery: The memorial to **William Nichols** records that he was born enslaved and joined Union forces in 1863. His story deserves a feature of its own. Current public access was not verified; arrange access before adding it to a visitor route. [39]

What the county map means: The double asterisk marks a *pioneer cemetery*; it does not mean private ownership. The map warns that many sites are on private property, but does not provide a complete current private/public ownership register. These five entries are a documented starting list, not an exhaustive inventory. [1]

Local mapping help: Jones County GIS, **319-462-5303**, gis@jonescountyiowa.gov. Ask about the correct cemetery parcel and the appropriate township or cemetery contact. [40]

Follow the stories

Compiled October 30, 2026. Numbers in the guide refer to the clickable sources below. Cemetery readings may be older than their web pages and may omit later burials.

1. [Jones County GIS: cemetery map \(updated January 17, 2022\)](#)
2. [Jones County Tourism: Grant Wood sites and burial locations](#)
3. [ASD Pioneers: Edmund Booth biography and Riverside burial](#)
4. [Anamosa State Penitentiary Museum Archive: Boot Hill history](#)
5. [Traci Rylands: photographed prison graves and research, Part I](#)
6. [Traci Rylands: photographed prison graves and research, Part II](#)
7. [ASP Archive: Anamosa Eureka account of the 1886 escape and burials](#)
8. [Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: Wilcox Cemetery Association](#)
9. [Springville historical newsletter, May 2018: Edward M. Crow burial](#)
10. [Jones IAGenWeb / JCGS: Norwich burial reading and cemetery history](#)
11. [Corbit, History of Jones County \(1910\): Martelle town history](#)
12. [Jones IAGenWeb / JCGS: Green Center burials and chapel history](#)
13. [Dawson Funeral Services: Green Center location in John Kosman obituary](#)
14. [Jones IAGenWeb / JCGS: Olin burial reading](#)
15. [Corbit, History of Jones County \(1910\): Olin Cemetery organization](#)
16. [Jones IAGenWeb / JCGS: Mayflower burial reading](#)
17. [Family research citing Oxford Junction pioneer history: John S. Stout](#)
18. [Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: Mayflower / Oxford Junction](#)
19. [Jones IAGenWeb / JCGS: Wyoming burials and current plot resources](#)
20. [Corbit, History of Jones County \(1910\): Wyoming founders](#)
21. [City of Wyoming: Dr. Calkins, the community's first mayor](#)
22. [State Historical Society / Iowa Legislature: Dr. Calkins obituary and burial](#)
23. [Jones IAGenWeb / JCGS: Scotch Grove burials and Lovejoy history](#)
24. [Sons of Union Veterans: Jones County cemetery monuments and locations](#)
25. [U.S. House of Representatives: Sewall Spaulding Farwell biography](#)
26. [Monticello Public Library: Ross and Elizabeth Baty history and burial](#)
27. [Cascade historical audio tour: James Hill](#)
28. [Atlas Obscura: Maxine Menster gravestone and cemetery address](#)
29. [Jones IAGenWeb / JCGS: Bowens Prairie burial reading](#)
30. [Iowa Legislature: Otis Whittemore service, 1862-1864](#)
31. [Jones IAGenWeb: Cherry Grove / Mann private-land and restoration account](#)
32. [Jones IAGenWeb / JCGS: Ristine-Midland private-land record and burials](#)
33. [Jones IAGenWeb: Jane Clark gravestone on the Troy farm](#)
34. [Jones IAGenWeb / JCGS: Hutton / Julif burials \(see also source 23\)](#)
35. [Jones IAGenWeb / JCGS: Sams / Fremont burial reading](#)
36. [Historical Misc family-research note \(2015\): Sams on private land](#)
37. [Edinburgh Manor: owner's private-property and reservation requirements](#)
38. [Jones IAGenWeb / JCGS: Edinburg Cemetery burial reading](#)
39. [Jones IAGenWeb / JCGS: Bear Creek, including William Nichols inscription](#)
40. [Jones County GIS: current contact information](#)
41. [Goettsch Funeral Home: Norwich street address](#)