

Unique monuments ... In a cemetery as old as Mt. Hope many unique monuments can be found. In the old block area section 4 lot 9 spaces 7 through 12 is the McCray / Pew family monument; they were all buried from 1868 to 1890. From a distance it is not recognized as a monument at all, for it looks like a standing tree trunk. In it's day it must have been beautiful with its winding vines and flowers. In the center is a scroll with information on the family, now almost unreadable with time.

There are several tree stump markers in the cemetery as well, all just as unique as this one. While you are touring the grounds you may want to look for them yourself. They can be found in older sections of the what was once Oak Grove Cemetery, sections A, D, F and P.

Another interesting version of the tree is found in section A lot 103 space 10, belonging to Elizabeth Miller, buried in 1875 and Lucy Hartman buried January 15, 1903. This monument, in all appearance, is a log.

In section F lot 146 space 5, the smaller section east of section D, is one of natures monuments. Mary H. Rennert's children had a copper plaque mounted in a large rock and set as her headstone; it reads: "At Rest, Mother"

The uniqueness in ones choice of monuments is not restricted to the older sections of the cemetery. In section 1 WMH lot 129 space 6, the family of Frank E. Salza, buried in December 1980 has a large piece of driftwood as a marker. It too is as beautiful as it is original.

In section 4WMN along the drive is a beautiful memorial to "The Unborn Child."

The style and type of monuments chosen to mark the spot of our loved ones varies as much as the personalities of those they represent. As you tour the grounds take time to notice the beauty in each one.