

DEVELOPMENT OF "CELEBRITY" GRAVES

- 1876 August 2nd, James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok shot and killed by Jack McCall in Deadwood; Hickok buried in the town cemetery in Whitewood Gulch by Steve and Charlie Utter; August 20th, Rev. Henry Weston Smith murdered by Indians; he is buried at the Whitewood Gulch cemetery, next to Charles Mason, who was killed by Indians that same day
- 1879 Remains of "Wild Bill" Hickok moved from the burial site in Whitewood Gulch to Mt. Moriah Cemetery
- 1883 *Remains of Rev. Smith and Charles Mason, moved from their first burial sites in Whitewood Gulch to Mt. Moriah and reinterred just inside the cemetery boundary on September 25th*
- 1891 Remains of Rev. Smith are relocated from near the cemetery boundary to another grave near the center section of Mt. Moriah; Life-sized statue of Rev. Smith, executed by J. H. Riordan, is placed at the second burial site within Mt. Moriah; Bust of Wild Bill Hickok, executed by J. H. Riordan in native sandstone, is placed at his grave site
- 1893 Stone wall and iron fence are put around Wild Bill Hickok's grave. the work is funded with money raised by Capt. Jack Crawford's poetry readings
- 1901 The head of the Wild Bill Hickok bust is broken from its pedestal
- 1902 Life-sized statue of Wild Bill Hickok is placed at his grave site
- 1903 August 1st, Martha "Calamity Jane" Cannary Burke dies in Terry, S.D. Her funeral service is conducted at Deadwood's First Methodist Church, and burial is at Mt. Moriah, adjacent to Wild Bill Hickok's grave
- 1909 Group of Methodist ministers fund the placement of a cement wall around the Rev. Smith grave, and the "putting of the premises in good order"; Wire "cages" are constructed around the statues of Rev. Smith and Wild Bill Hickok to protect them from further vandalism
- 1911 Fences around the Rev. Smith and Wild Bill Hickok graves are repaired
- 1919 Seth Bullock, first sheriff of Deadwood, and friend and confidant of Pres. Theodore Roosevelt, dies September 23rd. Burial is above Mt. Moriah, on the steep trail to White Rocks
- 1933 Statue of Rev. Smith, already seriously damaged by vandals, is toppled when someone allegedly tries to climb on its "shoulders"

- 1943 John "Potato Creek Johnny" Perrett, locally famous for discovering a large gold nugget in 1929, dies and is buried at Mt. Moriah in a grave adjacent to the final resting places of Calamity Jane and Wild Bill Hickok
- 1946 The statue of Wild Bill Hickok is badly damaged by souvenir seekers or vandals. It is ultimately moved to the Adams Memorial Museum and partially restored. It is currently (1998) on display on the main floor of the facility