

Kampeska Cemetery, Codington County, South Dakota

Location: Center of Section 11 of Kampeska Twp.

GPS Latitude / Longitude: (Degrees / Minutes / Seconds) N. 44° 52' 10.2" W. -097° 16' 10.2"

Directions: From Watertown: Hwy 212 West to 447th Ave (Kampeska Corner), turn south for 1 ½ miles to Delores St., then ½ mile west

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The scope of this Codington County Cemetery Census Project is to provide an accurate and complete census of all of the rural cemeteries and individual burials in Codington County, South Dakota. It includes all known burials in the county with the exception of the two large Watertown cemeteries, Mount Hope and St. Mary's Catholic. Records have been researched at the cemeteries, cross-referenced with courthouse records, and the cemeteries walked.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Merva Carlson for her tireless efforts toward compiling this information. The project has been largely hers. Merva has devoted hundreds of hours to make this census the most complete and accurate cemetery census ever done in Codington County. This project would never have been completed without her dogged determination and attention to detail. We wish to also thank Delores Hartley, Marge Bunde, and Erland Carlson for their assistance.

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Key:

- Sec = Section ; Bk = Block; Lt=Lot; Gr=Grave

Under the Comments section:

- Relationships;
- AKA or Nickname = "____";
- Age = Year, Month, Day;
- Epitaphs in "____";
- COD = Cause of Death, as listed in the death record or word of mouth.
- NBC = No burial card listed at the County Court House.
- BC = Burial Card at the County Court House
- DR = Death Record present in County Court House with book/page/line number, etc.
- NDR = No death record present at County Court House
- M = Marker present in cemetery
- NM = No marker present in cemetery
- b. = birthplace
- d. = place of death
- p. = parents
- w. = wife
- h. = husband
- f. = father
- m. = mother
- Maiden name in (____)
- Military information found on burial card at the County Court House or on marker in cemetery

- MB = Marriage Book
- WPO = Watertown Public Opinion - Newspaper

Major Sources (but not limited to):

- Watertown Public Opinion
- Codington County Death Records
- Codington County Death Records – No death records are at the Codington County Courthouse before July 1905
- The First 100 Years – Codington County 1879-1979 (History of Codington County)
- Church Records
- Pictorial History of Codington County, South Dakota
- Word of mouth: Noted as such in comment section.



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Adams	Elihu	B.		06/01/1856	05/1891		C	14	4	NDR, MB# 229, wed Alice A. (Webber) 04/12/1885 by A. D. Chase; M
Allen	Edward	W.			01/12/1903		D	20	13	NDR; Infant-5 mos.; f. E. W. Allen; NM
Allen	Julia	A.		1864	12/11/1896		D	20	14	NDR; 32 yrs., h. E.W. Allen, COD-heart failure, M
Allen	Sarah	A.		02/19/1829	04/25/1899		D	20	12	NDR; 70 yrs., h. E.W. Allen Sr.; M
Barkley	Joseph	R. or K.			1884-1888		B	9	14	NDR; Infant, no dates on burial card; alternate name-"Jos." or "Jas"; NM
Benthin	Milda		Anderson	1882	03/28/1912					Removed to Mount Hope in 1947 NM
Blodgett	Eva				10/20/1889		C	15	13	NDR; 33 yrs.; COD-typhoid, NM
Bock	Elizabeth			1834	02/25/1909		D	2	13	NDR; alternate spelling-"Bok"; 75 yrs., h. Henry, M
Bock	Fred			1855	1907		D	2	12	NDR, alternate spelling-"Bok"; M
Bock	Henry			1817	09/11/1895	09/16/1895	D	2	14	NDR; alternate spelling-"Bok"; 78 yrs; COD-C. Morbus; w. Elizabeth, M
Bohn	H.	S.			1907-1911		C	13	1-14	NDR; 3 weeks, no dates, no burial card, NM
Bresford	Infant				12/24/1903		B	18	8	NDR; NBC; alternate spelling-"Brelsford"; & year-"1904"; ?14 mos. or 4 mos., f. Witty H. Brelsford, NM
Brown	Baby	Girl			1884		A	21	9	NDR, ? p. A. G. & Emma Brown; NM
Brown	Infant	son			03/03/1905		D	10	11	NDR; 1½ mos. Infant son of G. H. Brown, NM
Brumbaugh	Lois	Marie			06/19/1915					Moved to Mount Hope Cemetery, Watertown, SD in 1959;
Carr	Mabel		Jenkins		02/05/1914		A	22	6	NDR; age-29/5/25; d. Rochester, Olmsted Co., MN; COD-peritonitis, carcinoma cervix; b. IA; p. Jas. Jenkins & ? Nettie (Woodman);

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										h. James M.; NM
Chamberlain	Sarah	E.		1843	06/01/1899	06/02/1899	C	5	1	NDR; name-"Chamberlin" and birth year-"1845" on marker; 54 yrs., COD-apoplexy, M
Claget	I.				1897		D	19	14	NDR; Infant, NM
Cooper	Myra				05/12/1912		A	23	10-11-12	DR-1/67/899; alternate spelling-"Mira"; age-28/9/0; d. Kampeska, SD; b. IL; single; p. E. R. Cooper & Josephine (McWilliam); d. Kampeska Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-tuberculosis of 4 mos. duration, informant-Mrs. A.J. Olaver; NM
Croft	Luverne				01/12/1893		D	9	8	NDR; infant, 6 weeks old, p. George & A.A. Croft, "Our Darling Luverne"; M
Croghan	Baby	boy			05/1892		B	26	5	NDR; alternate spelling-"Crogan"; f. F. Croghan; NM
Davis	Baby	Female		12/23/1929	12/23/1929	12/24/1929	A	7	14?	DR-2/49/3460; ?NBC; d. Florence, SD; Premature, lived 1 day; b. Florence, Codington Co., SD; p. Hugh Davis & Sarah (Smith), NM
Davis	Grant	Duane		01/13/1933	09/27/1933	09/29/1933	A	7	9	DR-2/50/144; birth & death years-"1932" on marker; Infant, p. Hugh L. & Sarah E. (Smith) Davis, d. Dexter Twp. Codington Co., SD; COD-respiratory infection, low grade pneumonia; Informant-Hugh L. Davis, M
Davis	Hugh	Lawrence		01/14/1897	08/10/1951	08/13/1951	A	7	10	DR-#7808; birth year-"1898" on marker; age-58; b. Goodwin, SD, married, occupation-moving contractor, w. Sarah E. (Smith), p. Dudley Davis & Hattie (Cody), d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-bronchopneumonia, hemorrhage; Informant-Mrs. Walter Mohr, "Father"; M
Davis	Hugh	Lawrence,	Jr.	05/07/1936	08/31/1936	09/04/1936	A	7	10	DR-2/51/4759; age-0/3/24; b. Watertown, SD; p. Hugh Lawrence & Sarah (Smith) Davis; COD-infantile diarrhea, pneumonia,

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										d. Watertown, Codington Co., SD; Informant-Mrs. H.L. Davis, M
Davis	Mildred			11/21/1924	11/26/1924	11/27/1924	A	7	8	DR-2/47/2529; b. Henry, Codington Co., 5 days old, premature birth, p. Hugh Davis & Sarah (Smith) Davis, d. Watertown, SD; Informant- Hugh Davis, NM
Davis	Sarah	Elizabeth	Smith	05/09/1900	01/28/1962	01/31/1962	A	7	9	DR-# 10215; age-61; b. Charles City, IA; widowed; homemaker; h. Hugh L. Davis; p. Stephen Smith & Mildred (Harding), d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD, COD-carcinoma of the common bile duct, Informant-Mrs. Walter Mohr; "Mother"; M
Davis	William				1933		?	?	?	NDR; NBC; p. Hugh L. & Sarah (Smith) Davis, M
DEAN										MARKER
Dean	Eliza	Jane	McCormick	11/21/1869	10/21/1946	10/23/1946	D	9	11	Buried in Mt. Hope, Watertown, SD, but marker here; M
Dean	George	F.		1887	09/16/1914	09/18/1914	D	9	13	DR-1/82/1111; alternate middle initial-"T."; age-26/11/29; farmer; b. Richland Twp., Codington Co., SD; single; p. Sam M. & Jane (Moore) Dean, d. Kampeska Twp., Codington Co., SD in a farm accident; COD-blow on abdomen causing plastic peritonitis, M
Dean	John			1820	08/06/1892		D	9	14	NDR; 79 yrs., M
Dean	Sam	M.		09/23/1850	08/27/1930	08/29/1930	D	9	12	DR-2/49/3592; birth year-"1859" on marker; age-70/11/4; b. England; wed-"Jenny" in Greetland, England in 1881; farmer; p. Thomas Dean & Mary (Musgrave), married, w. Jane (Moore) Dean, retired, d. Watertown, SD; COD- heart disease with dropsy; Informant-Mrs. Jane Dean, "Father"; M
Ellis	Haron	W.		1865	02/05/1893	02/10/1893	C	1	7	NDR; name-"Haran" & birth year-"1864" on marker; alternate death date-"02/10/1893"; age-28/11/12; d. Grand Forks, ND; M

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Evans	??						C	7	12	NDR; burial card with no dates at Court House, NM
Evans	John				05/10/1884		C	7	14	NDR; death year-"1885" on marker; age-60; M
Person	Baby				1884-1888		C	14	6	NDR; Infant, no dates on burial card at Court House, NM
Person	J.	O.			1884-1888		C	14	7	NDR; 4 yrs. old, no dates on burial card at Court House, NM
Fisher	Bertha				09/03/1896		B	14	11	NDR; COD- consumption; , NM
Fisher	Claudie						B	14	10	NDR; No dates on burial card at Court House; "Infant son of H.M. & M."; M
Fisher	Eva				1884-1888		B	14	14	NDR; Infant; No dates on burial card at Court House, NM
Fisher	Harry	Marion		05/01/1870	12/18/1946	12/22/1946	B	13	12	DR-3/171/6816; age-76/7/17; b. Orion, WI; p. William Fisher & Laura (Warden) or (Worden), w. May Bell (Lewis) Fisher; widowed; foreman-freight house; d. residence Watertown, SD; informant-Henry B. Fisher, COD-acute coronary occlusion, diabetes mellitus, NM
Fisher	Kate			1832	05/1894		B	14	12-13	NDR; birth date-"1862" on marker; "Wife of Charles", COD-consumption, M
Fisher	Marian				1896		B	14	13-14	NDR; 9 mos. of age, NM
Fisher	William	F.			02/23/1906		B	13	13	DR-1/5/66; age-76/3/14; farmer; b. OH, married, service 1862 for three years; d. Kampeska, SD; COD-kidney trouble of 10 days duration; wed-Laura (Worden) 1851 in WI; NM
Gustro	?				08/30/1888					Moved to Mount Hope, Watertown, SD in 1902
Gwynn	M.	B.			11/22/1888		C	9	11	NDR; 51 yrs., male, NM
Hagan	Charles	Harley		10/24/1927	11/23/1928	-				DR# 2/82/3257; NBC; age-1/1/0; d. Watertown, SD; COD-

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										bronchopneumonia from exposure; b. Watertown, SD; p. Earl Hagan & Weltha (Morris); informant-Earl Hagan of Watertown, SD; NM
Hammond	Nettie	J.	Woodman	08/13/1857	06/16/1936	06/19/1936	A	22	9	DR-2/88/4716; age-78/10/3; b. Osage, IA; h. Elwood Hammond; widowed; p. Sam Woodman & Rose (Miller), d. Watertown, SD; COD-senility, hypertension, arteriosclerosis; informant-James L. Jenkins, NM
Hams	William				1888		C	2	5	NDR; no dates on burial card in Court House; "Infant"; possibly William Harris; NM
Harding	Eli			1847	09/01/1917		A	5	1	DR-1/103/1423; age-70/2/21; b. England; d. Watertown, SD; COD-prostatic enlargement, cystitis & rheumatism, mitral regurgitation;w. Joyce (Ricketts); "His wife Joyce"; "Father"; M
Harding	Joyce		Ricketts	1845	1922		A	5	2	NDR; h. Eli, "Mother"; M
Harding	William	F.		1896	12/14/1917	12/17/1917	A	5	3	NDR; age-21; b. Codington County, SD; p. Eli & Joyce Harding; WWI-Pvt. USA Machine Gun. Troop, 1 st SD CAL., Service from 04/26/1917-12/14/1917, d. Camp Cody, Deming. NM; COD-lobar pneumonia, informant-Fred Harding (brother) of Sterling, ND, "Asleep in Jesus"; M
Harris	Robert				1884-1888		C	2	6	NDR; age-33; killed by train in Watertown, SD; ? Mt. Hope; NM
Henning	Harriette		Jenkins	07/07/1889	01/12/1928	01/14/1928				DR# 2/82/3091; NBC; age-39/6/7; d. Watertown, SD; COD-acute cardiac decompensation; licensed practical nurse; b. Codington Co., SD; p. James W. Jenkins & Nettie (Woodman); h. Adolph; informant-Adolph Henning of Watertown, SD; NM
Huntley	Baby						D	7	2	NDR no dates on burial card at Court House; NM

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Huntley	Infant	daughter			05/01/1891		D	7	3	NDR; No dates on burial card at Court House; age-13 mos.; p. Alfred & ?Ard Huntley; NM
Huss	Nicholas				03/24/1894		A	3	10-11	NDR; age-76; d. in P. H.; paralysis; NM
Irish	William				01/06/1889		C	15	14	NDR; alternate spelling-"Irich"; age-84; NM
Jacobs	Sarah	A		1821	07/18/1891	07/21/1891	C	12	1	NDR; death date-"05/20/1897" on marker; age-70; COD-heart failure, M
Jenkins	Baby						A	22	1	NDR; No dates on burial card at Court House, NM
Jenkins	Betty			01/10/1939	01/11/1939	01/12/1939	A	8	14	DR-2/107/5278; Infant, age-1 day; b. Watertown, SD; p. Philip & Carrie Eileen (Springer) Jenkins; d. Watertown, SD; informant-Philip Jenkins, M
Jenkins	Clifford			1888 circa	02/10/1913	02/12/1913	A	22	2	DR-1/72/967; age-25/4/8; d. Kampeska Twp., Codington Co. SD; farmer; b. SD, single; p. Jimmy Jenkins & Nettie (Woodman); d. residence Kampeska, SD; COD-gunshot wound from 38 revolver, NM
Jenkins	Freeman	H.		1880	07/14/1900		A	22	10-11	NDR; b. Codington Co., Spanish American War 04/25/1898-03/18/1899, Private Co. H.-1 st S. D. Inf. Transferred to U.S.A.H.C. Hdq. Dpt. Pac & 8 th A.C. 03/18/1899, Served in the Phillipines, d. Watertown, SD; COD- malaria fever, M
Jenkins	Harry				07/19/1880		A	22	3	NDR; 4 years of age, M
Jenkins	Herbert			05/29/1882	08/07/1899		A	22	4	NDR; alternate spelling-"Jinkins"; alternate death date-"05/29/1880" on marker; age-6 years; M
Jenkins	James	L.		1889 circa	10/04/1959	10/09/1959	A	22	?	NDR; BP# 3368; age-70; d. Milwaukee, WI; COD-arteriosclerotic heart disease; p. J. W. Jenkins & Nettie (Woodman); ?wed-Emma (Sorenson) 04/05/1922; NM
Jenkins	James	W.		1844	01/13/1896		A	22	8	NDR; alternate spelling-"Jinkins"; & death

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										date-"01/12/1896" & age-"52 years" on marker; aka-"Jimmy"; age-51; COD-consumption; w. Nettie (Woodman); Behind this marker are 3 graves, M
Kiefer	Baby				1884-1888		D	1	9	NDR; No dates on burial card at Court House, infant, NM
Kiefer	Child				1884-1888		D	1	9	NDR; No dates, no burial card at Court House, NM
Kiefer	Mrs. H.				1884-1888		D	1	7	NDR; 40 years of age, no dates on burial card at Court House, NM
Kingsling	Mrs. Hans				08/26/1893		C	4	3	NDR; 50 yrs. of age, no dates on BC; NM
Knight	Lowell				08/26/1900					NDR; p. M/M N.E. Knight, 7 mos., moved to Thomas, SD; NM
Knight	Merton	W.			08/05/1901	05/1903				NDR; Died when was in Phillipine Islands, moved to Thomas, SD; NM
Lettsome	Rodric				07/14/1890		C	13	7	NDR; 35 years of age, COD-consumption, NM
McLaughlin	A.	M.			07/02/1890					Moved to Mt. Hope, Watertown, SD; NM
McLaughlin	Hazel				04/13/1898					Moved to Mount Hope, Watertown, SD;
McNamara	Matthew				04/06/1894?					NDR; Listed as being "old", COD-heart failure, moved to Hazel, SD; NM
McPeek	Helen	May	Smith?	12/13/1929	12/19/1929	12/21/1929	B	23	3	DR-2/170/3472; b. Codington Co., SD; age-6 days; p. Howard Smith & Vinnie McPeek, d. Richland Twp., Codington Co., SD; COD-died suddenly of unknown cause, Informant-Dan McPeek, M
Morgan	Lincoln				1891		C	15	2	NDR; COD-typhoid; NM
Nichols	Aaron	J.			09/25/1892	09/26/1892	D	21	10	NDR; age-32/3/14; killed on a train; M
Nichols	Fred				1884-1888		B	7	3-12	NDR; Infant, NM
Nichols	Jonathan				11/27/1893		B	7	4-11	NDR; COD-old age, NM

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Odell	Baby	Boy			1893		C	9	8	NDR; Infant, p. Wm & Vinnie , NM
Odell	Hiram			1820	01/06/1898		C	9	10	NDR; w. Maroah, 77 yrs. of age, M
Odell	Maroah			1823	09/10/1895		C	9	9	NDR; h. Hiram, 72 yrs. of age, COD-C. Morbus; M
Oleson	Ray	Chester			12/18/1921					Moved to Mt. Hope in 1950; NM
Oleson	Welton				08/07/1889		A	3	14	NDR; 24 yrs. of age, NM
Owsley	J.	H.			04/23/1889		C	13	2-13	NDR; Infant daughter; p. J.H. & Matilda G. Owsley, NM
Ponchke	Frieda	Marie		01/09/1869	03/09/1927	03/12/1927	A	8	8	DR-2/187/2922; alternate spelling-"Freda"; age-58/2/0; b. Germany; p. Carl Bastian & Sophia (Dentow); h. Julius Bart Ponchke; widowed; d. Watertown, SD; COD-diabetes mellitus of 4 yrs. duration; informant-Mrs. Frank Lee of Jamestown, ND, NM
Potsness	Ignatious				01/09/1896		A	8	9	NDR; age-78; alternate death date-"06/09/1896"; COD-shot himself with shotgun; NM
Redding	Perry				09/20/1899		B	24	10	NDR; age-1/4/0; COD-teething & ?bowels; NM
Schultz	John				09/01/1900					Infant; alternate name-"Carl"; Removed to Mt. Hope , Watertown, SD in 1930;
Schultz	John	H.			07/22/1925					Removed to Mt. Hope, Watertown, SD. In 1930;
Scott	Edith	Catherine	Randall	09/17/1864	08/07/1932	08/09/1932				Moved to Mt. Hope, Watertown, SD in1944;
Scott	Milford			1897	03/21/1898					Moved to Mt. Hope, Watertown, SD in 1944;
Smith	Charles	George		07/21/1907	09/22/1908		A	4	2-13	DR-1/31/482; age-1/2/1; b. SD; p. Stephen G. Smith & Mildred (Harding); d. Watertown, SD; COD-enterocolitis (cholera infantum) of 8 days duration, M
Smith	Mildred				1921					NDR; "p. S. G. & M. T."; "Daughter"; M

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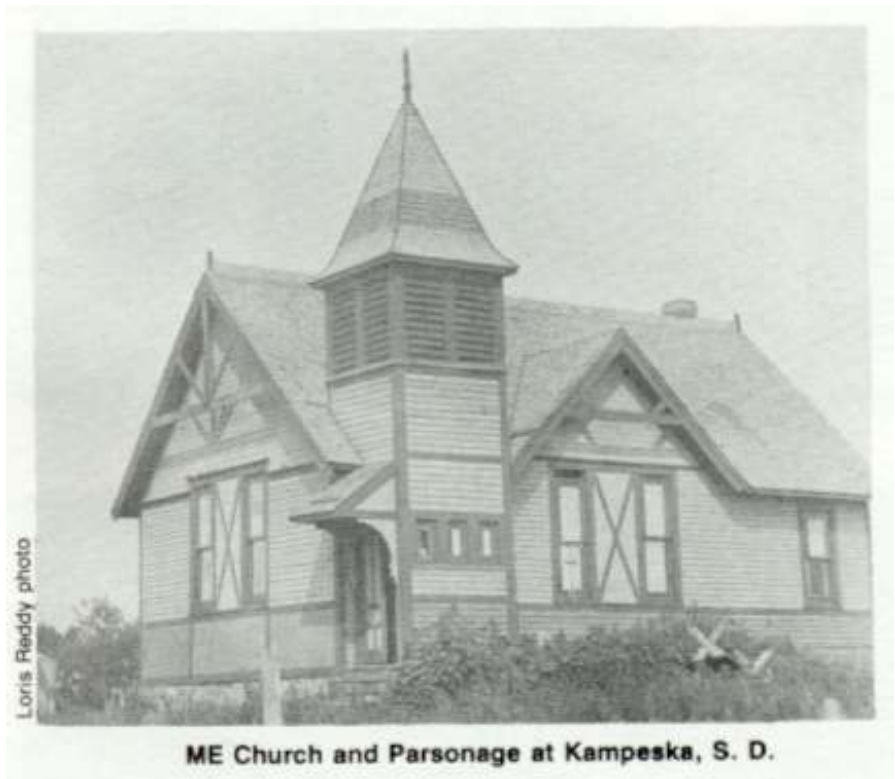
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Smith	Mildred	T.	Harding	11/12/1868	07/17/1925	07/20/1925	A	4	4-11	DR-2/225/2639; age-56/5/8; b.England; p. Eli Harding & Joyce (Ricketts) h. Stephen G., widowed; d. Watertown, SD; COD-infected gallbladder with stones, peritonitis of 4 days duration; informant-Miss Sophia J. Smith, "Mother"; M
Smith	Stephen	G.		10/03/1864	02/03/1918		A	4	3-12	NDR; w. M.T.S. Mildred T. (Harding); "Father"; M
West	Thomas				01/02/1911		A	3	13	DR-1/59/798; alternate death year-"1912"; Aka-"Tom"; age-56; b. England; married; d. Kampeska, SD; COD-lobar pneumonia, NM
Young	E.	D.			10/26/1895		B	7	7-8	NDR; COD-Typhoid, NM

History of Kampeska Church and Cemetery

The only church in the town of Kampeska was of the Methodist-Episcopal faith. This parish was organized in May and June of 1887. Later the church was built, and the site was a block east of the Falvey's farm.

The first year the church had 87 members. In 1914 they bought a lot by the lake for church activities.

The minister lived in Kampeska until about 1916, in the parsonage west of the church. This house burned in the 1920's. Later the church was served by pastors from other towns such as Henry, Hazel, Thomas, Garden City, and Florence.



Pastors at Kampeska:

1888-1890	Rev. H.M.Springer	1920-1926	Rev. C. W. Zech
1890-1892	Rev. J.B. Dibble	1926-1928	Rev. R. Lindstrom
1892-1894	Rev. T. Wilkinson	1928-1928	Rev. J.H. Dirks
1894-1895	Rev. A.W. Hakes	1928-1933	Rev. E.C. Antrim
1895-1896	Rev. S. H. Brown	1933-1936	Rev. N.A. Luke
1896-1898	Rev. C. R. Anderson	1936-1937	Rev. W. Shreve
1898-1900	Rev. P.J. Shepersky	1937-1938	Rev. E.W. Ackley
1900-1901	Rev. A.J. Giswold	1938-1939	Rev. G. A. Dolittle
1901-1903	Rev. H.S. Coon	1939-1942	Rev. B. W. Johnson
1903-1905	Rev. W. Wellington	1942-1942	Rev. P. Kaye
1905-1907	Rev. H. C. Riley	1942-1943	Rev. M. Dunagan
1907-1908	Rev. A. L. Cathers	1943-1943	Rev. C. W. Moore
1908-1910	Rev. A. J. Oliver	1943-1946	Rev. L. Stratton
1910-1911	Rev. F. Tanner	1946-1947	Rev. B. Hollingsworth
1911-1916	Rev. F. Ray	1947-1948	Rev. W. Parliament
1916-1920	G. E. Boher	1948-1949	Rev. A Hocking

In 1929, the congregation put a basement under the church. Belmer Sandwick and Lester Purcell were in charge of the digging and moving of the dirt. George Williams supervised the cement work.

They had a Sunday School Convention here on October 11, 1935. Church services discontinued in 1946, but the Ladies Aid continued until the early 1950's. Bible School was held in the summer until 1954.

The church was sold in 1958 to Bill Walters who moved it 5 miles west on Highway 212. It was made into a museum and later in 1968 to an antique shop until 1985. Bill called this place "Tinkertown"! Now it is a welding shop operated by Guy Fish since 1991.

The cemetery is southwest of the Kampeska town site. Thomas Brown, J.W. Frances, and Isaac Purcell filled out papers on March 13, 1886 to start a cemetery association. After approval was received from the Dakota Territory's Secretary of State, land was bought from J.W. and Dora Frances for \$100.00. This took place on June 18, 1886. The cemetery consists of about 3 acres.

Over the years the cemetery was taken care of in different ways. The Methodist Church first and then in the 1970's, Joe Messer of Watertown had a 4-H Club called Clover Club care for it. The club leaders were Laurel McElhany and Joyce Oleson.

In 1989, there was a big clean up of the cemetery. This was done by local volunteers, American Legion Members, and the County. The township helped by paying someone to mow it a few times a year.

Things changed in 1995 when Gladys Cowden left a generous donation to keep the cemetery cared for in memory of her grandmother, Katie Fisher. A group of local people organized a cemetery association in 1996.

The first person that was buried here was John Evans on May 10, 1884. The last to be buried here is Sarah Davis on January 28, 1962. Over the years some of these graves have been moved to other local cemeteries.