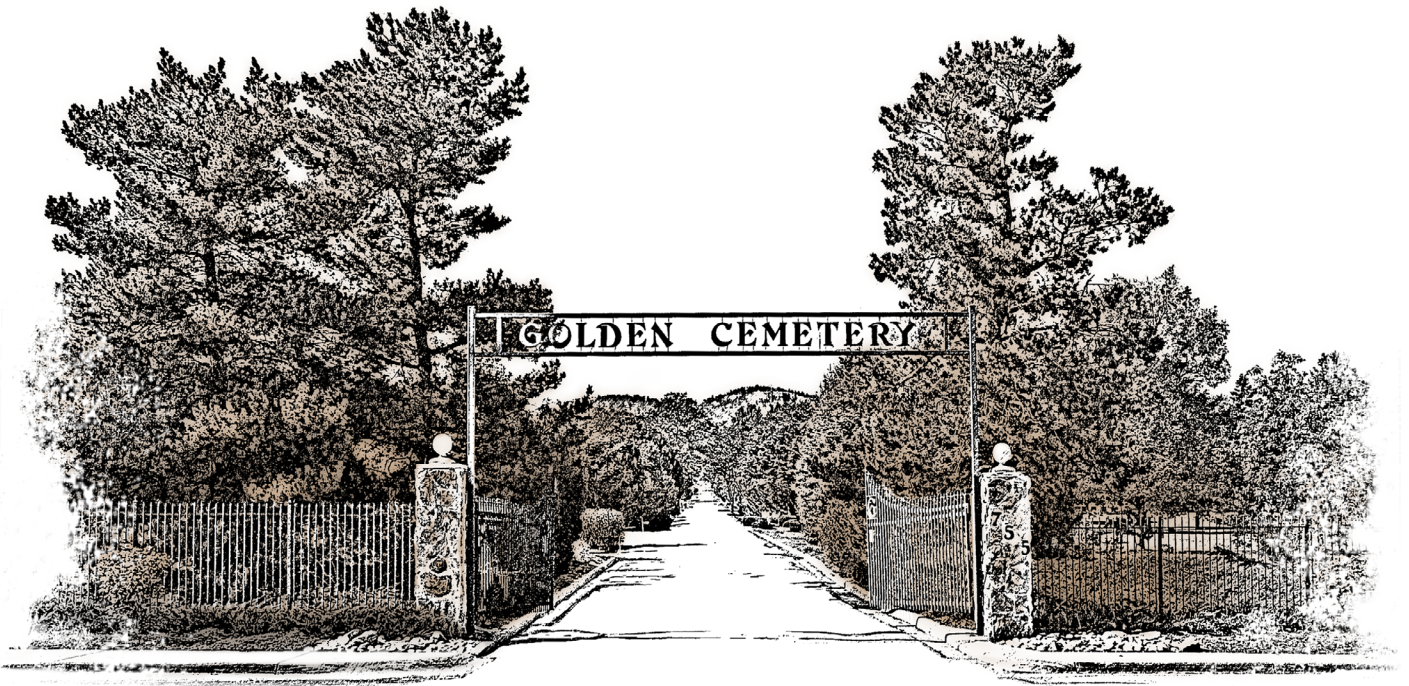# Golden Cemetery

Golden Cemetery was established by the Town of Golden on October 6, 1873, as one of the state's earliest memorial parks, or garden cemeteries. The Golden Cemetery is significant for its association with the exploration and settlement of Golden, and providing an essential need for the new community. It is the final resting place of several significant persons in the history of Golden and Jefferson County including Edward L. Berthoud, George West, and George Morrison.

The cemetery is also important for its association with the development of funerary art and planned and landscaped community cemeteries in Colorado between the 1870s and mid-1900s. Golden Cemetery is architecturally significant for its early 1930s WPA Rustic style Shelter House. The Shelter House was erected in 1933-34 by the Civil Works Administration (CWA), in conjunction with the City of Golden, to replace an inadequate wood frame building constructed in 1888. Construction of the new Shelter House was part of a concerted Depression-era effort to beautify the cemetery.

Golden Cemetery is Jefferson County's 4th funerary site designated on the National Register, and it is Jefferson County's first complete burial ground recognized, with over 8,000 gravesites.

On April 18, 2012 the Golden Cemetery was added to the National Register of Historic Places.