

***CRAWFORD COUNTY  
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS***

***CRAWFORDSVILLE  
CEMETERY***

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## CRAWFORDSVILLE CEM.

Located in NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sect. 16 Twp. 29S Rge 23E

11-5-1971 Visited by William Cuthbertson & Ernie Stevens. We checked under all the trees and in the brush and could find no stones. Mrs. Willard Peak (nee Viola VanNess) who lived nearby recalled seeing the name of

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on a stone, and believed he had children buried there also, but did not know if the stone was still there. Orval Taylor had seen 2 stones within the last 2 or 3 years. Another neighbor said many years ago some of the stones from this cem. were carried to the farmhouse located along the E side of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of same section, less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  back from the N road. Eventually these stones were used turned over as a walk or step.

2-26-1972 Wm. Cuthbertson & Ernie Stevens again walked all over this area & found no stones. A waterway and several terraces are in the area. Sheldon Delange whose father owned this farm, had seen the 2 stones several years ago, and believed they would be 200-300 ft. E of the E end of the dam of the large pond in this "40". He later returned and checked the area and reports the stones are gone. Paul Reidinger had seen stones there about 40 years ago, and believed they were not far N of the S line of this "40", and not far W of the E line.

Upon returning from checking the location of the cem., we stopped where the house had been, described above, less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  mi back from the N road along the E side of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ . There we found 2 pieces of a stone, lying face down just S of a little pump house;

Jonathan Kidwell died April 22 1870 aged 40 yrs. 1 mo. & 11 d...  
 "A faithful minist.....  
 Gospel gone ho.....

I. W. Moody Ft. Scott (dealer)

It would seem a sure thing that this stone came from the Crawfordsville Cem.

3-13-1972: Herbert Baldwin who lived on the farm SE opposite Emery School house, recalled probably 8 graves in this cem. with a stone wall around it, and partly filled in with dirt.

11-8-1973 Mrs. Thurman Rhudy of Girard stated she and her late husband lived on the Chahlie Jones farm to the northwest of this cem., and they farmed the land around it. She believed there were 8 or 10 stones, and that the last of them were bulldozed out a few years ago. She said it was just north of the lane that ran back ( $\frac{1}{4}$  mi N of mission road). Mr. Rhudy once discovered the head and foot stones of the grave of a child about 3 years old some little distance north of the other stones under a tree, when he was hunting some shade while resting a few minutes one day. There had been an orchard where the cem. was located, and later some wild plum trees.

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