

## Fair Oaks Cemetery District

7780 Olive Street, Fair Oaks, California 95628  
Phone: (916) 966-1613  
www.FairOaksCemetery.com

In 1898, a group of citizens formed the Fair Oaks Cemetery Association. For \$250, they purchased a 2.5 acre site for a community burial ground. The Fair Oaks Cemetery was established in 1902. The Fair Oaks Cemetery District was formed in 1926. Kilgore Cemetery is a historic cemetery located within the Fair Oaks Cemetery District; it is not, however, a District cemetery. Kilgore Cemetery has recently been deeded to the City of Rancho Cordova, which has completed extensive rehabilitation and beautification of this historic cemetery.



*Galt Cemetery*  
14180 Joy Drive, Galt

Named after a Canadian Community, the current City of Galt was established in 1869 to take advantage of the Central Pacific Railroad's decision that changed the route that ended in the nearby community of Liberty. The Phoenix Lodge, an Independent Order of Odd Fellows, originated in 1875-76, established a cemetery on the South edge of town in 1878. The earliest date in the records is for a burial in 1863.



*Hicksville Cemetery*  
Arno Road 1/8-Mile East of Highway 99, Galt

'Uncle Billie' Hicks, a pioneer cattle rancher and a Donner Party rescuer, founded the town of Hicksville. In 1879, the Hicksville Cemetery was established near the then populous community. The Hicksville Cemetery is located on Arno Road about 1/8 mile east of Highway 99. More than 60 Miwok Indians, Miwok means "man" or "people," are buried on the Eastern Boundary.

## Sylvan Cemetery District

7401 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights, California 95610  
Phone: (916) 725-3406  
www.SylvanCemetery.com

The Sylvan Cemetery District was established in 1862, making it the oldest District Cemetery in Sacramento County. The District serves a large population covering Orangevale, Antelope, North Highlands, Rio Linda, Elverta, Natomas and the City of Citrus Heights. Sylvan Cemetery encompasses 18.5 acres of land with over eight thousand burials. Five and one-half acres remain undeveloped with the prospect of another 25 years of new burial sites to be sold.



*Sylvan Cemetery*  
7401 Auburn Boulevard, Citrus Heights

In 1862, Daniel Lewis donated one-tenth of an acre for this now 18.5 acre cemetery. The community of Sylvan received its name before the turn of the century from Wm. Thomas, the proprietor of the 14 and 15 Mile House which is where freight wagons stopped on their way to the gold country. A walk through the cemetery is a walk through the history of Sylvan. The first burial in the cemetery is that of James Horton. He was a young man from Tennessee who had come west to seek his fortune in the gold country. The cemetery now is in the City of Citrus Heights and newcomers outnumber the old residents and the community has a tendency to lose its identity - except in the Sylvan Cemetery where the names of the pioneer families are cut in stone.

# Sacramento County Cemetery Districts



## Sacramento County Cemetery Advisory Commission

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7780 Olive Street, Fair Oaks

Fair Oaks Cemetery's 1903 burials were mostly persons who had died in the 1800's and first interred elsewhere, often on private property in this then rural area. Surrounded by a suburban residential area, this lovely cemetery is well maintained and includes three columbaria of niches.

## Galt-Arno Cemetery District

14180 Joy Drive, Galt, California 95632  
Phone: (209) 745-2581  
www.GaltArnoCemDistrict.com

The Galt-Arno Cemetery District serves residents within the Galt High School District boundary, which includes the City of Galt, greater Galt area, as well as the surrounding territory. This District has two cemeteries: Hicksville Cemetery, established in 1897, and Galt Cemetery established in 1877. The Galt-Arno Cemetery District was formed in 1949.

*In the early years of California statehood, most cemeteries were established by the public, church and fraternal organizations.*

By the turn of the twentieth century, many old cemeteries had fallen into disrepair. Public cemetery Districts have been established specifically to protect these historic gravesites and serve rural areas. Each District holds extremely well attended Memorial Day Services to honor the Veterans of the U.S. Civil War and Veterans of All Foreign Wars as well as works extensively with Historical Societies and Genealogical groups on the preservation of local history.

Four cemetery Districts within Sacramento County currently offer cemetery services to residents within their respective cemetery District boundaries. These include the Elk Grove-Consumnes Cemetery District, Fair Oaks Cemetery District, Galt-Arno Cemetery District and Sylvan Cemetery District. Each District contains historic cemeteries – the final resting place for many notable people who represent early settlers and builders of our state and nation.

## *Elk Grove-Consumnes Cemetery District*

PO Box 1533, Elk Grove, California 95759  
Elk Grove Boulevard and Highway 99  
Phone: (916) 686-5170

The Elk Grove-Consumnes Cemetery District, formed in 1948, the largest in Sacramento County, serves the portion of the County around the city of Elk Grove. This Cemetery District contains six historic cemeteries.



*Elk Grove Cemetery*  
Elk Grove Boulevard and Highway 99

Elk Grove Cemetery was established in 1874 as a Masonic cemetery and now consists of 5 acres. One notable gravesite is that of Elitha Donner Wilder of the ill-fated Donner Party. Though

the cemetery is currently full, plans are being made to add niches. This cemetery is well cared for and looks wonderful. Many enjoy the beautiful Memorial Day Services.



*Florin-Elder Creek Cemetery*  
7901 Florin Avenue, Sacramento

The Florin-Elder Creek Cemetery District, a small district containing the single Elder Creek Cemetery, was dissolved in 2004. The district territory was annexed to the Elk Grove-Consumnes Cemetery District. Elder Creek Cemetery was established in 1864. This well maintained site is a historic cemetery. The District has plans for enhancing the landscaping.



*Franklin Cemetery*  
Hood-Franklin Road and Franklin Boulevard, Franklin

This 4.3 acre well-tended rural cemetery was established in 1887 and now contains about 300 graves, including special sections of both Chinese and Germans. In 1968, the Elk Grove-Consumnes Cemetery District took over care of the Franklin Cemetery. The District has obtained additional land so that Franklin Cemetery will be enlarged in the near future by a small parcel. The Master Plan calls for future landscaping development, double depth gravesites and a niche bank for cremains.



*Hilltop Cemetery*  
(*Odd Fellows Cemetery*)

The Cemetery, located on Waterman Road in east Elk Grove, is watered, landscaped, gated and an off road blacktop parking area was provided in 2005. Hilltop Cemetery is particularly lovely with its grassy knoll, old upright stones, new trees and interior pathways.



*Pleasant Grove Cemetery*  
Also known as Sheldon Cemetery, Pleasant Grove Cemetery's first interment, that of Caroline Wolf, dates back to 1865. This cemetery is located next to Pleasant Grove School in the Sheldon area and has been maintained in excellent condition. An 11-acre site, directly adjacent to the east boundary of the cemetery, has been purchased by the District for future development.



*San Joaquin Cemetery*  
Sheldon Road and Highway 99

San Joaquin Cemetery was established in 1880 with 6.7 acres, near the site of the original Jackson School and next to Ebenezer Baptist Church. This cemetery now consists of 2.5 acres abutting Highway 99 and has been restored after years of neglect and vandalism.