



Finding Patients

Using Archival Research and Pedestrian Survey to Identify the Oregon Hospital for the Insane Burial Ground at Lone Fir Cemetery

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Oregon Hospital for the Insane (OHI)

**Opened by Dr. James C. Hawthorne and
Dr. A. M. Loryea in 1862**



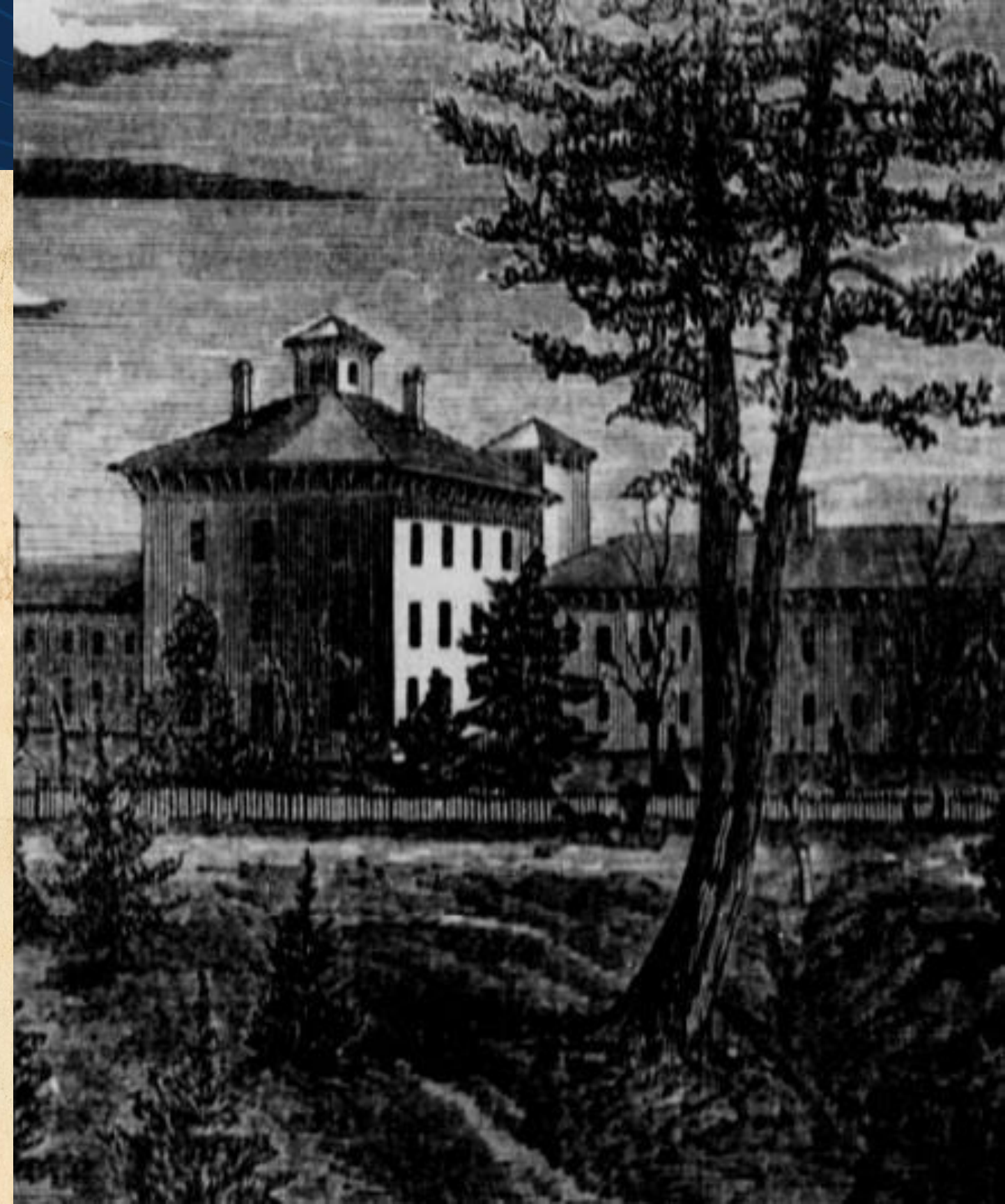
**Around 1,350 patients were treated
during its 21 years of operation**



**Closed in 1883, with the remaining
patients transferred to the Oregon State
Hospital in Salem**



**The building was destroyed by
fire in 1886**



The Lone Fir Cemetery

First burial was in 1846



**Originally called the
Mount Crawford Cemetery**



Renamed Lone Fir Cemetery in 1866



**Over 25,000 people are thought to be
buried at Lone Fir Cemetery**



Added to the National Register in 2007



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Research: What documents were available?

- Patient list from OHI-Lone Fir burial contract (1867-1879)
- Cemetery sexton records (1881-1883)
- OHI index book (1863-1883)
- Patient commitment records
- Census records (1870, 1880)
- Visiting physicians' reports (1868-1882)

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SCHEDULE in East Portland, in the County of Multnomah
of enumerated by me on the _____ day of _____, 1870.
Post Office Ogden Dr. Witt Ireland

No.	Sex	Age	Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Years of Birth, Naturalization		Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Parents of foreign birth.	Married	Single	Total
					Year	Month					
1	M	30	W	Multnomah, Oregon			Ireland	1			1
2	F	32	W	Illinoi		1000					1
3	M	4	W	At Home			Oregon				1
4	F	32	W						May		
5	M	40	W	W. England			Germany	1			1
6	F	32	W				Michigan				1
7	M	32	W				Missouri				1
8	M	35	W				Ireland	1			1
9	M	47	W				Kentucky				1
10	M	48	W				Missouri				1
11	M	60	W				Maryland				1
12	M	50	W				Mass				1
13	M	45	W				Mexico	1			1
14	M	40	W				France	1			1
15	M	60	W				Illinois				1
16	M	42	W				Mass				1
17	M	25	W				Virginia				1
18	M	40	W				Germany	1			1
19	M	30	W				Maryland				1
20	M	40	W				Germany	1			1
21	M	50	W				Tenn				1
22	M	30	W				Missouri				1
23	M	41	W				Germany	1			1
24	M	40	W				Tenn				1
25	M	27	W				Missouri				1
26	M	27	W				Tenn				1
27	M	47	W				N. Carolina				1
28	M	37	W				N. York				1
29	M	32	W				"				1
30	M	48	W				Missouri				1
31	M	48	W				Kentucky				1
32	M	42	W				Ireland	1			1
33	M	30	W				Maine				1
34	M	35	W				Ireland	1			1
35	M	15	W				Oregon				1
36	M	46	W				Illinois				1
37	M	42	W				Ohio				1
38	M	31	W				Austria	1			1
39	M	35	W				Germany	1			1
40	M	32	W				Missouri				1

No. of males, Single, 9
and males, 1 - female, 4
Total, 13

16 August 14 1881

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for one China Grove

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for 1 China Grove

16 E & S Burriel Char. Stone in
their lot No 64 B 12 - 8th space
from North End of lot

16 Asylum To L. Anderson Dr
for Grove of Prof Dilea. Piskey 10 space
from North End of Alleyway Now in B. 10
3rd Alleyway from West End of Block

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for 1 China Grove

Problems with identifying where OHI patients were buried

- Cemetery maps do not identify any sections used for OHI patient burials
- No deed records showing OHI ownership of any plots
- Many 19th-century markers were made of wood and no longer survive
- Only 12 individuals identified as OHI patients have surviving 19th-century stone markers
- Lone Fir's sextons only began keeping systematic records in 1881
- An 1887 Oregonian article (right) described the OHI burial section in a location not supported by other evidence

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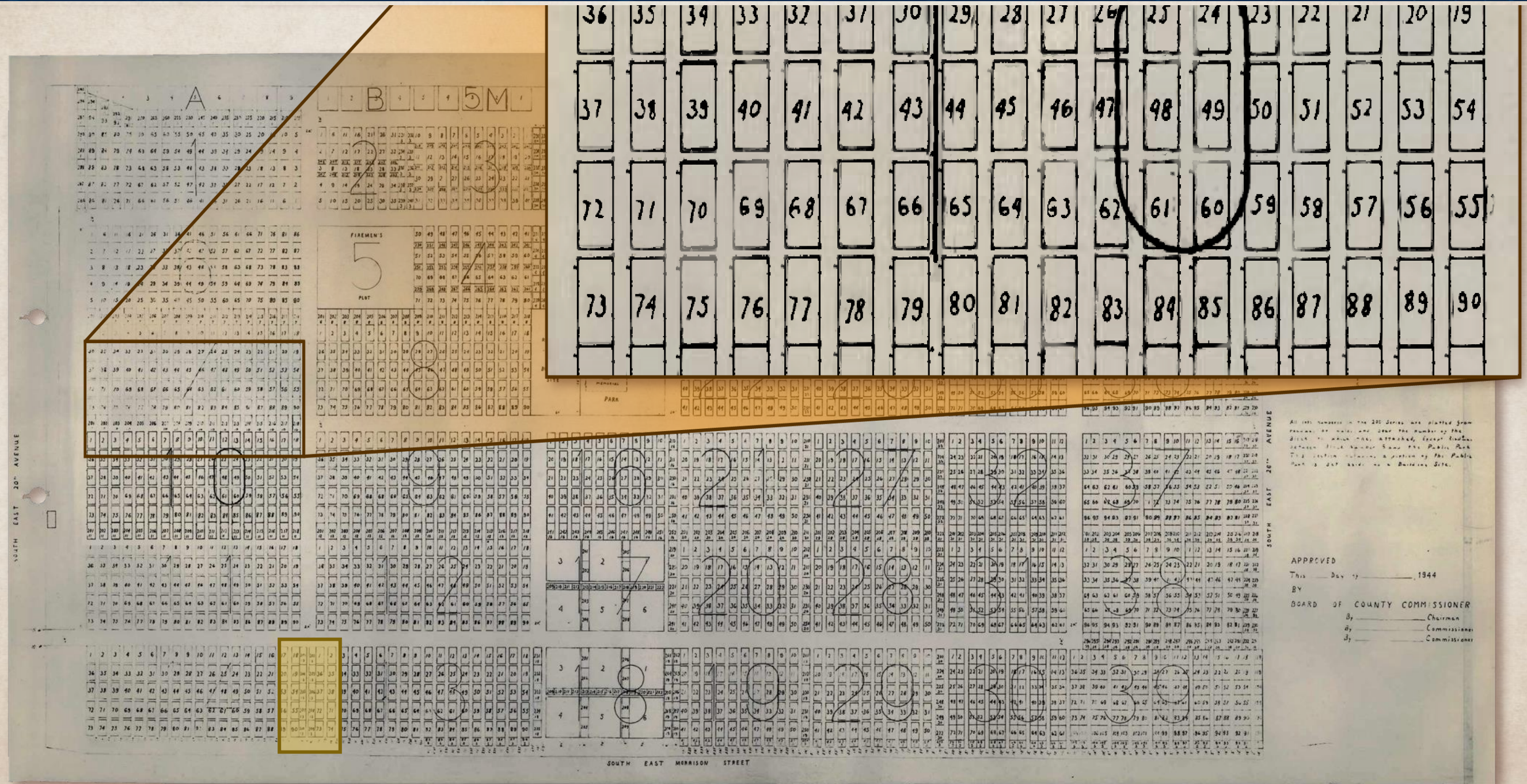
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Map of Entire Cemetery

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Block 10: OHI Surviving Patient Headstones

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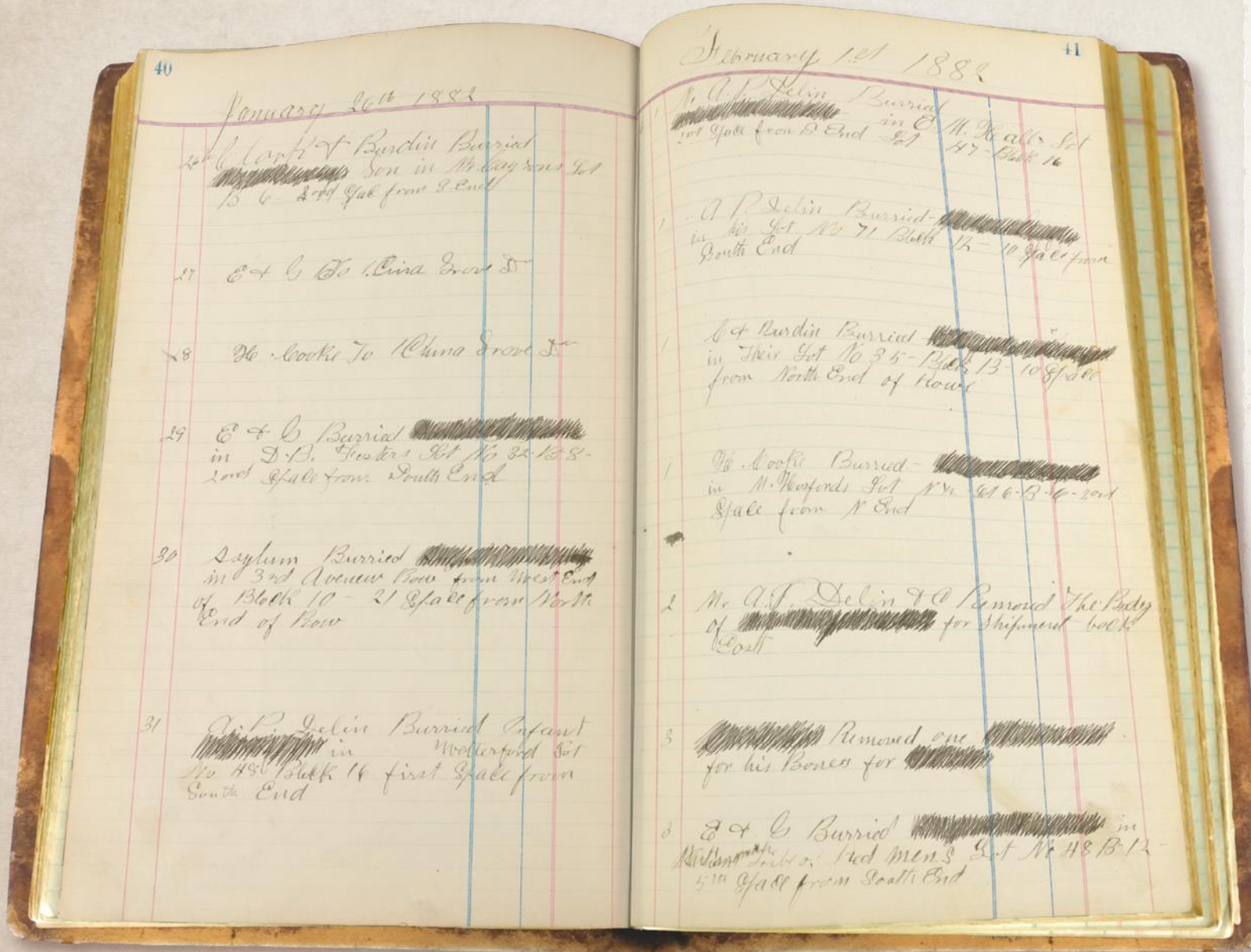
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20  Existing Headstones

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54
72	71	70	69	68	67	66	65	64	63	62	61	60	59	58	57	56	55
73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90

Identifying OHI Patient Burials in Cemetery Ledger Book

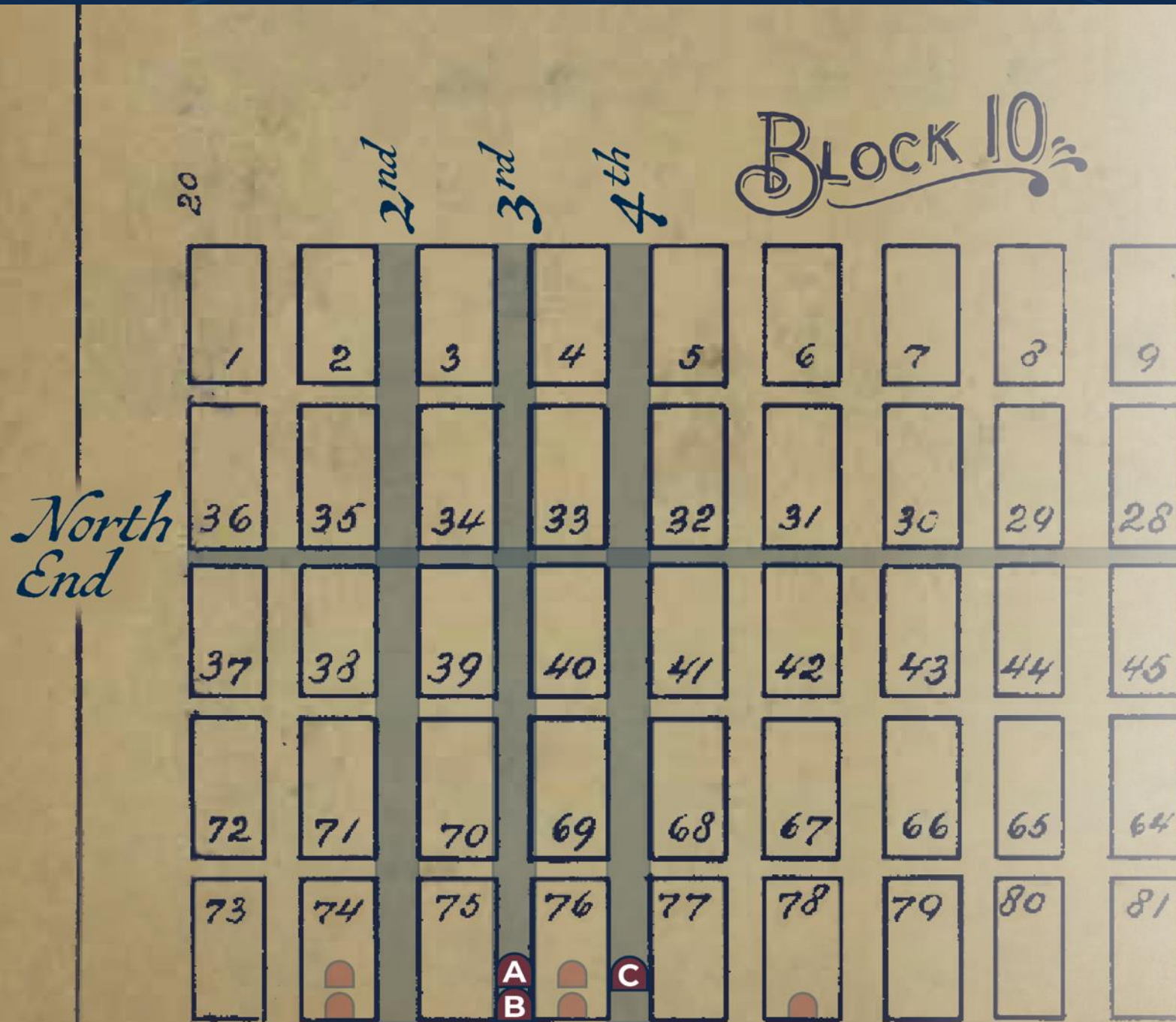
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Space No.	2nd Avenue	3rd Avenue	4th Avenue
1	Patient 1883-03 (5/14/1883)		Patient 1882-08 (2/15/1882)
2	Patient 1883-04 (5/17/1883)		Patient 1882-09 (2/16/1882)
3	Patient 1883-05 (5/29/1883)		Patient 1882-10 (3/4/1882)
4	Patient 1883-06 (7/6/1883)		Patient 1882-11 (3/7/1882)
5	Patient 1883-07 (7/12/1883)		Patient 1882-12 (3/16/1882)
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10	Patient 1883-12 (10/8/1883)	Patient 1881-05 (8/16/1881)	Patient 1882-17 (5/20/1882)
11	[Patient 1883-13 (10/15/1883, removed 11/2/1883)]	Patient 1881-06 (9/10/1881)	Patient 1882-18 (6/13/1882)
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3 Patients Identified in the Ledger with Surviving Headstones

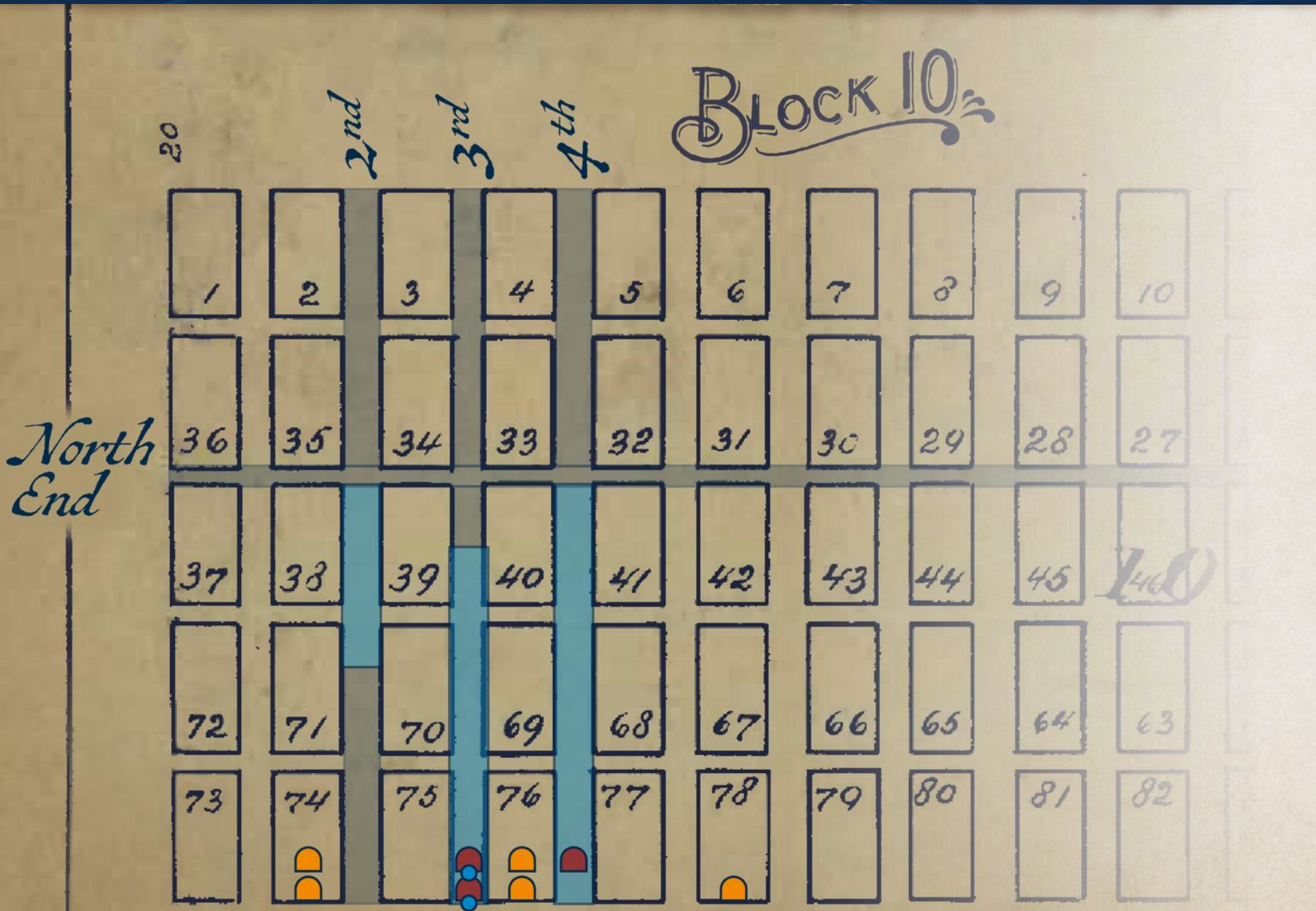
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Making Sense of the Burial System

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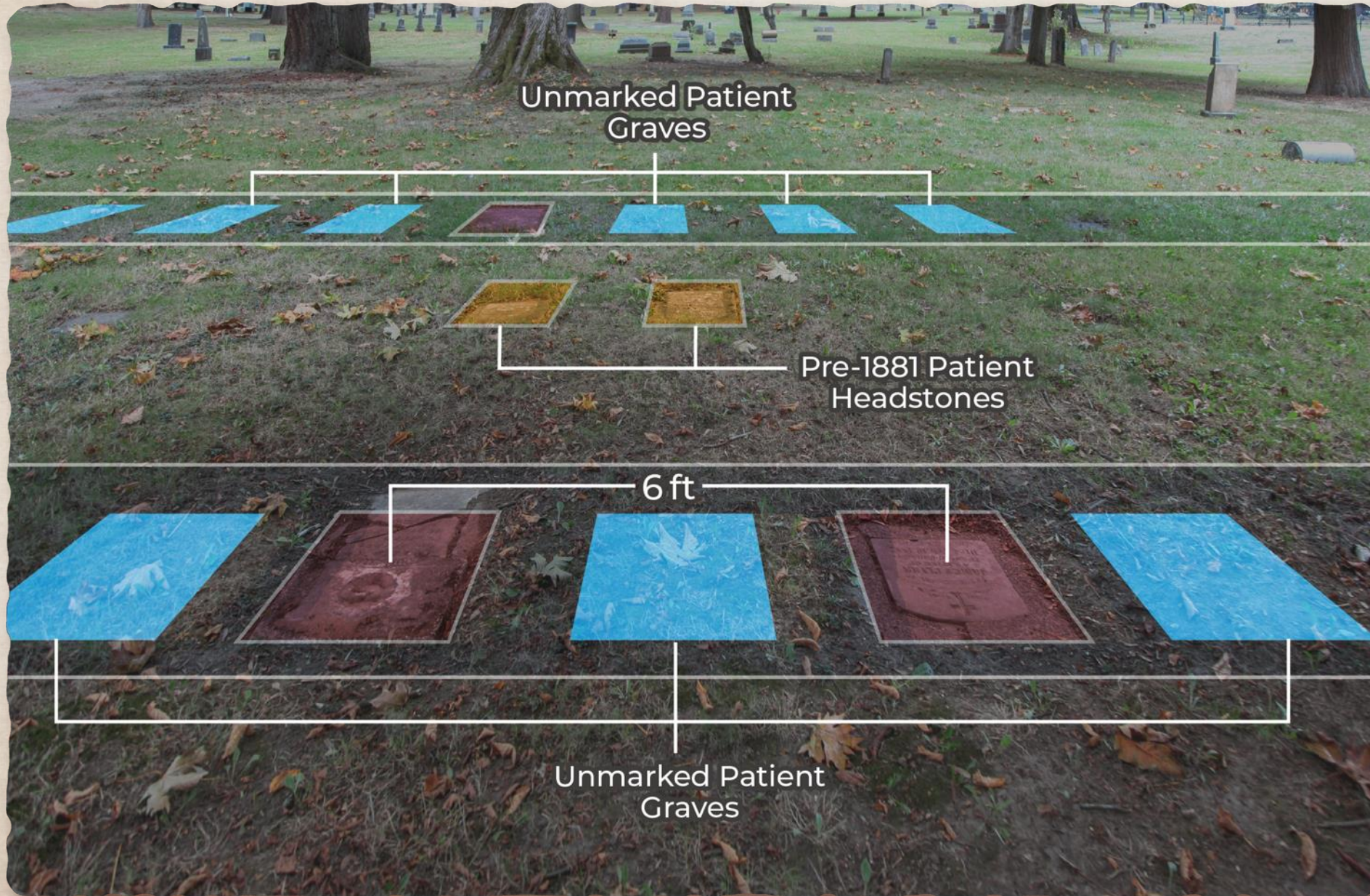
Note:

Comparing the headstone locations with the ledger table helped clarify where the rest of the patients identified in the ledger were buried.

- Legend*
-  *From ledger / 1881-83*
 -  *Pre-ledger / 1873-79*
 -  *Locations of known patient burials, no headstones*

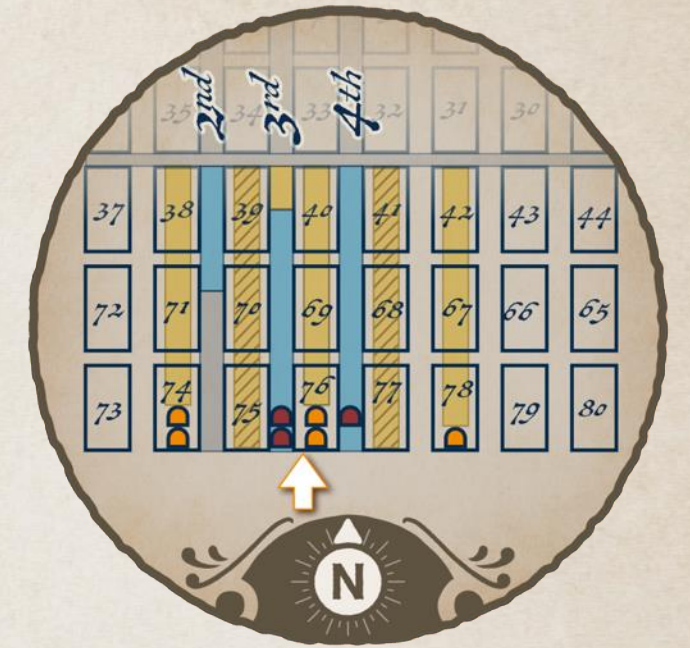
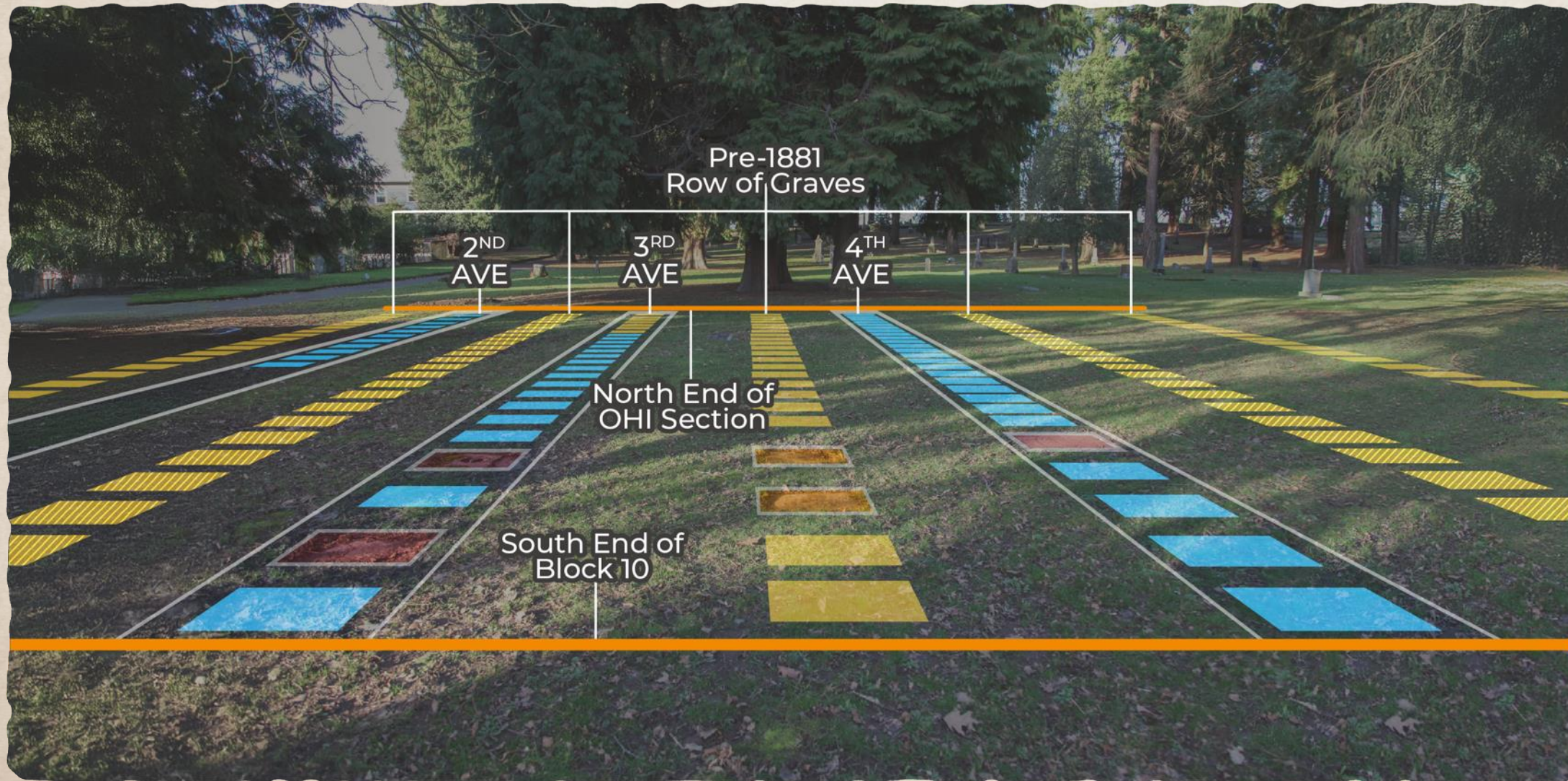
Extrapolating Grave Locations and Spacing from Existing Headstones

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


Block 10: Known and Suspected OHI Patient Burials

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Map

-  From ledger / 1881-83
-  Pre-ledger / 1873-79
-  Locations of known patient burials, no headstones
-  Suspected row of patient graves
-  Theorized row of patient graves

Questions & Discussion

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