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Wisconsin Statutes limits the reasons for removal from the burial catalog. The director needs to determine that no burial site is present on the land due to: (1) naturally occurring changes to the landscape; (2) all human remain have been removed; or, (3) newly discovered evidence that, if known at the time of the determination to record in the catalog ... would have resulted in a determination not to record the burial site or land in the catalog.

The Catalog of Burial Sites is required due to a 1985 law. What new evidence has been emerged since 1985 that reflects *all* remains were removed (or that Orton should never have been listed in the first place)? The City's page for Orton Park states: "In 1877 all of the burials *that could be found* were removed from the old village cemetery and reinterred at Forest Hill." (emphasis added)

And this "Directory of Sacred Places" list Orton Park as having a mound.

https://www.google.com/books/edition/Directory_of_Sacred_Places/mgHnHwfgENAC?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=%22orton+park%22+madison+wisconsin&pg=PA96&printsec=frontcover

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