

# Mt. Pleasant Cemetery

# Cowlitz County Register

<b>Name</b>	Mount Pleasant Cemetery	
<b>Alternate Name</b>	N/A	
<b>Address</b>	115 E. Raven Ridge Rd.   Kelso, WA 98626	
<b>Community</b>	Mount Pleasant	
<b>Inventory Identification Number</b>	#100017	
<b>Owner</b>	Cowlitz County Cemetery District #6	
<b>NRHP Identification Number/Date</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>WHR/HBR Identification Number/Date</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>CCHR Identification Number/Date</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Year Built</b>	1878	
<b>Site Type</b>	Historic Cemetery	
<b>Historic Use</b>	Cemetery	
<b>Current Use</b>	Cemetery	
<b>Destination Coordinates</b>	N/A	
<b>Link</b>	N/A	

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery is located on a 2.4 acre piece of land in the hills north of Kalama, at the southern end of Hale Barber Road. The cemetery has panoramic views of the surrounding hills and Columbia River. A center lane through the cemetery wide enough for a single vehicle has been paved, following the original, pioneer-era pathway and some of the oldest graves are in the first rows immediately alongside. There are 274 known gravesites on the property which are noted as contributing resources, and indication that further unmarked graves may exist. The oldest grave at the cemetery dates to 1878, and the most recent are within the past ten years. The amount of gravesites has grown since the cemetery was first described, however the graves that have been added follow the pattern of placement that was established by the earliest pioneers. As a result, the layout of the cemetery remains the same. The early pioneers buried at Mt. Pleasant and their known descendants make up nearly half of the cemetery. Some early graves remain unmarked or are marked with more modern headstones, however others have been preserved in their original state or have been repaired.

The historical significance of this cemetery is high. The history of Washington State, from indigenous peoples and the founding of Fort Astoria, to territorial settlement and statehood can be found in the life stories of the people buried at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Burials within the cemetery include one of the area's earliest settlers who was a noted politician, two Cowlitz natives who are descendants of the founders of Fort Astoria, well-known local merchants and farmers, and descendants of Major Carroll (after whom the town of Carrolls is named). (I. Sandstrom, personal communication, March 23rd, 2017).

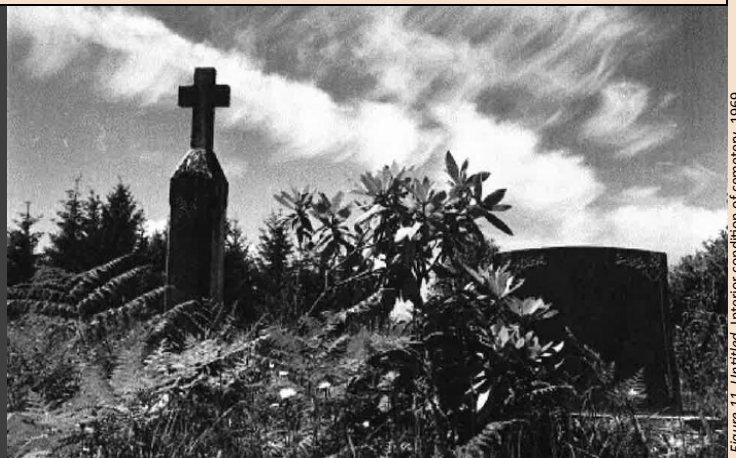


Figure 11. Untitled. Interior condition of cemetery, 1969.



Figure 12. Untitled. Mt. Pleasant Cemetery looking west, 03/27/2017.