

SECTION 4



TOUR STOP 8: WITTE

Northeast of the MacRae gravestone is an ornate early monument of limestone, marble, and granite, with two polished granite columns. Marked "Witte," it dates from a century before MacRae's, recording the death of Henry Witte (1821-1886), his wife Dora (1840-1893), and members of their family. The monument is also inscribed "Kimball Bros., Albia, Iowa." That family of monument makers relocated from Albia to Lincoln in 1887 and produced many of Wyuka's most ornate monuments from the 1880s to 1930s. Perhaps Mrs. Witte had some reason to order this gravestone from Iowa, thereby introducing the Kimballs to Lincoln. More likely they brought the monument with them from Iowa upon their move in 1887 and completed it here for the Witte family.