

Minutes of the Elk Run Cemetery Meeting  
March 25, 1880

We the people of Elk Run and vicinity in order to secure a suitable place for the interment of our dead, held a meeting in the new school building at Elk Run. There were present: T K Miller, H A Kite, Jas A Hammer, A C Bear, W L Long, and E D Sanford.

On motion Miller was elected President and Sanford Secretary, it was then determined to purchase a lot of ground from Kite. Lying northeast of Elk Run church, adjoining the old cemetery, and containing by survey 2 and 3/8 acres. This body then proceeded to appoint trustees for the protection of the cemetery and to this end appointed as said trustees Miller, Kite, Hammer, Kite, Bear, and their successors to take charge of said grounds, and they are here by authorized to determine all controversies that may arise. Subject however, to the following constitution:

**CONSTITUTION**

- Article 1<sup>st</sup>- The cemetery shall be known as Elk Run Cemetery.
- Article 2<sup>nd</sup>- The ground shall be laid off in burial lots 20x27' with a walk 6' wide around each double lot, with two avenues 16' wide running across the grounds. Said lots shall be numbered.
- Article 3<sup>rd</sup>- No lot shall be sold for less than \$10.00. The highest bidder shall have first choice, the next highest second, and so on, respectively.
- Article 4- Any person while with the consent of the trustees shall have the privilege of purchasing and conveying two lots and locating them together, but shall not buy for speculation.
- Article 5- There shall be a plat made of the grounds, showing the avenues, walks, lots, and the number of each lot, and the purchasers name.
- Article 6- The entering of a purchasers name upon the book known as the Elk Run Deed Book, shall be positive evidence that his lot has been paid for, and the secretary shall give a receipt to each purchaser if demanded.
- Article 7- There shall not be planted or suffered to grow within the enclosure any of the following: Trees or shrubs, common locust, aspen, popular, ailanthus, paper mulberry, yellow willow, black walnut, purple lilac, virginia creeper, or any other not mentioned that may be objectable.
- Article 8- All monies arising from the sale of lots shall be applied first to the payment of the land and the erection of a fence and to the general improvement of the grounds according to the judgement of the trustees.

- Article 9- There shall be a sufficient number of lots set apart for single interments, which shall be subject to the decision of the trustees. Said interments shall be made side by side for which there shall be paid \$2.00 each provided the parties interested are able to pay the same, otherwise there shall be no charge. There shall also be set aside a sufficient number of lots for single interments of children which shall be done side by side, for which there shall be paid \$1.00 each, provided the parties interested are able to pay it, otherwise there shall be no charge.
- Article 10- The above minutes and Constitution shall be entered upon the plat above referred to and a duplicate made which shall be deposited with one of the trustees for safe keeping, both of which shall be assessable to anyone desiring to examine the same.
- Article 11- The grounds referred to are to be deeded to the Trustees before interment and are to be used for no other purpose than for the interment of the dead.
- Article 12- The cemetery is intended for the interment of white people only and no colored people will be allowed to buy lots or bury in it.