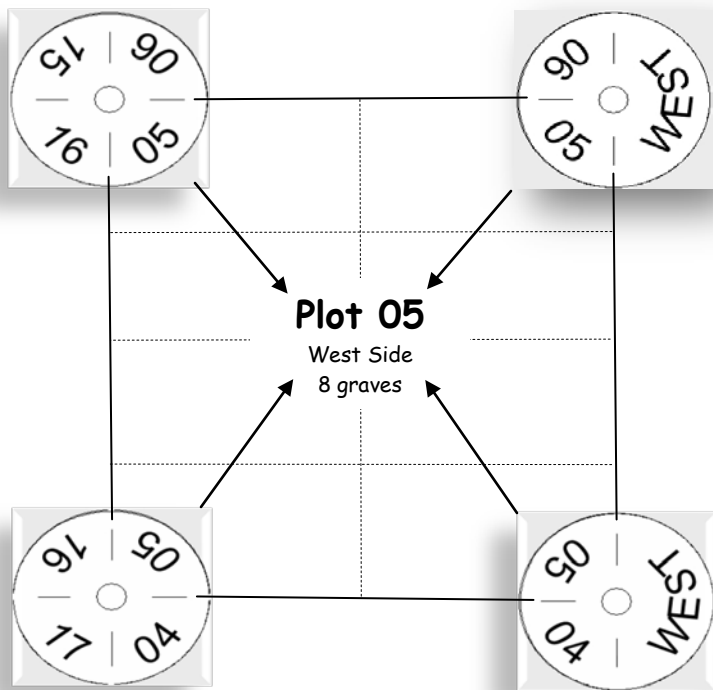




How To Read The Disc Markers



Individual graves within each plot are not marked. The letters A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H were used in some documents to identify individual graves, however, the pattern of use was not consistent and therefore cannot be shown on the map. Individual graves are now identified in the index using N, E, S & W. The cemetery plot inventory notebook is available for review.

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... in death lamented as in life beloved ...

The map on the inside of this flyer is based on the original 1925 plat recorded in Book 1, Page 97 at the Randolph County Courthouse. The map is not to scale and has been reduced for this brochure – it serves as a good reference for the location of the plots and discs.

The original map shows plot numbers and indicates each large plot was to be 21' x 21'. Large plots were to contain eight graves and small plots were to contain four graves. The map also shows a cemetery lane and walkways (*not shown here*) between the plots but these do not have dimensions.

The cemetery has never been completely staked or marked. In 2010 measurements were taken and a study was completed that showed the original plots could be located and marked. Errors in the placement of tombstones over the last 85 years have compounded problems in alignment particularly in the NE section of the cemetery. Portions of Lots 43-50 on the West side are now part of the steep sloping bank created when the side road for the new church was constructed. The split rail fence basically follows the property lines and not the layout of the cemetery.

The average spacing between the new disc markers is about 22 feet for large plots and 11' for small plots – the difference is attributed to the unknown width of the walkways and center road shown on the original map. Lots 54-63 West and 65-74 East contain two graves each and are part of the original *mound* area. Not all of the corners of the *mound* plots are the same as the adjoining plot corners on the original map because the *mound* section was laid out differently and the disc markers were set accordingly.

A searchable computer database with names is available in the church office and also in printed form in the Cemetery Association notebooks. The names were compiled from: 1) lists of the West Bend Memorial Association, 2) a handwritten cemetery inventory of burials provided by Oscar Sowers, 3) cemetery tombstone readings done in 1996 by Jo Barrett and Doris Brewer for the Randolph County Genealogy Society, and 4) and our own cemetery inventory finished in 2010.

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West Side

East Side

