

**LOMBARD CEMETERY**  
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**BROADWATER COUNTY, MONTANA**  
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“Lombard was a railroad town in its early days. The station was at the crossroads of the Northern Pacific and the Milwaukee. For many years there was no automobile road into town and all citizens had to go and come by train. The name was chosen to honor A. G. Lombard, chief engineer of the Montana Railroad during its construction. The original name was Castle Junction. In 1900 the community was dominated by the “Jaw Bone” Railroad. \*Billy Kee (Kie), the Chinese major, hotel proprietor, and man-about-town was famous for this two-story High Point Inn, which he opened in 1897, serving good meals and featuring a bathroom with hot and cold running water. Kee ran his hotel with flexibility: when he went to bed he left a light burning and the register open; late-comers simply scrawled their names in the book, chose a key, and raced the bedbugs to the rooms (Stearns). The post office operated 1896-1957; George Walker was the postmaster.” Roberta Carkeek Cheney, *Names on the Face of Montana, The Story of Montana’s Place Names*, Mountain Press Publishing Company, Missoula, 1983.

“Lombard, walled in by rock cliffs, was inaccessible except by railroad or horseback until the first road was constructed about 1930. Ironically, the town paid road taxes from the time of it founding [ca. 1897] but depended mostly on two transcontinental railways for its commerce. The town was named for A.G. Lombard, civil engineer for the Northern Pacific.” *Broadwater Bygones*

“Across Sixteen Mile Creek are two stones, and they are all that remain visible of the old grave yard. West of the old railroad bridge are the graves of early day railroad workers killed during construction.” Broadwater County Museum cemetery display.

NAME	BORN	DIED	NOTES
Carey, Theresa and Patrick		1893 Abt.	LOMBARD: Information given by Laurie Edwards. She stated that her relatives were buried in Lombard. Name could be spelled Cary, Carrey, or Carrie.
Gamerson, Baby Girl		1909	Per Broadwater County death records, baby lived in Lombard and is buried in Lombard. “Died 6 months gestation, died some weeks prior to birth.” Information was filed with Broadwater County on 2/21/1909.

References:

Broadwater County Death Book, Clerk and Recorder’s Office, Townsend, Montana.

Broadwater County Museum, Townsend, MT, Cemetery Display.

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

\*Billie Kee Beheaded in China, page 229 of the Broadwater Bygones. Billie was not beheaded according to the article in the Helena Daily Independent of 10/24/1916.

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia:

Lombard is a ghost town in southeastern Broadwater County, Montana, United States. The town was located on the east bank of the Missouri River, just north of the mouth of Sixteen Mile Creek. Lombard was established in 1895 as the western terminus of the Montana Railroad, and the location of its interchange with the Northern Pacific Railway. In 1908, the Montana Railroad was incorporated into the new transcontinental main line of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad ("the Milwaukee Road"). This lessened Lombard's importance as a railroad operational base, but the town survived as an interchange point between the Milwaukee and the Northern Pacific.

Lombard was named for A.G. Lombard, the chief engineer of the Montana Railroad. The town's post office was first opened in 1896, and closed in 1957.

The population of Lombard declined throughout the first half of the twentieth century, corresponding with its lessening importance as a railroad town. Lombard was deserted by the time the Milwaukee Road line through the area was abandoned in 1980, and it remains a ghost town today.