



# *Missoula City Cemetery*

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## **Stories and Stones Historical Tour**

**Sunday, Oct. 26**

**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 for this year's tour:

- \* A smooth-talking Barron promising a life of riches in his Montana palace swept Anne Lester O'Keefe, a descendant of Scottish royalty, off her feet. Wed after a three-day courtship, they set out for Montana, where the palace was actually a rough-hewn log shack with dirt floors in the mountains of Missoula. The will and strength of frontier women ran strong, and Anne Lester O'Keefe was no exception. Come hear her incredible story.
- \* See the Old West through the eyes of a man legendary for transferring that history onto canvas. Edgar Paxson's contribution to Montana's history through his historical paintings is invaluable.
- \* Emma Dickinson survived a frightening journey to arrive in Missoula, where she was the town's first school teacher. Teachers upheld very high moral levels set by the townspeople, and Emma followed a strict list of rules. Today that list is more entertaining than realistic.
- \* Step back in time and enjoy songs from the *Great American Songbook*. What significance did the songs "Yankee Doodle" and "Dixie" play in America's history? Enjoy a musical presentation heard in the days of the Civil War and learn the importance of maintaining our musical heritage.

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

- \* How a love story originated a Missoula icon known as the Wilma Theatre?
- \* How three young merchants with dreams built the foundation for the Missoula we know today?
- \* How flamboyant businesswoman Mary Gleim masked her "night-time" business?
- \* Whose name is synonymous with the intricate architectural design in Missoula?
- \* Which laundress was murdered by her husband?
- \* These stories and so much more!

Volunteers will tell up to 50 stories. Visitors will be treated to live music, food, and fun. Come see individuals dressed in times of old as they capture your imagination by reenacting people of our past. Enjoy food and music to make this a perfect fall afternoon event. **Admission is FREE!** This event sponsored through your generous donations.

*We encourage the public to come thank the storytellers for their entertaining historical performances on this, our last annual production of Stories and Stones. The cemetery will break from presenting this tour in 2015 to revisit the structure, timing, labor and resources needed to meet the tour's ever-growing popularity. We thank everyone who has attended each year for their continued support over the past 12 years and hope to see them this year on Sunday, Oct. 26.*

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