

Heroes of 7 Wars at Rest CR1 5-28-53 In Barrington Cemeteries

One hundred and fifty-six United States soldiers are buried in Barrington and countryside cemeteries, according to R. E. Willmering, graves registration officer for Barrington post No. 158, The American Legion.

Graves of Civil war veterans account for more than half of the total. Eighty-five such graves have been found in the five cemeteries which Mr. Willmering has catalogued, but veterans of World War I are rapidly catching up, he notes, and in a few short years their graves will outnumber those of the men who fought in the war between the states. There are 40 graves of World War I soldiers in the two Barrington village cemeteries; none in the three outlying cemeteries he has explored. The same two cemeteries hold the graves of 10 World War II veterans, and one is buried in White cemetery. Mr. Willmering has records of 10 soldiers of the War of 1812, two of the Korean conflict, one Spanish-American veteran, and two soldiers who fought in the Indian wars, besides one peace-time soldier.

Roy Willmering has been the graves registrar for twenty-three years. He has sought to obtain the name of each veteran who rests in the local burying grounds, his rank,

organization, date of death, and the lot, block, section, and grave in which each is buried. Of the 156 deceased veterans on his roster, he has complete records of all save 29. The cemeteries and graves therein on Willmering's register are:

Evergreen—Civil war, 61; World war I, 36; World war II, 9; War of 1812, 3; Indian wars, 2; Korea, 2; peacetime, 1.

St. Paul—Civil, 7; World war I, 4; World war II, 1.

White (on Cuba road)—Civil, 7; World war II, 1; 1812, 1; Spanish-American, 1.

Smith (Bateman and Algonquin roads)—Civil war, 3.

Barrington Center (Sutton and Algonquin roads)—Civil, 12; 1812, 6.

Smith cemetery is also known as Jackson cemetery and as Barrington Union cemetery.

This registration of the final resting places of veterans of all wars is to comply with regulations of the graves registration division of the War Department and Willmering's information is recorded with the state graves registration service, where it is available to the War Department. In the beginning he had Cady and Deer Grove cemeteries also. These were subsequently transferred to jurisdiction of the Palatine Legion post.