



*Cemetery Advisory Commission*  
*Elk Grove Cemetery*



One notable gravesite in the Elk Grove Cemetery is that of Elitha Donner Wilder of the ill-fated Donner Party, located on Row C on the south side of the cemetery.

On August 8, 1871, two acres of land on the southeast corner of the crossroads at Old Elk Grove were purchased from D.W. Osborne in the name of Richard Allin. In 1874, a portion of the acreage was set aside for a cemetery for Masons and their families. The plot was fenced and ornamental trees were set out. However, the need for local burial plots for those without Masonic affiliation prompted the Lodge to buy two adjoining acres in June of 1881. The cemetery was enlarged again in 1887. In 1951, the Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetery District was formed, and the Masonic Lodge deeded the cemetery to the District.

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