

**CRAWFORD COUNTY  
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**

**DIETZ  
CEMETERY**

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## DIETZ CEMETERY

(Perhaps called Hopefield or perhaps later called Lone star cem.)

Located on the NE cor of  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of Sect. 24, Twp. 30S, Rge. 24E.

This is 2 mi W of 4th & Broadway, Pittsburg, Kans., to the Lone Star School corner, then  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi N &  $\frac{1}{4}$  mi E back in field. (Also about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mi N of the Helio Mfg. Co. plant.) Approached from the W, across Biancarelli's farm.

A road once passed the cem. on the N side. The site is in a grove of trees & brush, perhaps about 200 ft. square, fenced on the N & E but open to the S & W. Cattle grazing and vandalism have taken their toll, no stone remains standing. Many stones are broken and the pieces scattered. A number of bases have the stones missing. It appears some burials were removed to other places.

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In a map of 1876 with Agricultural Report, Hopefield appears as a town immediately to the NW of this cem., so it could have been called the Hopefield Cem.

3-5-1971: Mr. Oliver Jameson of Girard was born in a house which stood just over  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi. N of Lone Star School corner on the E side of the road. A short distance S, also on the E side of the road, on the same 80 acres where the cem. is located, once stood the old stone house built by the Dietz family. Mr. Jameson's parents attended the housewarming in the stone house when it was built many years ago. When it was eventually torn down, the limestone rock was crushed and used on the streets of Pittsburg.

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(chain design; leaning against tree:) (NW cor)  
W. H. Allen born May 21 1845 died Mar 28 1871

pieces of stone outline a grave, no marker

.....died Sep 30 1884 aged 11 mos. 27 da's.

(drapery design; fallen) Aaron Ross died May 9 1883 aged 46 y's 7 m's & 20 d's.  
Farewell my wife and children all  
From you a father Christ doth call  
Mourn not for me; it is in vain  
To call me to your sight again.

(ftst) W. F. C.

(piece of a stone) ...el 7, 18

(2 bases, stones gone)

(design of dove; fallen; near N side): Walter son of W. R. & D. Blackburn  
born Feb 25 1885 died Oct 19 1886 Asleep in Jesus.

(broken) dau of ... & Mary Cu..... born Sept 13 ... died ...

(2 bases, stones gone)

(base with top of stone broken off)

(broken) Solomon Warren  
(believe this broken piece goes with it:) aged 77 yrs. 1 mo. & 25 dys.

(design of weeping willow tree) ....at Chardon? born Jan 13 1813 died Nov (4?) 1882?

(base) John C. Kane born Oct 26 1859 died Dec 19 1871

(sq. shaft with ~~A~~ emblem probably was on above base:)  
He was taken from us early in his bloom  
Our dear and beloved Son lies mouldering in the tomb.

(base) A. F. Kane died Mar 19 1879 aged 54 yrs. 9 mos. 25 ds.  
Farewell my wife and children all  
From you a father Christ doth call.....(below ground level)

(sq. shaft with ~~G~~ emblem probably was on above base:)

(2 bases)

(dove design; fallen) Clara May dau. of T. & M. Maxedon born May 17 1883  
died July 8 1884

(concrete home-made vault top, stone set in conc. broken off)

(ftst) O. N.

" C. M. H.

" J. S.

Orpha dau of J. H. & ~~Ida~~<sup>Ida</sup> E. Newton died Nov 4 1884 aged 5 mos.

(piece of stone) Wm.

" Jan 24 1884 aged 53 yrs 3 mos & 2 dys.

(ftst) I. T.

{broken piece) ...29 188-

.....  
..... will shine  
..... and divine

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(design of lamb; fallen) George, son of D. M. & E. A. Smith died Sept 22 1881  
age 1 yr. 8 mo. 19 d.

(broken) Rest father rest in quiet sleep  
While friends in sorrow o'er thee weep.

(2 bases, stones gone)

(ftst:) J. E. W.

" C. S. W.

(base)

(next 2 are matching stones, hand cut on native stone, but made with care)

Ena E. Williams D Mar 22 1879

Mary A. Williams D Jan 1 1875

(ftst) A. C.

(base)

"

(ftst) S. W.

(2 pairs of rocks must mark 2 infant burials)

(1 pair of rocks must mark a burial)

(bas )

(ftst) J. H.

(2 rocks mark head & foot of a grave)

(fallen) .....wife of James E. Wrench.. (Wrencher?) died Feb 26 187<sup>5</sup>(5 or 6)  
(aged 43 yr. 5 mo & 3 ds?)

(broken) ...46 yrs.....& 16

(ftst) P. B. H.

rock may mark grave

" " " "

(Across fence to N are 2 rocks which may mark head & foot of 1 grave, or 2 graves; no names; this is very close to the fence.)

Additional notes by Wm. Cuthbertson 8-24-1971, source: Orval Taylor, R. 2 Girard Ks.

There were 4 Taylor burials made in this cem., one of which was removed later. Orval Taylor's father was Albert, and his grandfather was John Taylor. The wife of John Taylor (Orval's grandmother) Elizabeth Ricks Taylor was buried here and about 20 years later removed to Mt. Olive Cem., Pittsburg, where her grave is marked.

John Taylor had a brother Job and a half-brother Andrew. The wives of both brothers and an infant son of Job are still buried here. Job died at Burbank, Calif., after having lived in the Dakotas and raised another family.

These are the 3 Taylor burials:

Sarah S. Taylor, nee Grimes, wife of Job Taylor, died 7-28-1876, aged in her 30's.  
(note: Orval found her stone still there several yrs. ago, but we did not see it when copying last March)

Ishmael Taylor, baby son of Job & Sarah, age about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  yrs., d. in 1870's before his mother.

Susan A. Taylor, wife of Andrew Taylor, also died 1876.

3-9-1971: Mrs. Wilse Page, nee Geier, of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  mi W. of Pittsburg states that her mother had 2 little brothers who died of scarlet fever not long after the family came in a covered wagon, and both are buried in the "Lone Star" cemetery, but graves were not marked because they could not afford stones in such an early day. They were the children of Ezekiel Thiesing and wife Vashti, nee Davis (who was the dau. of John Davis who m. Mary Pickery 8-29-1838) who were married 5-29-1862. The Thiesing family Bible, owned by Mrs. Page, gives the above info. & the death dates of the 2 children:

Orion W. Thiesing died Nov 4 1868

Gene Thiesing died March 29 1887

Mr. and Mrs. Thiesing are buried in the St. Mary's Catholic Cem. adjoining Highland Park Cem.