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St. Leonard Catholic Cemetery

St. Leonard Catholic Cemetery is located a short distance south and east of Madison. In 1881 land on the hill had been purchased for a parish church. [The first Trustees of the church, Patrick O'Shea and Thomas Linder, purchased five acres of land upon a hill north and west of the present Catholic cemetery. The first church was built at a cost of \$957.61]. The church was completed in November of that year. At the urging of one of the Franciscan priests who came each weekend for services, more land was purchased for a cemetery. The first burial in September 1882, was that of Anna Gertrude Brand, age 1. An Association was formed in 1939. The board of directors set prices for the lots and arranged that a percentage be set aside for perpetual care of each grave. A Crucifixion group consisting of a steel cross and 4 granite stone figures was erected in 1947.

Source: [Images of Yesterday...Visions of Tomorrow: 125 Years, Madison, Nebraska, 1867-1992.](#)