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This letter is in opposition to the effort by the board of the Hauge Preservation Association in the Town of Perry, Dane County, Wisconsin to allow burials in the Hauge church cemetery.

We live across the road from the church and my husbands family (Boleys) have owned property adjoining the church since the original land grant in 1858. His family moved to this country from the Valdres area of Norway, as did many of the norwegians who came to Perry Township. Our family were Haugians, early members of the church. We have at least seven family members buried in the cemetery, great great grandfather, great grandparents, great uncle, cousin (an origin builder), and grandfathers first wife and child.

The church closed its doors for Haugian religious services around 1920, at which time most burials in the cemetery ceased. This moment in time, when the world continued and passed by this small piece of norwegian american history, defines the beauty of this church. The church rests completely in this moment in time. The church has never been renovated, the gravestones reflect the era of the early norwegian immigrants.

To reinstate burials, to add pets to this historic consecrated ground is highly offensive to the memory of our ancestors buried there. It would forever, regrettably, lose the character of this historic setting.

There is another Hauge cemetery in Perry Township that currently allows burials. I will not get into the history here, but it offers an option to people who desire a perpetual tie to the old Hauge churches.

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