



Missoula City Cemetery

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Stories and Stones Historical Tour Sunday, Sept. 18 ****New Date** 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

One of Missoula's oldest cemeteries presents an afternoon of history brought to life through the stories of individuals from Missoula's past. Come enjoy this vastly popular event for all ages.

Missoula City Cemetery is proud to feature exciting new stories and storytellers for this year's tour:

- * John B. Catlin lived a military life full of adventure. He enlisted in the Civil War as a young man, rose quickly in rank to command his company and participated in the Grand Review in Washington, D.C., at the close of the war. John came west as a bullwhacker for a freight wagon where adventure was at every turn. He was a highly respected businessman, land developer and politician. Come listen to John's tales and his many accomplishments as recounted by his great-grandson, John Catlin Coffee.
- * Nels Seadin was a Swedish immigrant who came to Garnet, Montana, in 1905. He settled his family in the mining town, where advertisements of "streams filled with gold" brought miners to the area by the hundreds. The life of a miner was hard, with unpredictable success. The medical confinement of his daughter to a wheelchair forced Nels to leave Garnet many times in search of more reliable work. His love of Garnet always brought him back. Nels finally found stable employment in Garnet as the postmaster, where he worked until his retirement in 1939. Come connect with a family who dreamed, struggled and found contentment in a remote mountain town as told by members of the Seadin family.
- * John Lehsou barely survived a harrowing journey over the Bozeman cutoff trail in 1865 on his way to deliver a load of mining supplies to the Bitterroot Valley. John saw financial promise in the mining operations happening in the Garnet Mountains and soon established a stage station in Bear Town, invested in the water rights throughout the Garnet hills, and finally bought out the mining claims that needed his water source to operate. Come hear Dr. James Sears tell of John's adventures and learn the tricks of placer mining from three students representing John's mining partners: Henry Eppel, John Elfers and John Donlon.

Do you know that at the Missoula City Cemetery you will also discover...

- * Which sheriff masterminded the robbery of a County payroll to fund his socialist activities?
- * Why a saloon was the stage for Sunday church services?
- * Which Congresswoman cast the only vote against World War II?
- * What strict rules of conduct female teachers on the frontier had to uphold?

- * Who was the namesake for the town of Polson?
- * Which laundress murdered her husband?
- * How two young girls spread the Gospel?
- * What mysteries lie hidden within the Wilma Theater?
- * What a cryptic message etched on a cardboard token revealed?
- * These stories and so much more!

Volunteers will tell 20 stories. Come see individuals dressed in the costumes of old as they capture your imagination by reenacting people of our past. **Admission is FREE!** This event is made possible by generous donations from the public.

Contact the cemetery administrative manager for questions about this event: Mary Ellen Stubb at 552-6070

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