

**LAVENIA (OR LAVINA) CHAPEL CEMETERY
(LOWER DUCK CREEK)
BROADWATER COUNTY
NEAR TOWNSEND, MONTANA
NOVEMBER 2006**

This cemetery is located north of Townsend, Broadwater County, Montana, Township 8 North, Range 2 East, Section 17. It is three miles west of Secondary Highway 284 on the Lower Duck Creek Road. The signs denote "Lavina Cemetery." The Fairview Cemetery is next to this cemetery. Two brothers owned the land of the Fairview and Lavenia Cemeteries.

"Duck Creek cemetery was plotted and a church was built by Frank Keene on a hill which was part of his farm. The church and cemetery was named Lavenia Chapel after his daughter Lavenia who died in 1893 at five months of age. Thomas J. Keene, son of Flave Keene died February 19, 1887 and was buried in this cemetery. The Lavenia Chapel cemetery was used by members of the Frank Keene family and others including the Frank Campbells, E. A. Campbells, the Anslome Parkers, the A. H. West family and the DeBordes. A sandstone monument is on Marie West's 1896 grave, great grandmother of Maudie Chamberlain. There is one other sandstone monument on an infant son of McClintock, 1894. These sandstone markers are made from the same sandstone used as the foundation stones of the Lavenia Chapel. The sandstones of the church's foundation are still where they were placed." Broadwater County Cemetery book, page 31, which is located in the Broadwater County Museum.

LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	T	BIRTH	DEATH	AGE	REMARKS
Bogner							Dates unknown, unable to locate a tombstone
Brown	Fred	Richard	x	1915/12/28			Born Roberts, Montana
Brown	Margaret	LaVerna	x	1921/07/23	1998/07/29	77	Born Rhame, North Dakota, died Helena, Montana
Brown	T	H	x	1954/01/21	1995/07/02	41	Pvt US Marine Corps, Vietnam
Buckingham	Grace	M	x	1897	1919	22	
Buckingham	Joseph	W	x	1887	1944	57	
Campbell	Baby		x				No dates
Campbell	Bobby	Jo	x	1975	1975	0	
Campbell	Carol	E	x	1933/12/22			w-Merlin J.
Campbell	Edwin	J	x	1907	1972	65	
Campbell	Elber	A	x	1921	1921	0	
Campbell	Elizabeth	Katherine	x		1988/10/04		"In God's care", "Infant daughter of Thomas and Rena Campbell"
Campbell	Frank	T	x	1875	1953	78	"We will meet again"
Campbell	Infant		x				c-Edwin and Laura, dates unknown
Campbell	Infant		x				c-Edwin and Laura, dates unknown
Campbell	Jesse	E	x	1906/11/04	1985/04/06	79	h-Rose E.

Campbell	Katherine	M (Baum)	x	1910/01/09	1966/01/09	56	“Mother”
Campbell	Laura	E	x	1912	1991/06/06	79	
Campbell	Lela	G (Parker)	x	1884	1967	83	“We will meet again”
Campbell	Mary	Yvonne	x	1937	1938	1	d-Edwin and Laura
Campbell	Merlin	J	x	1929/06/03	1994/03/15	65	h-Carol E., “Together Forever, Married 12/30/1952”, US Navy, Korea, (two stones)
Campbell	Ronald	Damond	x	1976	1976	0	
Campbell	Rose	E	x	1908/10/11			w-Jesse
Campbell	Roy	M	x	1908/04/03	1989/09/04	81	“Father”, US Navy, Korea
DeBorde	Emma	I	x	1856	1918	62	
DeBorde	Solomon	Thomas	x	1852/10/15	1927/06/09	75	brother of Albert and Jesse DeBorde
Diehl	Elda	E (Campbell)	x	1910	1926/08/12	16	w-George Diehl
Double	Bessie	(Parker)	x	1891	1960	69	“Mother”
Double	E.	Joy	x	1931/01/24	1935/04/23	4	“Our darling daughters”
Double	L.	Floyd	x	1885	1962	77	“Father”
Double	Mary	Francis	x	1915/03/06	1915/04/19	1m13d	“Our darling daughters”
Earl	Ida	M	x	1886	1908	22	
Ellis	Arthur	J	x	1931	1975	44	“Father”, “In loving memory”
Ellis	Mildred	R (Thormahlen)	x	1934	1994	60	“Mother”, “In loving memory”
Eslick	Joseph	E	x	1937/07/15	1993/05/11	56	US Navy
Eslick	Ray	L	x	1916/05/27	1941/10/16	25	“Father”
Eslick	Rose	Loraine	x	1941/05/09	1941/05/25	16d	“Daughter”
George	William		x	1828	1894/03/10	66y2m10d	
Gilbert	W	N	x	1858	1932	74	
Hicks	Charles	M	x	1911	1986/02/05	75	
Howard	Johnnie	Lee		1935/07/05	2003/10/24	68	
Keene	Eugene	Leslie	x	1885	1895/10/05	10y7m10d	s-T. Frank and S.N. Keene, he was going duck hunting in a buggy and was accidentally killed by a shotgun.
Keene	Lavenia			1893	1893	5m	d-T. Frank and S.N. Keene, unable to locate a tombstone
Keene	Son	Infant	x	1914	1914	0	s-Guy and Hattie Keene
Keene	Thomas	F “Frank”	x	1836	1923	87	“Montana Pioneer 1864”, Civil War veteran
Keene	Thomas	J	x	1867	1887/02/19	20y19d	“Too good for earth - God called him home.” Son of Flavius and Harriet B. Keene. He was working for his uncle Harvey Keene rounding up horses near the Willow Creek area when his horse fell with him and he died of a broken neck. The coffin was ordered from Herrmann & Co. Funeral Home by F. J. Keene and charged to T. C. Power, one Rosewood Case 6-6x24 and outside box.

Kimber	Baby						Dates unknown, near driveway, unable to locate a tombstone
Lee	Annie	Laurie	x	1889	1890/02/21	7m	d-Rev. E.L. and M.L. Lee
Lee Jr.	Eugene	L	x	1893	1893/01/07	7w	s-Rev. E.L. and M.L. Lee
McClintock	Infant	Son	x		1894		s-F.M. and M. McClintock
Parker	Anslem		x	1844/02/27	1899/06/26	55	“At rest”
Parker	Carrie	Son	x	1888	1888/09/11	3m2d	s-A. and H. Parker, unable to locate a tombstone
Parker	Frank		x	1883	1922	39	
Parker	Hester	A	x	1858	1937	79	“Resting until the resurrection morn”
Parker	William			1894	1894	3m	s-A.H. Parker, unable to locate a tombstone
Parker	William		x	1819	1894/11/04	75y10m11d	
Peters	Franklin	O	x	1911	1982	71	S Sgt. US Army, WWII
Peters	Velma	Ruth		1924/03/01	2004/09/09		
Porter	Alta	E	x	1869	1933	64	
Porter	Edgar	A	x	1868	1953	85	
Porter	Esta	E	x	1894/05/21	1915/04/14	21	w-Hugh H. Porter
Porter	Hugh	Hibbert	x	1891/05/04	1945/01/28	51	h-Esta E. Porter, Sgt Montana Bakers and Cooks Sch QMC
Schwartz	Conrad		x	1940	1999	59	
Thormahlen	Raymond	A	x	1936/03/22	1984/07/20	48	“Our beloved”
Unknown			x				Metal marker “Unknown”
Unknown			x				Metal marker “Unknown”
West	A	H					Unable to locate a tombstone
West	Marie		x	1853	1896/11/22	43	Great grandmother of Maudie Chamberlain
White	Elmer	R	x	1899/10/02	1984/09/21	85	Pvt US Army, WWII
White	Goldie		x	1915	1985/06/15	70	
Zindell	Dorothy	F	x	1914/09/22			
Zindell	Wilbur	Orville	x	1903/09/14	1991/03/30	88	

T-Tombstone

Legend:

f-father, m-mother, h-husband, w-wife, c-child, s-son, d-daughter, sis-sister, b-brother

References:

Broadwater County Cemetery book, page 31, located in the Broadwater County Museum.

Broadwater Bygones, Broadwater County, Montana, 1897, A History of Broadwater County, Copyright, 1977, Broadwater County Historical Society.

Coffin Book from Herrmann & Co. dealers in *All Kinds of Styles of Furniture, Bedding, Upholstery, Etc.*, METALLIC AND WOOD CASKETS ALWAYS ON HAND, Helena, Montana, located on October 6, 2005 at the Montana Historical Society, collection SC 1673. Also in collection was an advertisement pasted on a little square of wood, stating the date of 1871, furniture and “metallic and wooden coffins.”

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