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Fifteen burials have at least partially decipherable inscriptions, of which the burial dates range from 1911 through 1969. There are also some graves without markers.

2 BENSON PIONEER CEMETERY, containing burials ranging from at least as early as 1881 to 1948, is at 400 East Seventh Street, Benson, Cochise County; it is also known as the Seventh Street Cemetery. A copy of a complete survey was supplied by the Benson City Clerk's Office; these data have been checked against a partial survey made in 1971 by a team of A.S.G.S. members. It was again checked against a survey of the cemetery by members of Troop 573 of Tucson Girl Scouts and still later against L.D.S. film 928504 by Mrs. N. Roy Kramer. There are many illegibly marked or wholly unmarked burials.

3 BENSON CITY CEMETERY, which contains several hundred graves, lies south of the Baptist Church in Benson, Cochise County. Our data are based on a survey made in the fall of 1972 by Mrs. Thomas Salyer, Mrs. George Baker, Mrs. John R. Schwartzmann, Mrs. A. Ralph Curtis, and Mrs. Allan Deines. Burials appear to have begun in the 1930's; there may have been earlier ones, as there are many unidentified graves and undated burials.

4 YUMA MORTUARY RECORDS for the years from 1904 through 1908 were made available to us by Robert and F. H. Johnson, sons of O. C. Johnson, who established the mortuary at Yuma in 1902. Mr. Robert Johnson supplemented the mortuary records by a survey of Desert Lawn Cemetery, where most of the burials were doubtless made. An earlier cemetery was located in downtown Yuma. From it, bodies were moved to Desert Lawn when in 1906 that cemetery was established by the city by the assignment of a tract of forty acres for the purpose; sections of that tract were deeded to various churches and fraternal organizations. Burials continued there until, in the late 1920's, the space had been filled; some six years later, another tract was opened. As is likely when one is dealing with mortuary records, some dates given as death dates may well have been dates of burial.

5 HOAGLAND GRAVE SITE, in Yavapai County, is on the east bank of a curve of the old road that crosses Lynx Creek and which was originally the route through Mayer to Phoenix. The single, well-maintained burial is that of Angeline Hoagland.

6 COURTLAND CEMETERY, in Cochise County, is located near the ghost town of Courtland, which is on the Pearce Road, some eleven miles south of Pearce and three miles north of Gleeson; it is nineteen miles east of Tombstone. The cemetery, on land owned by E. Molina, was in use as late as 1918. There are some eighty-five graves that have not been identified and only four on which the inscriptions are legible. It was surveyed in the summer of 1971 by Mrs. John Schwartzmann and Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Jolley.

7 COCHISE MEMORIAL PARK contains some one hundred graves, including at least ten unmarked ones, which date from 1911 to 1970. It is located about two miles south of the ghost town of Cochise, Cochise County. It was visited in 1971 by Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Jolley and Mrs. John Schwartzmann; the results of their survey were compared with the earlier, less complete list of burials contained in L.D.S. film 928504.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Death Date</u>	<u>1049 Code</u>
AFFERTY, George I.			1870	1911	112
RAGARIS, Ora Nell	25y			17 Jun 1919	141
RAGEN, Infant	5m			15 Nov 1904	66
Child of Dennis Ragen					
RAGNOVICH, Mary	64(?)y		1952(?)	21 Jan 1914	114
RAGSDALE					
*Infant					66
Child of T. H. Ragsdale					
Elwood	38y			17 Oct 1916	114
Gillis B.			20 Dec 1899	11 Nov 1965	157
Howell C.	23y		1883	6 Jul 1906	114
John				1892	79
John C.			6 Jul 1926	25 Oct 1972	157
RAHAL, Thomas	31y			12 Apr 1921	164
RAHN, Joseph George	1d			15 Jan 1959	114
RAIHA, Joel	32y 2m 25d		7 Oct 1899	2 Jan 1932	B111
B. in Finland, son of Charles Raiha and Johanna Raasakka; single; d. at Superior, Ariz.					
RAINBOW, Leo				22 Oct 1921	4
Cremated, Fort Yuma					
RAINES (See Rains, Ranes)					
J. S.					A25
Co. G, 18th N.Y. Inf.					
L. M.	59y 5m 20d		24 Jan 1863	14 Jul 1922	134
B. at La Grange, Mo., son of Dr. J. D. Raines (b. in S.C.) and Lytha Hampton (b. in S.C.); burial on order of Mrs. Rose Raines					
RAINEY					
Infant	M			3 Feb 1918	66
Stillborn					
Charles Thomas	c42y			10 Aug 1930	111
B. in Texas, son of Thomas Rainey (b. in Miss.) and Nancey Denes (b. in Texas); married; bd. at Mesa, Ariz.					
RAINS (See Raines)					
Gussie	F	66y		31 Dec 1929	66
James D.	M	33y		4 Mar 1923	66
John W.	M	50y		1 Sep 1937	66
May be same as John Wiley Rains, below					
John Wiley			1888	1938	114
May be same as J. W. Rains, above					
Roxana		6m	9 Feb 1961	9 Aug 1961	114
RAINWATER, Hill S.				27 Jan 1927	4
Negro; Masonic					
RAJKALA, John	M	39y		15 Jul 1916	66
RALEY, Benjamin F.				19 May 1919	4
Sent to Pomona, Calif.					
RALKOVICH, Infant	M			23 Jul 1921	66
Stillborn					
RALLENTA, Thomas		44y		15 Nov 1911	72
RALPH					
Infant	M			24 Jul 1909	66
Son of Al Ralph					
Allen L.	M	72y		31 Dec 1943	66
Anna L.		81y	1876	11 Jan 1958	114