WHITEWATER CEMETERY VETERANS

PLOT 131 Black, Thomas B. CW04 US Navy, WWII -Korea

PLOT 140 Carrico, Alfred M. (Junior) U.S.Army WWII

PLOT 4 Dodgion, Archie Jenkins Confederate Soldier, Civil War

PLOT 111 Farmer, Sgt. Lewis Nelson Co. E 81st Inf. Union Soldier, Civil War

PLOT none Gaylord, George II Capt. Union Army, Civil War (moved to OM Cemetery)

> PLOT 36 Myers, Clifford J. U.S. Navy WWII

PLOT 39 Myers, Edith Euphrmia Stasson U.S. Navy WWII

PLOT 114 Sherwood, Richard (Dick) U.S. Marines WWII

PLOT 107 Walker, Jesse Martin Confederate Soldier, Civil War

PLOT 104B White, Joshua Reason Co. D 4th Ohio Infantry Union Soldier, Civil War

PLOT 133 Summers, Jesse Arthur US Army, WW11

PLOT 48 Dixon, Howard Arthur WW1 Veteran

PLOT 128A Anthony, William Joseph US Navy World War II Veteran

PLOT 158 VietNam Marines Memorial Lydon, Albert Michael II



The Historic Whitewater Cemetery

The Historic Whitewater Cemetery is located on an adobe hill southeast of the town of Whitewater. It is the American Flag and some of the graves that can be seen from U. S. Highway 50, a little south of Whitewater.

This original forty acres was officially presented to the community on October 21, 1909, under a land patent signed by President William H. Taft. Later it was noted that several graves lay outside the boundaries of this parcel and Keith Clark was instrumental in obtaining an additional ten acres from Mesa County in 1990.

Records indicate the first burial was of young woman named Susan Rebecca Keeler White, aged thirty seven years, eight months and seven days, on March 8, 1888. She was the wife of Joshua Reason White, a Union Soldier.

We are honoured to have a special monument donated by local Vietnam Veterans. You will notice their beautiful monument and rock work near the flag pole.

Many others were laid to rest nearby and the cemetery is now the final resting place of approximately one hundred and fifty people – young and old, recent and far back in time. There are 13 veterans who have found a final resting place at this cemetery, four from the Civil War. There are old worn headstones, homemade wooden crosses, hand carved local limestone, a child's toys, as well as new marble stones, a stone bench and more. Some graves have no marker. Over the earlier years, the records weren't kept intact and some families moved their loved ones to another place. Time and weather, as well as some unfortunate vandalism, have taken their toll on the markers that remain.

Although the cemetery was originally incorporated under the state of Colorado, it subsequently fell apart in the 1940s because of lack of interest to run the organization. It was reactivated in the 1980s and on September 5, 1989, was reorganized as a nonprofit corporation with an all volunteer board and staff.

Recently, the Boy Scout Troop, 388, did a wonderful job of restoring and preserving the oldest of the grave sites. The restoration was a Eagle Scout project by Boy Scout, Jacob Cowgill.

Today the cemetery is supervised and lovingly taken care of by a small group of volunteers. We are always looking for additional volunteers. If you are interested in being a part of Western Colorado history, call Sue at 243 1808 or Rich at 260 0155,

The cemetery is still active with 0 to 3 burials per year. Casket Plots are ,5 ft by 10 ft. and can be used for 1 Casket & 2 Cremains Or 4 Cremains, Cost \$400.00. Backhoe work is required for caskets and costs an additional \$250.00. A burial permit is required by Health officials. Cremains plots are 4 ft by 5 ft, up to 2 cremains only and costs \$250.00 each. We require a cremains certificate.