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LINCOLN NATIONAL FORREST EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

SHATTUCK CEMETERY RECORDS

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This is a very remote and small cemetery. It is nestled on the side of a mountain high at an altitude of about 6349 ft above sea level. The GPS Coordinates (Global Positioning System) are 32 deg 05 min 42 sec North and 104 deg 46 min 38 sec West. The margin of error for these coordinates is only 52 feet. If you are within 52 feet of this cemetery you will see it. It is enclosed with a grey weathered picket fence. Look closely as you walk by up the hill to see this cemetery, you will most likely see a white head stone before you see the fence. This cemetery is on Public Land and access is all on Public Land.

To get to this cemetery you must take State Road 137 from Highway 285 all the way up into the Guadalupe Mountains. Pass Queen Station and continue south coming to Forrest Road 540. Turn left and continue for several miles on this very good gravel road until you come to the Klondike Pass Road on the left.

Turn left onto Klondike Pass Road and go down into the canyon. Just before the road makes a sharp turn to the left you will see a narrow forrest road labled 307 on your right. If miss this road and come to the McCollum Ranch you have gone too far. Take the right turn on road Forrest Road 307 and follow it as far as you can. The road will be washed out in this canyon.

You are in Hooper Canyon. When you can't go any farther, you will have to walk. However, the walk is easy and most beautiful. You will see several amazing formations in the dry canyon. Cross the wash where you are forced to stop and continue to follow the road. You will have to walk for about 1/2 mile and it will take you about 20 minutes (if you don't stop to see the wonderful sights). You will see the cemetery to your right up the slop.

There are only three marked graves in this site. It is unknown if there are any others, however, there are large square rocks in two rows below the marked graves. These rocks could be to stop erosion or they could be to mark other graves. My guess is erosion control.

The Shattucks were a well known family in these mountians. Captain Shattuck was the first school Superintendent (in Eddy County?) but for sure in the

schools in the mountains. There were two school, one in Dog Canyon at the El Paso Gap and another in Rocky Arroyo. I assume Shattuck attained his title as Captain from the Civil War. He certainly picked a beautiful place to rest his mortal remains.

J.S. Shattuck Captain Oct 1, 1837 to Apr 18, 1900

Julia P. Shattuck Mar 20, 1834 to Nov 30, 1920 If I had known thou couldst have died, I might have wept for thee, but I forgot wenst by thy side, that couldst mortal be.

Mariah H. Lyon Mar 16, 1832 to Dec 28, 1919 If I had known thou couldst have died, I might have wept for thee, but I forgot wenst by thy side, that couldst mortal be.