

Majors never was a town or even a village, rather it was a community of people in Cedar Township southwest of Ravenna. There was a church and cemetery located in the northeast quarter of Section 15, a school, and a post office all in the area but not all grouped together in one location.

The church (Presbyterian) was moved away long ago but the cemetery remains. In fact, that's all that remains. Both the school (Dist 20) and the post office have closed.

Why MAJORS Cemetery?

[Email request, 2002]

Would like to know how this cemetery got it's name as there seems to be no Majors' buried in the cemetery.

Thank you,
Janet MAJORS myers

Janet,

You asked a very interesting question. It's so easy to take names for granted and not ask why. Majors was a community in Cedar Township south of Ravenna, north of Gibbon. There was a school, a post office in a home, and Presbyterian church with a cemetery but a town never developed. All are gone now except the cemetery.

I had to go to our "bible" on the history of the county – Samuel Bassett's History of Buffalo County, 1916, to find the answer. The person who wrote the history of Cedar Township, [the Honorable James E Miller, state senator] included this information:

"We first got our mail at Gibbon, then changed to Kearney. During the summer of 1879 we sent a petition to Washington for a mail route and a postoffice. We failed to send a name for the office, so the postoffice department named the office Majors, in honor of the blue-shirted statesman of Nemaha County, Col. Thomas J. Majors."

So now we know why there are no Majors buried in the Majors Cemetery.