

Our Cemetery

The Hugo Husonian September 7, 1911
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Someone has said that a true index to the character of a community is the care they give to the dead. By this standard, Hugo is sadly lacking. Under the Atoka agreement, each government own was entitled to a cemetery free. One was designated for Hugo in what is now Terry Addition In 1902, but it was so poorly located --being right in town that the Indian Inspector rescinded the order. At that time another location could have been obtained if the effort had been made.

During the first few years of the town Spring Chapel Cemetery was used exclusively and is still used to some extent. The objection to it has always been that it is situated on a full-blood allotment and no title could be obtained to the lots. There has never been any system in laying off lots, though it is an ideal location for a cemetery.

About five years ago Mount Olive Cemetery was opened. It was properly platted, but it is a private enterprise, and the proceeds from the sale of the lots go to the owners. Nothing has been spent to beautify the grounds, worth mentioning. The city should acquire the title to this "not legible" proceeds from the sale of lots toward improving and beautifying the grounds -- in setting out shade trees, making drives and doing other things to deprive it of its present bleak and uninviting appearance.