

ELMHURST HISTORY HIGHLIGHT: Cemeteries in Elmhurst

Glos Family Cemetery, Poplar Avenue south of St.

Charles Road: The Adam Glos family came to the Elmhurst area in 1836. They had a farm on the south side of St. Charles Road at the east end of Elmhurst. Adam (b.1823 d.1907) and Katherine (b. 1831 d. 1906) are buried there along with some of their children who did not live to adulthood.

The Glos Mausoleum and Glos Memorial Park on Robert Palmer Drive: [Henry and Lucy Glos](#) are buried in the mausoleum. Henry Glos, first village president of Elmhurst, made arrangements for the mausoleum in 1892 with the passage of ordinance #87 which established "the right to H.L. Glos, his heirs and assigns to construct and maintain a Mausoleum in the Village of Elmhurst."



Early view of Mt. Emblem Cemetery, 1927, M80.39.1

St. Peter's Cemetery and St. Mary's Cemetery, Alexander Blvd.: There are two church-owned cemeteries on this street. At Myrtle Avenue, St. Peter's Cemetery had its earliest burial in 1873 according to the gravestones. St. Mary's Cemetery, owned by the Archdiocese of Joliet, was chartered in 1900, but has been in use since the mid-1860s.

Arlington Cemetery, Lake Street Frontage Road: Arlington was the first privately owned cemetery in Elmhurst. Its first burial was in 1901. Arlington Cemetery has a large number of graves of veterans of the Spanish American War. The veterans buried there are from all over the country.

Elm Lawn Cemetery, 401 E. Lake Street: Elm Lawn was organized in 1905 by members of the Fischer family. In an early advertisement, the cemetery noted that although Elmhurst was not too far for a funeral carriage, another option would be to use the Chicago and North Western Railroad. The cemetery had vehicles that could meet the train and transport the mourners. In 1915 the cemetery built a mausoleum known as Elm Lawn Abbey that is still on the grounds. The cemetery also features a veterans memorial installed by VFW Post 2048.

Mt. Emblem Cemetery, 510 E. Grand Avenue: Established in 1925, and formally opened and dedicated in 1936, Mt. Emblem is perhaps best known for the 1850 windmill on the grounds. The property, previously a farm, was founded as a Masonic Cemetery. There is a Masonic Memorial made of three

granite columns with a marble statue at the base of each, representing Faith, Hope, and Charity. The cemetery also has a veterans' memorial.

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