POLAND CEMETERY

Figure 1 Photo of Cemetery, 12/2014 by L Roeder

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Stop Eight on the South Riding Winter Cemetery Tour:

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**Directions:**

The cemetery is in the historical area known as Pleasant Valley, NE of Conklin.

From the Cage Hutchison Cemetery at Little River, continue on Hyland Hills until reaching the T junction at Flintonbridge Drive. Then turn left all the way to Edgewater. Turn right on Edgewater and then go left on Poland Road. Turn left on Twin Cedar Way. Then turn left on Cedar Pond Place. Turn right on Little Cedar Court. Continue to a cul de sac. The stand of trees at the end is Poland Cemetery next to 25527 Little Cedar Court.

Poland Cemetery is also Cemetery #118 on page 5520 at coordinates A-6 in the ADC Street Map for Loudoun, 29th edition held by the Balch Library (Staff 2007). The book, (V Ref 929.50975528. TBL) is marked with pasted tabs on each page associated with a cemetery. See also Box 3, Folder 28 in the Loudoun County, VA Cemetery Collection 1990-2004. Details are in the Research Guide, below.

**Background:**

The developer placed a fence around it with a gate, but no one maintains the property. Loose branches and vines obscure what otherwise would be a very attractive feature with excellent tombstones. It's an example of why we want to create a cemetery club to maintain old sites. One project will be to repair the gate.

The cemetery is on old Poland family farm land. They still live on a nearby 43 acre farm, on which the family has resided continuously since 1898. However, according to news reports, it will soon be developed into homes and an adult care center. “The rezoning bid was filed with the county on April 22, 2014. It follows the death of Poland matriarch Ina Poland, who died on Christmas Day 2012 at the age of 100. Ina Poland lived in the family home on Poland Road until she passed. She was a widow at the time — her predeceased husband, Charles Poland Sr., was a Loudoun County Planning commissioner (Neibauer 2014).”

**Research Guide**

There are several ways to research cemeteries in Loudoun County. The first step is visit the Balch Library in Leesburg, Virginia. Although information is available elsewhere, such as at the Loudoun Museum and in private papers of various historical associations, the best collection of data is at Balch.

Some sources at Balch are:

1. The electronic cemetery index, which is updated periodically and can be searched by the last and first name of the deceased.
2. Private and published papers are on the shelves and in miscellaneous files.
3. Especially when the names of the deceased are not known but also for a general description of old family cemeteries in the county, consider the Loudoun County, VA Cemetery Collection 1990-2004, which is a set of five boxes of file folders related to the
Committee on Old Cemeteries, Preservation Society of Loudoun County. In 1995 Thomas Balch Library sponsored a project to map, identify, photograph, and transcribe gravestone inscriptions in Loudoun cemeteries. A committee was created that consisted of Jeff Ball, Ned Douglass, Mary Fishback, Marty Hiatt, David Via, and Wynne Saffer as chairman for that purpose. The following year (1996), the committee published a list of known cemeteries in Loudoun County. The package of files, was built on readings that Aureila Jewell took in the 1940’s. Many people added at various times. Thus, this invaluable listing is comprised of the efforts of many people who worked on their own time to do the Cemetery Compilation over the course of 35 years, an effort still under way. The bulk of the work was done by Mary Fishback and Wynne Saffer.

- This is collection (M 017) and is in the archives of the Thomas Balch Library, Leesburg, VA. Irregularly updated, the files and an associated collection of photographs is an invaluable source on cemeteries, especially when names of the deceased are not known. See box 1 for an index to all cemeteries.
- Example: The Brewer Cemetery is described in Box 1, Folder 76.
- Caution: Not all cemeteries are indexed, as is the case of the Dean (African-American) cemetery to the east of Hampton Brewer on the property of the Michael Lunsford Middle School. Other sources are then required.

4. On the shelves of the Balch library are also two indexes to cemeteries. One is a three ring binder (V Ref 929.50975528.TBL, called the Loudoun County Cemetery Directory (Committee on Old Cemeteries 2007). The directory lists most of the cemeteries in the county by name. It also provide the official Cemetery number from the 1990-2004 collection, as well as the map coordinates for the cemetery and page number associated with ADC Street Map for Loudoun, 29th edition. (Staff 2007) The book, (V Ref 929.50975528. TBL) is marked with pasted tabs on each page associated with a cemetery.

- Example: The Pangle Cemetery is #153 on Map Page 5520 at coordinates H4.
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**Known Tombstones:**

- Alpheus G. Poland, b 16 Oct 1854, died 8 May 1921
- A.G.P. (Footstone)
- Emma G. (wife of Alpheus), B. 11 July, 1866, died 10 Dec 1905
- BM
- MM
- Three additional field stones, and probably some more graves.
- In 2005, Mary Fishback notes that some monuments had fallen. Photos are in the Loudoun County, VA Cemetery Collection 1990-2004.
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Photos

Figure 2 Photo by Suzanne Fladung 1/18/15

Figure 3 Photo by Suzanne Fladung 1/18/15

Figure 4 Photo by Roeder 12/20/15
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Map To Cemetery

![Map 4 # 8 Poland Cemetery](https://conklinproject.wordpress.com/cemetery-tour/)

Figure 5 Map 4 from the South Riding Winter Cemetery Tour

Works Cited

