

***CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS
TOMBSTONE TRANSCRIPTIONS***

***INDIAN & UNKNOWN
GRAVES***

William C. Cuthbertson

INDIAN GRAVES

Located in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 17 Twp. 29S Rge 24E.

The location was on the west bank of Cow Creek, a short distance back from the creek, which would likely place it about the center of this $\frac{1}{4}$ section, about 1 mi E of Girard.

2-29-1972 Visited this site, Wm. Cuthbertson & Mrs. Sully Redlon McGrew. Mrs. McGrew lived here when she was a little girl nearly 70 years ago and recalled often seeing 2 large, very smooth rocks, side by side so they were practically touching, each about as long as a person is tall. Mr. Alex. Trask who owned the farm was an older man then, and he told her these two rocks marked Indian graves. Mrs. McGrew's father was somewhat skeptical. We searched, with Mrs. Earl Schifferdecker (The Schifferdeckers own this farm & live here) along the west side of a little branch which lies W of the creek proper; then we drove in through the field E of the main part of Cow Creek and walked the E bank for some distance through much brush, looking for rocks on the W bank, but found nothing. A more thorough search could yield something, but Mr. Schifferdecker had never seen anything fitting this description. The rocks may have been hauled away.

INDIAN GRAVES

Located SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 33, Twp. 31S, Rge. 25E.

Notes taken 2-17-1971 by Wm. Cuthbertson & Ernie Stevens. This was homesteaded by a Mr. Meyer, according to Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrandt who now live on the farm, which was owned by her father, Mr. Ahrens. The Hildebrandts tell that there are rocks which mark Indian graves, but had no names or dates. Her father always said to be sure to leave the stones. The wagon road across the country went through their farm some distance east of their present dwelling, which is along the E side of Rouse St., a short distance N of the new Mt. Carmel Hospital.

4-1-1974 Site visited by Wm. Cuthbertson & Ernie Stevens. This location was on the SW bank of a little draw that looped around to the W of the main creek, which is Little Cow Creek. It is a part of the Hildebrandt farm, but perhaps 100 ft. or more E of the half-mile line. It is also perhaps 300 ft. N of a small pond, and just in the edge of the timber. It would likely be a good $\frac{1}{4}$ mile N of the public road. Several rocks were found, at least 2 of which were rather square shaped, and may have been a foot wide, 2 ft. long and 3 in. thick, but with no inscriptions that we could see. None were standing up as tombstones, but these likely were used for markers. We found practically no other rocks in this area, although we explored quite a distance on to the NW, so apparently these were brought here for some purpose. We were directed to the spot by Mrs. Wehmeyer who lives in a farmhouse set back from the road in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of this same section.

Orville Unroe of Girard moved to the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of this section about age 11, with his parents, his father having bought out the other heirs to his grandfather's farm. He recalled mention having been made of these graves, and believed he had seen them many years ago, but had no impression as to whether they were Indian or Pioneer graves. The Unroes lived along the E side of this quarter section, E of the creek. In the N 80 of their farm, near or in the timber, lived an old Englishman named Tommy Duce. With Tommy was a young German generally known as "Dutch Bill", who had come from Germany to escape military conscription. Orville recalled Mr. Duce had a long white beard, and sometimes worked for his father. Mr. Duce told about these graves, but that was about 70 years ago and Orville could not now recall the details.

INDIAN GRAVE

Located about on the line between Sect. 33 and 34, Twp. 27S Rge 24E, abt. 3/4 mi S of "Possom Trot" School, which was just across^N from the NW cor of Sec. 34. This line between the sections is not a road, it is on the "Redlon Ranch NE of Farlington.

2-28-1972 Mrs. Lelia Nance of Pawnee Station, in Bourbon Co. not far N of the Crawford Co. line, said she and her husband Archie Nance rented pasture land on the Redlon Ranch about 25 years ago. The location was on the eastern slope of a hill with some tall trees around it, near a bluff. It would be N and E of the ranch buildings.

The story was told to Mrs. Nance that when an Indian dies on his horse, the horse is buried with him. The grave was outlined with rocks in the shape of a horse, complete with legs etc.

Information taken by Wm. Cuthbertson, site not visited.

2-29-72 Mrs. Dan Snyder of Girard who lived on the Redlon Ranch & owned it several years, did not recall ever having seen the outline of the horse, and had never heard the story. She said they bulldozed 550 acres of brush and timber, so it may have been destroyed.

INDIAN GRAVEYARD

Located Sect. 4, Twp. 31S, Rge. 25E.

This is about 1 mi S & 1/2 mi E of the new Mt. Carmel Hospital, just N of the midpoint of S side of the section.

Carl Grotheer who has lived in this immediate area since 1895, and on the same farm along W side of SW 1/4 of above section since his marriage 58 yrs. ago tomorrow, tells that many years ago while plowing they found small mounds which apparently marked Indian burials to the W of Little Cow Creek. These were not marked with rocks, and he believed the Indians did not mark their graves in that way. Mr. Grotheer had heard stories many years ago of the earlier days which told of battles fought along these creeks in Civil War days. One story involved a keg of money sent out to pay the troops just before a battle began. The keg was hastily buried, and never found. This may not have been on his farm, but was said to have been in the immediate area along the creek to the E of where he lived.

4-5-1971, Wm. Cuthbertson & Ernie Stevens.

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INDIAN GRAVES

Located in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 23 Twp. 30 S Rge 21 E

This was in the front yard of the farm home of George W. McCalister and wife Martha E., who lived less than $\frac{1}{4}$ mi W of the NE cor. of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of above section. A road runs N-S through the middle of this section 23, the bridge over Hickory Creek being at the NE cor. of this NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and Dumbauld Cem. being in the extreme SE cor. of same NW $\frac{1}{4}$, having been donated by Mr. McCalister. It is not known whether these Indian graves predate Dumbauld.

About 1961 Mrs. Edna Kerns Cuthbertson, granddaughter of the McCalisters, told us that her mother was 7 when they came to Kansas. There was an Indian camp across the road north of the McCalister home, and the Indians tried to give a baby to some of the white settlers but were refused. After it died, they asked permission to bury it somewhere where they could return to the grave, so it was wrapped in buckskin and covered around and over with feathers, and one of two rosebushes in the front yard now marks the spot, according to Mr. Hugh Cook, who lives on this farm. He thought they never did return. It is likely the burial of this Indian baby was before the establishment of Dumbauld cem.

The old McCalister house where the Cooks lived had some weatherboarding gone, and one could see the large plate showing axe marks, and the wall studs notched down into it. Mr. Cook said the plate was walnut and the studs oak.

Before recording this, we talked again with Mrs. Edna Cuthbertson 3-26-1972, and with Mrs. Cook, now living in Chanute, Kans., and another neighbor Mrs. Agnes Glen Bruce of Girard (3-27-72) who lived nearby many years ago. All three knew that Indians were said to be buried here. Some various versions they had heard were: 2 Indian babies were buried here, one on each side of the front walk; an Indian mother and her baby were buried here; 2 adult Indians were buried here. The details are not clear, but we feel quite sure one or two Indians really are buried at this spot.

INDIAN GRAVEYARD

Located in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 21, Twp. 29S, Rge. 23E.

3-20-1971: Mrs. Anna Victoria (Tad) Davis, nee Strong, granddaughter of Dr. C. H. Strong who founded Girard in 1868, told of early day reports of an Indian burial ground on her grandfather Strong's farm, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. W of Girard (3 mi W of highway intersection in Girard.)

9-28-1971: Gardner (Bob) Strong who lives on his grandfather's farm, told of the old Indian burial ground in a field SW of his barn & a short distance E. of Lightning Creek. There never were any stones as far as he could recall, and he believed Indians did not use rocks or stones to mark burials. Occasionally when the field is plowed deeply, some reddish places can be seen in the plowed ground where the graves were said to have been.

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UNKNOWN GRAVES

Located near SE cor of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 28 Twp. 28S Rge 22 E.

10-25-1971 E. E. (Pete) Hammann who lives along the S side of Sect. 28 & owns the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the section, told that when a boy he recalled seeing graves in this location. This was near the Railroad track, probably a short distance to the N. and near the middle of the section. He thought they were of people who were passing through in early days, rather than residents. Much work has been done bulldozing the brush in places in recent years, and the stones or rocks or whatever the markers were might now be gone. Some oil development on this quarter section brought in big equipment which could have ruined any markers, or they could still exist among the trees & brush.

10-27-1971 Contacted Lloyd Guy, and his son who has owned the place for about a year, and they have never found any markers, although they had also heard there were graves there.

10-27-1971 Contacted Milton McClintick who lives in section to the W, and he had hunted all over this area when a boy, and never saw any evidence of graves here, nor had he heard such a story.

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UNKNOWN GRAVES

Located in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 20, Twp. 28S, Rge. 22E.

This small burial place is about 3 mi E of Walnut. It is located perhaps 300-400 ft. N of $\frac{1}{4}$ mi. S of the NE cor. of the section, and about 100 ft. W, with a few small trees in a pasture. The location is high, apparently the top of the hill.

Visited 10-27-1971 by Wm. Cuthbertson & Ernie Stevens of Girard. We found 2 small stones of field rock, shaped to have rounded tops, and placed so they marked either the head and foot of one grave, or the heads of 2 graves.

8-7-1971 Mrs. Will (Ruth) Holland of SW of Girard who was raised near Walnut, knew of these graves, and thought it was the burial place of a mother and her child, and that it was fenced many years ago.

10-27-1971 Lloyd Guy, who lives on this farm, knew of only the 2 stones, and said many years ago someone came to see the spot, being a relative to those buried there. They may have been related to Mrs. Rose Goodson, now deceased, who lived in her later years at the Keys Hotel in Girard. The Danner family homesteaded this farm, according to Mr. Guy, and lived in a log cabin in the NE cor of the section where his home stands today. Mr. Danner's cabin had only one window, and one night a bullet came through the glass while he was sitting inside, so he boarded it up. Mr. Guy rather doubted that the grave or graves were of members of the Danner family.

11-9-1971 Mrs. Emma Johnston, nee Frear, whose g-fa. Frear kent the Walnut P. O. on SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of this same section before it was moved to Glenwood, believed this was grave was likely a pioneer family named Danner, who settled here, or some of his family.

11-17-1971 Miss Ethel Pate of Walnut also believed the name was Danner.

Land records in the Register of Deeds office showed that John R. S. Danner purchased the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ by W.D. from the K.C.F.S.&G. R.R. 11-30-1880. (Note: A. B. Frear rec'd patent from U. S. Govt. 11-26-1881 to SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 20-28-22.)

UNKNOWN GRAVE

(Located in SE¹ of Sect. 19, Twp. 28S, Rge. 22E

This is about 1 mi S & 2 mi E of Walnut, Kansas.

11-27-1971 Milton McClintick who lives 3 mi E & 2 mi S of Walnut recalled hearing a story many years ago of a thief who was hanged at a rock quarry on this farm, and his body buried somewhere in the brush.

11-9-1971 Mrs. Emma Johnston, nee Frear, of Walnut, stated that her g-fa. Frear was postmaster of "Walnut" on farm 2 mi E and 1 mi S of present Walnut, which was then known as Glenwood. His farm was the SW¹/₄ of Sect. 20 Twp. 28S Rge. 22E, which is now the Claus Augustin farm. They lived in a large log house, where her sister, three years older, was born, likely ca. 1895. They also had a sod chicken house. When Mr. Frear moved to Glenwood, the name of Walnut was moved to the post office there. Across the road W along the right-of-way of the Santa Fe R. R. was the grave of a boy or young man. A couple who lived about 1/2 mi S of the Frear's SE corner, on the E side of the road, a short distance S of Big Walnut Creek, had a foster son. The man sold some livestock and the boy wanted the money. He was refused, so he took an axe and chopped off the man's head. Mr. Stelljes lived a short distance S on the W side of the road. He saw what happened and called neighbors and a large posse was formed. The boy was hunted down and killed at the site of his grave, probably he was shot. The house where the family lived still stands after all these years, in a terrible state of disrepair, and no one ever lived in it after the tragedy, the furniture having been left in it. Further note: Mr. Frear's name was originally Freer. They had relatives at Trading Post, and the stage came from there and stopped at the P. O. on his farm, and sometimes the mail was mixed up, so the spelling of their name was changed to Frear.

(The Girard Press of 1-25-1872 tells of Wm. Moore being shot, he had murdered Mr. E. J. Gass in Walnut Township and stolen money from the sale of cattle. Mr. Gass's brother, a member of the state legislature in Illinois, came and accompanied the body to Illinois for burial. The account is quite lengthy. The weapon used was an axe. There are many similarities to the stories above, but somewhat different. We do not know if the two stories above are variations of this story, or another incident.

UNKNOWN GRAVES

Located along N side of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sect. 35, Twp. 27S, Rge. 23E.

At a point on highway #7, 1 mi. S of the Bourbon Co. line, or 3 mi N of Farlington, turn W a little more than $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi, on the S side of the road near the fence.
(A road goes N 1 mi. W of the above point on #7, but the road going S is $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi W.)

Information about these graves first came from Arthur Armstrong, 1201 S. Joplin, Pittsburg, Kansas, 5-14-1973. He was born on the next hill to the W, on the N side of the road, which was on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 26. The 1906 Crawford Co. Plat book shows A. D. Armstrong on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and Sarah E. Merrion owned the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 26; also a dau. of Mrs. Merrion owned the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sect. 35, upon which the graves were located.

In our original conversation with Mr. Armstrong, we understood that the graves were on the north side of the road on Sect. 26, across from where we now believe them to have been, and located just W of a ravine on the high ground. Perhaps the fact that both farms belonged to the Merrion family caused our confusion.

Mr. Armstrong knew that several grave markers existed before his father built up their farm where he was born, which would likely be more than 80 years ago. Mr. Armstrong's father never knew anyone buried there, and apparently all the burials were of an earlier date. Mr. Armstrong recalled at least one person who appeared to be digging up and moving a body. This was on the Longfellow farm, and he recalled that Emil Pearson, father of Ivan who now lives on his old home place, told him that when the Longfellow farm was sold to Mrs. Merrion many years ago, she was concerned that the bodies be removed from the location. It was not known to which cemetery they were removed. Mr. Armstrong recalled these names of neighbors in the early days: Longfellow, Wagoner, Lawler (Newt's father), Monstead, Landers, Campbell, Saul Johnson, Fifer and Ingraham.

5-17-1973, Visited by Am. Cuthbertson, no markers could be seen from the road. Mrs. Ivan Pearson who has lived close by for a number of years, was quite sure no stones could be found now.

8-26-1973, Miss Wheatley Merrion, daughter of Paul I. & Sarah Elizabeth Merrion, now age 87, recalled her father died 1891 before the family moved to Kansas from over in Missouri, near Webb City. Mr. Merrion had bought a farm in this area and wanted more pasture and was looking over the Longfellow pasture (a mile long from N-S and $\frac{1}{2}$ mi wide E-W) when he saw three mounds. He inquired about them and was told they were graves, although they had no stones. He said he would not pasture his cattle over anyone's gravestones. After his death, his widow came and still was looking for pasture land, and walked over this same farm. She noted three depressions or sunken places, inquired, and was told these were where three graves had been, which had been removed. Mrs. Merrion bought this farm 2 or 3 years before they moved here which was in 1897. The farm originally thought to have been the Longfellow farm, was on the N side of the road, had the Phifer(?) stone quarry on it, and a large boarding house back in. Mrs. Merrion had a small house built along the road to the E when this boarding house was torn down, using the old lumber. The new house was struck by lightning and burned, no insurance, before anyone lived in it. Later a small house was built along the S road, but son Walter removed the buildings there and later rented out the land.

UNKNOWN GRAVES, one removed, possibly some Indians.

Located NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 22, Twp. 29S, Rge. 23E

This is about 2 miles west of the highway intersection in Girard, Kansas.

3-13-1972: Mr. Herbert Baldwin described a rocky hill in a prairie meadow where there were some early-day graves. His father had purchased this farm from the Wilsons. The hill would be about due W from the N side of the large dairy barn on the Beezley farm, and is now owned by the Beezley family. It is just W of the fence between the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the section, on the half-mile line. Mr. Baldwin's father, while plowing, once caught his plow on the wooden lid of a coffin. He had heard that Indians were buried here, and one white woman. Mr. Ned Reynolds, who lived W of Clausens on the next section to the N, told Mr. Baldwin when he was a boy, that many years before, or perhaps in the 1890's, he had helped move the body of a white woman from this spot. The spot was about mid-way along the E side of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$. Mr. Baldwin did not recall for certain who the woman was, but possibly Mr. Reynolds' aunt. A number of graves were marked with rocks. He understood that some burials were made in wooden boxes, and was not sure whether they were Indians or whites. Mr. Baldwin was likely 8 or 10 years old at the time, in the late 1890's. He believed the cem. site may have covered 3 or 4 acres. He also recalled that Ned and Lizzie Reynolds raised a boy, Johnny Strader, who later lived in Fort Scott. Mr. Baldwin also recalled the death of "Preacher Rhodes" whose horse became frightened and backed the buggy off the bridge over Lightning Creek on the Mission Road in the mile west. He recalled seeing the blood all over a large rock on the N side of the bridge for some time following the accident. The preacher lived at Crawfordsville, just W of the village in a small house. It was thought he was buried elsewhere, location not recalled. The Swain family lived $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi W of Girard cemetery corner on N side where Bealls later lived; they had 2 sons Earl and Pearl, and a daughter.

Land records show that A. P. Baldwin purchased the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 22 from Sarah H. Wilson 10-7-1887, and sold it to Silas Willev 1-11-1904.

3-13-1972: Mr. and Mrs. William Beezley who live on the farm of which this farm is now a part, had heard there was an Indian graveyard in this location, but said no stones were there now.

UNKNOWN GRAVE

Located mid-way on N side of Sect. 3 Twp. 30S Rge 22E

This was a few feet S of the county road in the fence row between the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$. The farm to the E of this fence row was owned by Van Dyke's, and the farm to the W was Samuel Gibson's.

10-8-1970 Marvin Green told that an infant was buried between 2 large trees in the fence row here. It could not be recalled why this place was used for the burial, as there was thought to be no house very close by. Possibly the death occurred as someone traveled through the country. Floyd Cuthbertson also knew of a burial here.

3-12-1971 Visited by Wm. Cuthbertson & Ernie Stevens, and nothing was found.

UNKNOWN GRAVES (at least some were removed)

Located in SW cor. of Sect. 8 Twp. 30 S. Rge 24 E.

A hedge ran N from the SW cor of this section, and the burials were just to the E of this hedge, near the corner of the section. This is diagonally opposite the present Beulah Cemetery, which is on the SW cor. of this same intersection.

About 1961, Mrs. George Banks, nee Ida Potter, of Girard, daughter of William Potter and wife Sarah Ellen, early Beulah residents of the Methodist colony, stated that for several years before the Beulah Cemetery was established (date of organization: Oct 27, 1883) burials were made in this location. It was not known how early this site was used, how many burials were made, nor how many were later moved to the new cemetery. Mrs. Banks' brother, Henry A. Potter, who died 1880, was one of those whose body was removed to the new cemetery.

UNKNOWN GRAVE OR GRAVES

Located Sect. 22, Twp. 30S Rge 23E

This is in or near the SE cor of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said section, along the public road, 2 mi W and $\frac{1}{4}$ mi N of the 7-mile corner S of Girard. It is about 1/8 mi N of a new house recently built by Delbert Geier.

Mrs. Dorothy Wilkerson, nee Whiteside of Girard, who lived in this area as a child, recalled seeing stones along the road in this general area, but thought it might have been a little farther N.

Mr. Roy Spriggs who lives $\frac{3}{4}$ mi N & 1 mi E of this site, and who now owns the farm at this location, had heard that someone was buried there, and had searched the area, but found no trace of a stone or marker of any kind. He had heard of only the one burial, and did not know who the person might have been. Mr. Louis Ralph, now deceased, had told him of it, and he had also heard about it from a couple of other sources. Mr. Melvin Ralph and Mr. Al Ralph, sons of Mr. Louis Ralph, were contacted, but neither had heard of it.

Visited by William & Jessie Cuthbertson, 12-21-1970, no trace of a grave or marker could be seen.

UNKNOWN GRAVE, removed

Located near SW cor of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 35, Twp. 29S, Rg. 22 E.

11-20-1971: Mr. Bill Newport, 407 E. 23rd, Pittsburg, Kansas, stated that he moved away from the "Evans Place", described above, when he was 6 years old, having been born in 1908. Probably in 1912 or 13 he recalled the old man who came and wanted his father to locate the grave of his little sister who had died and was buried there someplace, but he did not know where. His mother died not long afterward, and before she died she made him promise that he would try to have his little sister's body moved to a cemetery. The man had sideburns, a goatee and wore glasses, Mr. Newport recalled, but was not sure if he was Tommy Evans who owned the farm, or someone else.

Along the N side of the public road nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ mi W of the SE cor of said section, a small pond may now be found. A house once stood just E of this, and a barn to the N of the house. Just to the E of this house & barn site, there is a little draw or stream, and a small bridge on the public road. Mr. Orval Taylor who lives about a mile NE recalled the grave was somewhere near the barn. Mr. Newport's father decided the most likely spot was a high place very near the W boundary of the farm, not quite as far back from the road as the barn. A little slew ran between the barn and this little knoll. Mr. Newport's father dug and quickly found the box, buried about 3' deep. The man was notified and had the body removed to a cemetery, someplace to the E, whether Girard or some other place Mr. Newport did not know. It was said that the little knoll where the grave was located had been a peach orchard and was in bloom and quite a pretty spot at the time of the burial. Later it was a hog pasture. Mr. Taylor recalled that Mr. Newport found the grave the second place he dug. The man had offered \$50, and when he came to remove the body, he paid Mr. Newport the \$50, and the Newport family soon took off for Girard in their wagon to buy all the children ice cream cones.

UNKNOWN GRAVES

Located in N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 13 Twp. 30 S. Rge 23 E.

The exact location of 2 alleged graves on this farm is not known.

In 1971 Harvey Burns of Girard, whose grandfather A. H. Burns originally owned the farm, recalled as a boy that he saw two sunken places where early graves had been, which were pointed out to him by his father, who later owned the farm. It was thought the graves were those of very early settlers who were there before the Burns family came to Kansas in 1882. The spot was NW of the Burns home, and likely would be about $\frac{3}{8}$ mi N and less than $\frac{1}{4}$ mi W of the SE cor. of above section.

Mrs. Marvin Kennedy (1972) stated that Mr. Kenneth Shanholtzer who sold them the farm told of these 2 graves, but as she recalled they were said to have been near the W end of the farm, nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ mi W of the public road. She believed there was no evidence of them now.

So the exact location is not known.

UNKNOWN GRAVES (At least 2 removed)

located NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 17, Twp. 30S Rge. 23E

The county road along the E side of this section crosses Thunderbolt Creek just N of the SE cor. of this NE $\frac{1}{4}$ section, and just N of the creek on W side there is a gate. The graves were said to have been perhaps 400 ft. W of the road and easily visible from the road, and perhaps 200 ft. N of the creek, out in a cultivated field. This is about 4 mi W of Beulah.

6-22-1972 Earl Mattix of Girard and Wm. Cuthbertson drove by this location, and Earl pointed out the approximate location of the graves. Earl's mother's two infant sisters, family name Scott, were buried here, and many years ago these 2 were dug up and moved to the Girard cemetery. He helped with the moving of these 2 bodies. The old stones were also moved. The coffins were of walnut, made by John Hennessey, and were still in good condition, but very little was left of the remains of the children. The Mattix lot is in the old Girard cemetery, First Addition, lot #2. These were infant daughters of H. M. and B. R. Scott according to their stones, and both died in 1869. Henry and Barbara Scott were Earl's grandparents. Barbara is buried on this lot also, but Henry went to Missouri for his health and died there and Mrs. Scott had him buried there. Many years later Earl's parents went to Missouri to try to locate her father's grave, but were unable to find it.

Earl recalled that some of the Scotts lived on the Henry Miller place, as this was known, the house being up the hill and S of the creek. He believed this Scott may have been a brother of his grandfather, and that is likely why the children were buried on that farm. He believed there were 2 to 4 tombstones left at this location after the Scott children were moved, and does not know if the others were ever moved away, nor who they were. Mr. Bill Miller lived with his brother Henry, and told of moving these stones (they were small) over under the trees when the field was being farmed, and later moving them back. We wonder if the other stones might be located under trees on the creek bank?

Mr. Mattix recalled one incident from the early days. The Mr. Scott who lived on this farm had a horse stolen. Henry Miller at that time lived across the road E. He and his brother usually carried guns. On this occasion Henry went after the horse thief and located him and the horse in Arkansas. In a few days Henry rode back leading Mr. Scott's horse, and remarked that he knew of one horse thief who would never steal another horse!

The grandfather of Wm. Cuthbertson, A. W. Smith, who died 1924, sold one or more tombstones to the Scott or Mattix family, and his daughter Jessie Smith Cuthbertson recalled that her father assisted these friends in the removal of the infants' bodies. She did not recall how many graves may have been there. So it seems likely that 2 to 4 graves remain, unmarked, in this field.

10-8-74 Mrs. Lola Starkey, nee Cole, age 83, who was born in Girard, recalled seeing these stones in 1913. At that time her parents lived (and she stayed with them for several months) in a "tar paper shack" located near the residence of Rev. Aaron Roberts minister of the Round Prairie Baptist Ch. which was just less than one mile north at the cross-roads on the half-mile line. The Roberts family lived on the same section as these graves, down a dead-end road to the west of the NE corner of this section, nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N of the graves.

UNKNOWN GRAVES, Colored

Located Sect. 10, Twp. 31S, Rge. 24E

It would appear that 3 burial places exist, only a few ft. apart, close to the mid-point along the N side of the section, and not far S of the public road. "Hearsay" lists three groups as follows: (See below for locations explanation).

- 18 colored miners
- a colored mother and infant
- 2 or 3 colored men killed in a fight

8-29-1971: Claude Jackson, former mayor of Pittsburg, first reported this cem. He had heard that mine owners brought in colored miners to break a strike, and built a stockade near here for them; there were about 240 of them. He believed markers existed some years ago, but were removed, although the graves were not removed. This is not far W of the driveway into the Elks Country Club. Records concerning these colored miners should exist with the coal company.

2-21-1972: Mr. Dahmer, who lives in the first house E of the cem. site, and owns the ground, has lived in this area less than 20 years, and emphasized that all he knew was "hearsay", but several different sources had told him almost identical stories. He understood that 18 colored miners were buried just to the E of the fence line which divides the $N\frac{1}{2}$ of the section into the $NE\frac{1}{4}$ and the $NW\frac{1}{4}$, and perhaps 100 yds. S of the road, about where another fence line runs to the E. Just a few ft. E along this other fence line, a mother and infant, colored, are said to be buried. A tavern once stood, in the days of the mine, in the extreme NE cor. of the $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of this section, just W of the fence line where the men are buried, and out along the road. It was reported that 2 or 3 colored men were killed by being knifed at this tavern and buried behind it. This would make three separate burial places within a few hundred feet, if reports are correct.

Mr. Dahmer had been told by Mr. (Ristau?), the previous owner of the farm, that some years ago a small group of colored people would gather occasionally at the site of the 18 miners graves, with their hymn book, and sing and conduct a little religious service.

Mr. Dahmer had been told that the stockade for these colored miners was 2 miles E of this point, and S up a dead-end road on top of a hill. The mine, "Western No. 7" was across the road N and to the W. The colored miners were shipped in cattle cars from Alabama. The story was told of one miner who was dropped 85 ft. in the "lift" and killed, then dropped a second time to be sure he was dead. His body was then put on a wagon parked nearby. When a train came along the horses ran off and his body was thrown from the wagon. He was then taken & buried across the road where the 18 are said to rest. These are just stories which have been repeated often, and may or may not be true.

Notes taken 2-21-1972 by Wm. Cuthbertson & Ernie Stevens, in visit with Mr. Dahmer.

UNKNOWN CONFEDERATE GRAVES or "Bushwhackers" in "Secesh Holler"

Located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 11, Twp. 28 S, Rge. 25 E.

This is 2 mi S of Arcadia, and .6 mi. W, or less than 1 mi E of Coalvale.

Visited 2-13-1974 by Wm. Cuthbertson & Ernie Stevens of Girard, Kenneth Simons of Pittsburg, James M. Steele of California, visiting in Arcadia, and Mr. Murl Morris and Mr. John Marino, the latter a brother of Mrs. Anna Morozzo who owns the farm where the graves are said to have been.

A deep ravine, perhaps 75 ft. deep, runs in a general E-W direction a short distance back of Mrs. Morozzo's house. A small, clear brook runs through this hollow, known locally as "Secesh Holler", and it is wooded and has many rocks on the N slope. A "shelf" of land, perhaps 50-150 ft. wide runs along the E side of the creek, a few feet above the water, and back to the bluffs on the N side.

Mr. Steele visited this spot many years ago when he was 10 or 12 years old, and recalled seeing 5 depressions in the ground where 5 Confederate soldiers were buried in Civil War days. They had been buried without boxes. This spot could be seen from a large rock on the hill to the N. A large rock was found with initials on it, and below was one large depression, but this did not quite seem to be the way Mr. Steele remembered it, so we do not know the exact location of these graves. Mr. Steele said that the father of Mrs. Luke, who now lives in Pittsburg, discovered, as a boy, 4 bushwhackers or maybe confederate soldiers, hanging. One was shot, making a total of 5 buried here.

Some distance E of the presumed location of the graves, and about N of the Morozzo house, could be seen the entrance of a coal mine, appearing to be not over 4 ft. high, going back into the bluff to the N. The beams have broken and the roof is caved in. Nearby one could see a vein of coal perhaps 3 ft. deep in the creek bank. A blacksmith shop once stood on the S side of the creek here, the remains of which, and a well, could still be seen. The local men thought this remained in operation as late as the 1930's. In the Morozzo yard was a large stone and brick oven, now caved in, where bread was once baked, Italian style. At one time someone had a large strawberry patch down near the creek. This is said to be the home of many copperhead snakes.

UNKNOWN CIVIL WAR GRAVES

Located in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 6, Twp. 28 S., Rge. 24 E, now under water in the S part of Farlington Lake (State Park & Lake #2) NE of Farlington, perhaps 100 ft. W of the E line of said section.

May 1, 1975: Mr. Keith Thronson of Girard, who was raised just NE of Farlington, told of an old "legend" in that neighborhood of eight graves of Civil War soldiers which were on the farm owned by his father, Andrew Thronson, who came from Norway during Civil War days. Keith could recall, as a boy, seeing the rocks that appeared to mark these graves. The site is now under water, not far from the shelter house at the S end of the lake. Keith recalled several older residents of the Farlington area telling about these graves, including Mrs. Harrison Swan, whose husband was an army scout on the Fort Scott--Fort Gibson Military Road during the Civil War.

UNKNOWN GRAVE--Confederate Soldier

Located in extreme SE cor. of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 10, Twp. 28S, Rge. 24E.

This is 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. E of Farlington corner on N side of the road, just W of the N-S fence which is on the half-mile line.

8-26-1973: Mason Boggs, who lives 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. E and $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. N of above location, had heard many years ago that during the Civil War a skirmish took place near Arcadia. A confederate soldier was wounded and attempted to circle around and rejoin his group, and died at this location and was buried there, apparently by people who lived in the area. Mr. Boggs' brother-in-law, Roy Murphy, once lived on this farm and recalled seeing the stone with lettering cut on it. The farm was owned by Dick Martin, father of Lena Martin Smith.

8-28-1973: Mr. Boggs recalled that the man who told him about this incident many years ago was Jimmy Jones, a Union Soldier, brother of Aaron Jones, who was the grandfather of the late Roy Jones who lived 3 mi. E of Farlington on SW cor. of intersection.

1973-5: Mrs. Frances Hewett, nee Marchello, who was first married to Roy Jones, and still lives on the Jones farm, recalled seeing this rock which marked the grave of the confederate soldier, as a child, when she lived on the Martin farm, close to the site of the grave. Her older sister recalled that it was in the extreme SE corner of the Martin farm.

4-24-1974 William Cuthbertson & Ernie Stevens visited the site, found many rocks, but none that looked as though it had been a grave marker. A rural water line close by has rooted up many rocks.

UNKNOWN GRAVES (Colored)

Located Section 34, Twp. 29S Rge. 25E.

From 4th and Broadway in Pittsburg, this is $\frac{1}{4}$ mi N, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi E, & $\frac{1}{2}$ mi N.

1-6-1972: Mr. Glen Morey, who resides along the S side of the above section, told of the mining town of Nelson which was located about the middle of the section. No buildings are now left, but there was once a depot (K.C.Southern), a water tower and a Company Store. There was a stockade for the colored miners, and a cemetery where they and their families are buried, perhaps $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in size. Before the precincts were consolidated, this was known as Nelson Precinct. The school was in the NW cor. of the section. There were likely only a few graves. A previous owner never plowed this land, but kept it in meadow and mowed it for hay. Mr. Morey told the Romanzi's about the cem. after they bought it, they did not know it was there. Mr. Morey was sure there were no markers to graves. He recalled some years ago seeing a large steam engine cross this meadow, and occasionally water would spurt up when the wheels passed over graves. A road once ran N-S through the middle of this section, and the graves were to the W of the road and a little N of the center of the section, which would place them in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, near the middle of the section. We did not visit this site, as Mr. Morey assured us we would find no evidence of a cemetery.

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVES

Note: We cannot prove the rocks at this location mark a burial site, but here is the visible evidence:

Located in the SE 1/4 of Sect. 2, Township 28 S, Range 23 E.

This is about 1 mi N and 1 mi W of Farlington, on a farm owned by John Shifferdecker.

There is no road along the E side of this section, and an old frame house, nearly fallen in, stands about 1/2 mi N of the SE cor. of above section.

Perhaps 100 ft. N of this old house may be found a concrete foundation of a small building, and to the east of this a rock foundation of another small building. Between these 2 foundations is a small rectangle or part of one, made up of flagstones standing on edge. It may be these rocks outline a small burial plot, which would be perhaps large enough for 8 or 10 graves. There are several flagstones set on edge near the SE part of this area, as though along the N side and E end of a grave, with other flagstones covering the ground in an irregular shape and almost entirely covered with dirt, weeds and grass. It could be possible that some kind of small building once stood here, with a flagstone floor and other stones set on edge around the perimeter, but it appears more like a burial site, and is not at all similar to the rocks which made up the foundation on the old building which once stood to the E.

We could find no inscriptions on any of the rocks, but many are covered with dirt. A few feet to the north of this, a little brook runs from W to E, falling down over rocks into a deep ravine to the E or NE. The ruins of an old 1-room rock house or building, with gables in E and W, stands a few feet W or NW of the concrete foundation. The building has no roof, but most of the walls survive, except for a section of the N wall near the W end. This building, which sat on the hillside immediately above the brook, had a door in the E and a window in the W (but set somewhat at an angle, SW-NE) and appears to have had a "basement" perhaps 3 or 4 feet high with a low door on the N above which is a large stone with rounded top. Some names have been carved on this stone. The notches in the inside of the rock walls show where floor joists used to be. It is a very ancient and curious structure.

Mr. Ed Leach of Girard first reported this site, discovered while hunting.

Miss Wheatley Merrion has lived a short distance S of the SE cor. of this section since 1897, and recalled the Ingraham family who lived there in early days, but she never heard any of them were buried there, and did not know of the existence of any graves at this location. The 1906 county atlas shows E 1/2 of SE 1/4 owned by Phoebe Ingraham.

Visited by Wm. Cuthbertson & Ernie Stevens, March 29, 1974.

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVES

Located in SW 1/4 Sect. 32 Twp. 28S Rge. 23E

1-13-1972: Earl Murdock, living in the section to the E, recalled when a boy he believed there were 2 tombstones near the site of a house, which was gone at that time. There was an open well there and other signs that a dwelling site had been nearby. He believed we would find no signs of graves today.

The location was along the E side of the above SW 1/4 section, perhaps 2 or 3 blocks back from the public road, less than 1/4 mi.

The farm is owned by Marvin Huning, who had never heard of these graves.

2-20-1972: Visited by Wm. Cuthbertson & Ernie Stevens, no trace of dwelling site found in this area. A couple of places could have been filled wells, but not close enough to the above described location.

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVE (or a misplaced tombstone)

Located SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sect. 21, Twp. 26S, Rge. 22E.

The location is about 3 mi E of Walnut and $\frac{1}{2}$ mi S, on the farm of Harry Shetlar. The grave was said to have been in the yard of a house, which is now gone, about $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. E of the NW cor. of said SW $\frac{1}{2}$ section, along the N side.

Visited 10-28-1971 by Wm. Cuthbertson & Ernie Stevens. Lying on a small pile of rocks near the fence row was a small piece of a tombstone, perhaps 8" square, showing the following: "di., Oct." (died in October). The field has been terraced and is farmed, so that one cannot see where the house may have been. It seems likely this stone was broken only recently when bulldozer work was done.

Two neighbors had heard stories of this: Mrs. Harold Augustine who lives across the road W from this quarter had heard that it was the grave of a Mrs. Horsley, same name as owned their farm where an old cemetery is located containing Horsley graves. She had also heard that her body was removed to a cemetery, but the old stone remained. Mr. Lloyd Guy who lives just N of the Augustines, had heard that a Mr. Hunter lived at this site, and purchased a stone to take to his wife's grave which was "back east" someplace, but he never got it taken to the location of her grave and it remained in his yard.

The Harry Shetlars who owned this farm had no information concerning whose grave the stone had marked.

The U.S.Govt. deeded the SW $\frac{1}{2}$ above described to the K.C.F.S.&G. R.R. The R.R. then deeded the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{2}$ to John Horsley by W.D. 8-7-1879, and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{2}$ by W.D. 10-11-1879 to John Horsley. We found no reference to the name of Hunter in land records of this section.

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVE (apparently a hoax)

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Located in SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sect. 28 Twp. 27S Rge 22E

There seems to have been a neighborhood "legend" that a thief was killed & buried close to where the new Bill Kruse house was recently built--near NE cor of this quarter-section. This is about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi W of Hepler and $\frac{1}{2}$ N.

Another story tends to discount this, and is likely correct. Mr. Dale Stringer and Mr. Rich Nelson (10-29-1971) told that Mr. Nelson's father-in-law, Ansel Markham (bur. Walnut) was an old pioneer of this area, and when quite young he and a Mosteller girl were herding cattle here and he carved his name (or both names) on a sandstone rock and the date 1878, leaving it standing like a small tombstone. Somehow, the story developed that this was the grave of a thief, but they had heard Mr. Markham laugh and tell how he carved it himself when a boy. Mr. Nelson said the rock was still there a few years ago, but the lettering had suffered some deterioration through the years.

12-15-1971: Mr. Dale Stringer had checked with Mr. Kruse, and was told the "graves" were covered with about 6 ft. of earth, since some work was done there. Mr. Stringer believed there were 2 or 3 stones, he saw them many years ago, but did not recall the names on them. It seems very likely these were made by Mr. Markham when a boy, and were not "real". Therefore, we did not visit this site.

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVES

Located in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 5 Twp. 29S Rge 23E

This was 2 mi W, 3N, & 1 W of Girard on what was known as the "Sanborn Farm".
Records show that John I. Sanborn purchased the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect.
5 from Ed. C. Brown 2-6-1896, and sold it to Howard Corning 12-10-1902.

9-17 & 10-21-1971: Ernest Meyer of 5 mi N of Girard recalled that when a small boy
he went with his father to Bill Murdock's to get seed corn. Murdock's lived about
 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi S of road along the N side of the section. Lightning Creek cuts off the extreme
SE cor of this quarter section. Just W of the creek a short distance a gate leads S
across the field to Murdock's. There appears to have been another house, perhaps $\frac{1}{4}$
mi. or less back from the road, there are yucca plants, iris and a catalpa tree at
this point. Ernest recalled the 2 or 3 graves were located to the E of this lane,
and thought it was a meadow, and not far S of the public road. This area is all dug
up, as though rock had been taken from it, so the graves may now be gone.

10-19-1971 Francis Stolte who grew up in the neighborhood said Ernest Sponsel who
lives on the mile road to the S told of Indian graves being found when the WPA quarried
rock here. This is not a deep quarry, just taken a few feet deep on the hillside,
sloping E to the creek.

1-13-1972: Earl Murdock, nephew of Bill, who lives in the mile E of this site, knew
that some human bones were reported found when the WPA worked the quarry. He stated
that the Sanborn family lived on the 80 where the signs of a house were seen, nearly
 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. back from the road. Bill Murdock lived more than $\frac{1}{2}$ mi S, and bought this farm
from Sanborns many years ago. Earl is 64 and did not recall when the Sanborn house
was standing, it has been gone many years, the cellar filled in, etc. One of the
Sanborn girls is still living in Oklahoma. (Can't find address). Fobaugh's (spelling?)
lived directly across the road N of the lane that ran back to the Sanborn place.

Nothing certain can be stated concerning the above "clues", but it seems possible
that the "Indian bones" found in the quarry might have been the bones of some early
white settlers who were buried on the farm; or there might have been some early
settlers and also Indian graves nearby.

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVES

Located NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 21, Twp. 28S, Rge 23E, the Clarence Tiedemann farm.

This is 2 mi W & nearly 6 mi N of Girard. The old "Crooked Bridge" was at
the NE cor. of this farm.

Mr. Tiedemann said he had heard many years ago that there were 2 graves on
the farm, dating back to the early pioneer days, but does not know if the report
is correct. They were not marked so far as he knew, and he had no idea who
might have been buried there, nor where they were located.

Recorded 3-9-1971 by Wm. Cuthbertson

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVES

Located on Sect. 31, Twp. 29 S, Rge. 22 E. (or less likely on Sect. 36, Twp. 29 S, Rge. 21 E)

Mr. Joe Stockinger and his son of Arma, Kansas, (Mr. Stockinger was once County Treasurer of Crawford Co.) told of seeing a few old tombstones in a tall grove of trees to the W of Hickory Creek, while squirrel hunting, a few years previous to 1974. They parked their car along the S side of Sect. 36, described above, and walked through timber to the NE, which would likely place the site in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 31, but we cannot be too sure of the exact location.

Mr. John McGown lives across the road S from Sect. 36, and has lived in this area all his life, and had never heard of any stones at this location.

12-28-1974 We contacted Harrie Collier, who lives on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 31, and he had never heard of tombstones at this location.

 POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVE

Located in W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sect. 14 Twp. 30S Rge 21E

Probably $\frac{1}{4}$ mi. or more W of the Frogue Cemetery.

Mrs. Agnes Bruce, nee Glen, recalled as a child seeing one tombstone, tall & slender, over in the pasture. She lived in Neosho Co., the border between Crawford & Neosho counties being the W side of Sect. 14, and their farm was directly W of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 14, Crawford Co., as described above. As she walked along the county line road, she could look to the E and see this one stone.

We did not search on foot, but could see no stone from the road. Mr. Clyde McGown who lives S of the Pollard cem. had never heard of it, nor had Mr. Frank (Pete) Sartin who lived a few miles SW of the Pollard cem., and he had owned the farm described herein for 12 years, but had sold it some time ago.

It is possible that the body or bodies were removed to another location, or this report may be in error.

2-18-1971 Visited by Wm. & Jessie Cuthbertson and Mrs. Agnes Bruce

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POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVES

Located SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 8, Twp. 30 S., Rge 23 E.

An east-west road along the north side of this quarter section is on the half-mile line. The former home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mattix is in the NE corner of this $\frac{1}{4}$ section on the edge of a bluff with a view to the W. Lightning Creek flows through the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of this $\frac{1}{4}$ section.

Mr. Mattix said his father, George Mattix, had heard that in early days a horse thief was hanged close to this spot and likely buried nearby. Mr. Henry Miller (who lived in the E part of Sect. 17, the next sect. S of #8) knew of this hanging.

Some years ago Mr. Mattix plowed up part of a jaw bone and some teeth (human) in a plowed field a short distance E of Lightning Creek on this farm. Mr. Mattix found no other graves and wonders if the bone and teeth he found belonged to the horse thief or an Indian. He left them with John Yoger who purchased the farm several years ago.

The location would be slightly less than $\frac{1}{4}$ mile E and perhaps 1/8 mi S of the NW corner of above SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8.

Recorded 10-24-1973 by Wm. Cuthbertson

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVES

Located SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 6 Twp. 29S Rge 24E.

The farmhouse of Fred Rugel is located about .3 mi. E of the SW cor. of the section, and about .2 mi. N. This was the Holzer farm where Max Holzer and his brother were born, his sister Minnie Wink was about 6 or 7 when the family moved there, and could remember when there was no timber along Cow Creek, which flows a short distance E of the house, and they could see off to the E across the Creek. Mr. Rugel said a squatter named Wade was the first to live on this farm, and sold his interest in the land. At one time it was known as the Glendale Nursery. A couple of blocks N of the house there are 7 "Indian" mounds. Some excavation was done on one of them, and 2 arrowheads found. Some remains of an old brick school house can still be seen near the middle of this section.

Mr. Rugel said that Earl Ribley who lived there before him, plowed up two skeletons in the garden SE of the house, perhaps 100' W of Cow Creek. He took them to Dr. W. S. Swart who believed they were human bones. They were buried in shallow graves.

Mr. Rugel said there was a gigantic cottonwood tree about 50 ft. S of the house and in front of it, and in 1958 he had it taken down, because it endangered the house. A neighbor told him he shouldn't cut it down because it was "historic", but could not recall why. This tree would be a short distance W of the garden where the graves were found.

Mr. Rugel's brother who lives at Edwardsville, Ill., is much interested in history, and found in the library there a history of southeast Kansas. It told of the fact that only one R.R. could run through the Cherokee Nation, and also told of the old military road from Ft. Scott to Girard. This road may have run through or very near to his brother's farm. The book told of cattle being driven N from Okla. Terr. over this road, and mentioned that 2 rustlers were hanged from an elm tree on the W bank of Cow Creek 22 miles S. of Ft. Scott. There was a very large cottonwood close by, a landmark.

Mr. Rugel cannot be sure these above stories tie in with one another, so we can draw no definite conclusions, but it seems likely that it is all part of one story.

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVES

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 13, Twp 31S, Rge 24E

A son of Mr. Bruce Hill living in W part of Pittsburg told of a friend who had seen tombstones in among strip pits, which could be reached only by boat. He inquired again and found that it was 2 or 3 blocks S of the dumping grounds, which serve Chicopee, which is 2 mi S of Chicopee and a few hundred feet E on S side of road. Due to mining dumps, it could be reached by going S from NW cor of this section and then E. It is not clear whether it is in the mining area or not.

2-17-1973 Mr. Wm. Wayne Meyer who lives $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi S of county line on W side of highway 69 owns this land, and said when frozen one could drive around these strip pits, which occupy the NW part of this quarter section, the balance being cultivated. He knew of no stones, but said it could be a child of a Gillespie family, perhaps. The strip pits were made about 1920.

2-22-1973 Wm. Cuthbertson & Ernie Stevens visited this site, walked along S side of strip pits and some distance into them, and saw nothing. However, the entire area was not explored, due to the rough terrain.

3-15-1973 Wm. Cuthbertson & Ernie Stevens talked with Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Vineyard who live on the SW corner of the intersection 1 mi S of the NW cor. of the Meyer farm, their home being across the county line in Cherokee Co. Mrs. Vineyard, nee Gillenwaters, was born in a little 2-room house which still stands a short distance E of the cor. where she now lives (more than 70 yrs. ago) on the N side of road, this being on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the same section as the alleged graves. She says the Gillespies lived across the road N from the alleged grave sites. She grew up in this neighborhood, remembered it before the coal mines came to that particular section, and said there was a house on the NW cor. of the section which was disposed of when the strip pits were made. She did not believe there ever were graves there. (their add. R. 1 Weir) Her grandfather Gillenwaters (bur. Langdon cem.) came from Holland, used the "s" on end of name. Her other grandparents names: Bain

3-15-1973 Called on Paul Russian, lvg. on the section N of this cem., and he had never known anyone was buried on the above farm, was quite sure there were no graves there, and familiar with the area many years.

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVES

Perhaps located on Sect. 26 or 27, Twp. 29 S., Rge. 22 E.

Mr. Bruce Hill of Pittsburg recalled seeing stones near the basement of an old house while hunting. He believed the location was 7 mi. W of the "jog" S of Girard, 1 mi. N and $\frac{1}{2}$ mi W on S side, but was not absolutely certain of the location. (1973)

2-19-1975 Wm. Cuthbertson & Ernie Stevens drove past the 2 locations above, but could see no basement or other landmark to go by.

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVES

Located NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 20, Twp. 29 S, Rge. 24 E.

This is in what is now Raymond Park, near the E edge of the golf course, about 1 mi. E of Girard, and on the W bank of Cow Creek, or West Cow Creek.

10-25-1973 Mrs. Lola Starkey, nee Cole, who was born in Girard more than 80 years ago, recalled seeing iris in bloom, which the Ladies Clubs of Girard had planted to mark 2 immigrant graves which were on the W bank of Cow Creek, and not far S of highway 757. Apparently the graves were of persons traveling through Kansas in the early days.

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVES

Located north or northwest of the Quail Farm, northwest of Pittsburg, Kans.

This might be on Sect. 14 or 15, Twp. 30 S, Rge. 24 E. The Quail Farm is in NW part of Sect. 23.

1-26-1973 Mrs. Alice Arbuckle of Cherokee, Kans., recalled seeing fallen stones near a fruit tree where they were picking up fruit at an abandoned home site, perhaps 15 years ago. It was on the W side of a dirt road, in the general direction of N from the Quail farm. She recalled two stones alike which recorded: "Our Peloved Father" and "Our Beloved Mother", and another which simply said "Indian".

Visited area 4-1-1973 but could see no likely-looking location to check out.

3-1-1975 Meade Gibbs, prominent farmer in this area, who lived along the E side of Sect. 23 had never heard of any stones in that area.

3-8-1975 Rolland Billington, living about 2 mi. S of the Quail Farm, said his grandparents (Ralston) once owned the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 15, and when he was a child they once took a picnic dinner and went there, where they had once lived, and he had accompanied them. He had never heard of tombstones in that area.

3-8-1975 Mr. Troxel, manager of the Quail Farm for many years, had never heard of any stones in the area.

3-8-1975 Mrs. Ressie Owensby of Girard said they moved onto the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 15 about 1921 and lived there some years, and she had never heard of tombstones in the area.

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVES

Located in NE part of Sect. 32, Twp. 30 S., Rge. 25 E.

This is in the SE part of Pittsburg, Kans., where a lane turns S off of E Quincy, just W of the RR track which is a short distance W of Rouse. The lane curves to SW where an old house once stood, the foundation remaining. Mr. John M. Yoger of SW of Girard recalled being through this area while a college student, and seeing a few tombstones probably to the SW of the house, in brush and trees.

2-16-1971 Wm. Cuthbertson & Ernie Stevens visited the site and found nothing indicating a cem. had been there. Three boys rowing a boat on an old pond just SW of the house had been all over the area but saw no stones, and 2 girls who came along told the same story. A brickyard once occupied the spot, the pond having been dug for the clay, and there are a number of piers, bases, holes and tunnels in the area. The following day we contacted Mrs. Hildebrandt, nee Ahrens, who lives some distance S on E side of Rouse St., and she had lived in this area many years and believed there had never been graves there.

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVES

Located in N part of Sect. 16, Twp. 31 S., Rge. 25 E.

This is 1 mi N of the Crocker Cem., then 1/2 mi W and back S to a pond, and W of the pond. (Or from New Mt. Carmel Hospital, 1 mi E, 2 mi S, & 1/2 mi W, then back in.)

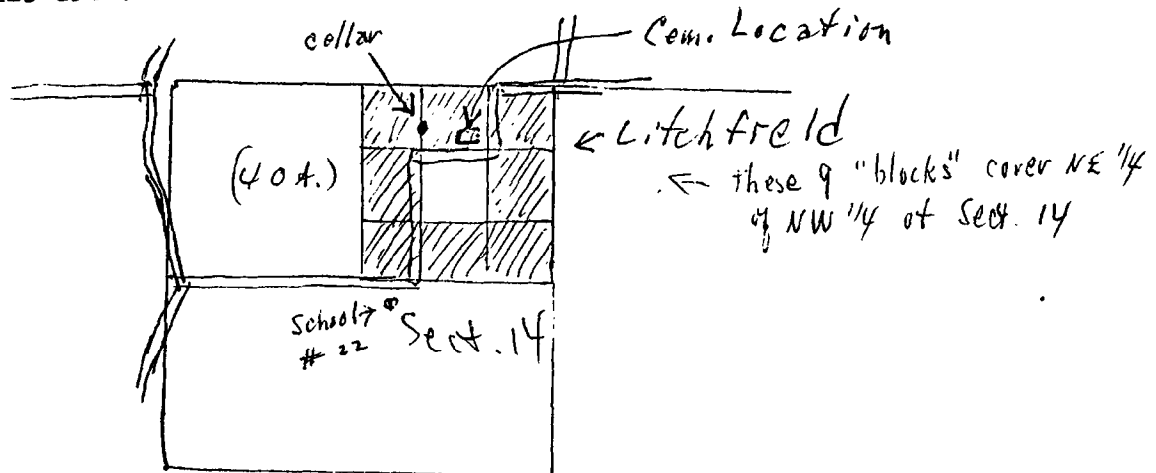
A lady whose name we did not learn, whom we met at the Bruce Hill home in Pittsburg, recalled when a child that her grandmother, Marie Geary, took her fishing at the pond described above, and that there were some tombstones just to the W of it. (This must have been very close to Cow Creek?) This land is now owned by Hank Oldham.

5-10-1973 Mrs. Hank Oldham, who lives 1 mi N and 1/2 mi E on S. side of road of Crocker Cem. had never heard of tombstones at this location. Her daughter, now living in Alaska, had been all through that section of woods on horseback, and never reported finding tombstones.

The 1906 Plat Book of Crawford Co. shows ownership of the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of this section as "M. Geary".

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVES, located in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 14, Twp. 30 S. Rge. 25 E. This is where the mining town of Litchfield used to be.

The following map shows the location as described by Mr. Arbuckle of Cherokee, 1-26-73, who recalled several stones there some years ago when as a boy he explored this area.



2-22-1973 Wm. Cuthbertson & E. R. Stevens walked over this area and found no stones. The cave (cellar) was found just as directed, but all the area to the E appears to have been dug up, probably mining operations, but not as rough as strip pits. Many briars, thick brush, we could have missed it, but feel doubtful anything is there.

2-23-1973 Mr. Louis Molinar of 1001 N. Linn, Frontenac, who came from Italy 1922 age 24 to Frontenac, thinks he remembers seeing stones in that location many years ago.

2-22-1973 A man, whose name we did not learn, said he had lived in the area all his life, more than 80 years, and never heard of any graves here.

1-26-1973 Mrs. Alice Arbuckle of Cherokee said her ^{great} grandfather, James Bevans, is buried on his farm a short distance E of the location where the School was located in Litchfield. She had seen the stone, it had the design of a wagon wheel on it. She had not been to the site for several years and did not know if it was there yet. She also remembered the small cem. which her husband told about, see map above, and thought there were perhaps 7 or 8 stones in it. One was of a child which was killed by wild beasts, and another the "Nannie" of the child; they may have been passing through in a covered wagon. (See also separate notation on Bevans grave.)

1-19-1973 Mrs. Luella Roth of Cherokee, a friend of Mrs. Arbuckle, knew a man who claimed he had seen 2 little burial sites with a few stones in the immediate vicinity where Litchfield was some years ago.

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVE

Southwest of Englevale?

2-13-1974 Murl Morris, while helping us explore "Secesh Holler", recalled some years ago while working with a road crew, they found a tombstone lying in a fence row which they were cleaning out. It was of a young girl, and they wondered if a family had gone through in a covered wagon and lost the child and later came back and put up the stone, but this was only speculation. He could not now recall the location, but it was along the E side of a N-S road, probably SW of Englevale.

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVE

South of Arcadia

2-13-1974 Mr. James M. Steele of Calif., visiting in Arcadia, Kans., told that one or two miles S of "Secesh Holler" there was a grave, perhaps from Civil War days, which he heard of many years ago, but did not know the location. "Secesh Holler" is on Sect. 11, Twp. 28 S., Rge 25 E.

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVES

Section 26, Twp. 28 S., Rge. 25 E.; S of Arcadia and NW of Mulberry.

4-24-1974 Mr. William Ekis of Gross was raised on the Yoos farm in Sect. 27, (28S, 25E) and roamed over that country when a boy. In Sect. 26, to the E of where he lived, somewhere near a creek or draw, he recalled seeing, as a boy, several sand rocks which appeared to mark graves, and wondered if they were Indian graves. Several years ago he tried to find them, but could not.

Perhaps Mr. Steele's report, above, might be the same location?

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVES

Located in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 19, Twp. 29 S, Rge. 24 E.

This is along the W side of the section, or the E side of Sinnet St., just to the SE of the intersection of E Forest with Sinnet St. The house of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Krog is just to the SE of the intersection, and a few ft. S of the house, near the S fence is the stump of a large elm tree. Two graves were said to have been made under that tree. This might be about 125 ft. S and 50 ft. E of the intersection.

John Porter, who lives near the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, SE of Girard, worked for a number of years for Miles Dorsey, undertaker of Girard. Mr. Dorsey owned a small pasture for his horses across the street W from this location, and told Mr. Porter that there were 2 graves--and we believe they had markers at one time--under the large elm tree described above. We neglected to date the interview with Mr. Porter, likely 1973-4. Mrs. Miles Dorsey, in Feb. 1975, had never heard of graves at this location, but did recall two in a pasture they rented SW of Girard near the Myers Cem., see separate notes on them. Mr. and Mrs. Krog had never heard that there were graves at this location.

POSSIBLE UNKNOWN GRAVES

Located in N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 16, Twp. 30 S., Rge. 23 E.

The NE cor. of this section is 3 mi W of Beulah, or less than $\frac{1}{2}$ mi S of the Myers Cem. The 1900 Atlas of Crawford Co. shows the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of this NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and all of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the section to the E (Sect. 15) was owned by Arthur Colegrove.

Feb. 1975 Mrs. Miles E. Dorsey, widow of the undertaker, recalled two tombstones in a pasture they once rented SW of Girard. She was not sure of the exact location, but it was in the general direction of S from Myers Cem., was on the S side of a road, and an old house was torn down there. It was later owned by Mrs. Doris Houston Steffens.

Doris Houston Steffens said they had owned the farm described above, and that an old house was torn down there, but she had never heard of tombstones in the pasture.

2-19-1975. Am. Cutbertson & Ernie Stevens drove by the site, and talked to Leroy (Harry) Watts who lives to the S. He said it was the Limb farm, and recalled when Dorseys rented the pasture there, but did not know of any tombstones. He had cleaned up the site of the old house.

2-21-1975 Visited Frank Watts of Pittsburg, who was born & raised on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of same section, and he had never heard of tombstones at the above location. His son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Watts who formerly lived in this neighborhood many years also, did not know of any stones there.

2-26-1975 Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Colegrove of SW of Girard, son of Arthur, grew up in the vicinity and at one time lived on the above "80". The old house, which was later torn down, was on the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the "80", on the S side of a road which is no longer used, but which was open at one time. He had never heard of tombstones on the farm. They were married the same year as Mr. and Mrs. Watts, who lived on the next farm S. (1927)

TWO STONES, NOT AT SITE OF GRAVES

Located in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 36, Twp. 27 S., Rge. 25 E., at N edge of Arcadia, Kansas.

12-12-1971 We found 2 tombstones, which a student had told us about, lying under a dead tree, the branches nearly hiding them, about 50 ft. or more SE of the old vacant Strecker house, which is a few hundred ft. N of Ballard's DX station, which is on the road entering Arcadia from the W. From the corner where the station is located, a road winds up the hill to the north, through the brush. We found these two stones, made of concrete, very small size and very neatly lettered:

Joe Black 1897-1946

Ralph Spears 1892-1947

Mr. Tom Glor, who lives almost a block N of Ballard's station, b 1896 and has lived in the area all his life, never heard of graves in this location. He recalled that the old house was on land owned first by Daniel P. Strecker, an early settler. Mr. Glor's father, Henry S. Glor, came to Kansas from Indiana with Mr. Strecker, and was about 12 or 14 years old at the time. Later a son of Daniel P., Mr. Harvey Strecker, lived here and he made tombstones of cement. No doubt these stones were of his manufacture, and the graves they were intended for are not here. Several stones he made are to be found at the Old Arcadia Cemetery. (Perhaps these stones were samples?)

20 UNKNOWN GRAVES OF BUSHWHACKERS DURING CIVIL WAR, LOCATION NOT KNOWN

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(Centennial of Crawford County.)

BUSHWHACKERS DEADLY VISITORS IN AREA, PREYING ON SOLDIERS

The year 1864 saw a number of guerrillas and bushwhackers operating in this area killing Union soldiers home on furlough. They made it a practice to ambush the Union soldiers and kill them one by one as they came home for brief visits, especially in the vicinity of Lincoln Township.

Captain John Rogers who operated a store in Cato was one of the many victims of the guerrillas having been slain ruthlessly by guerrillas while visiting at his home.

So many such incidents were being reported that in 1864 Captain Bain sent 100 cavalrymen into the area to round up the guerrillas. Within a short time 21 of them were flushed out and rounded up including one Billy Brown, a mere boy.

The cavalrymen gave the guerrillas spades and told them to dig 21 graves. They then had the bushwhackers line up single file on the edge of the long trench they had dug. Then 20 of the guerrillas were shot by the soldiers, their bodies falling into the open pits after which they were buried.

Only the life of the young boy was spared. But the region was apparently free from further guerrilla slaying of Union soldiers.

JP

ADDITIONAL NOTES COLLECTED AFTER THE PRINTING OF THIS BOOK

GIRARD CEMETERY:

Cuthbertson, Mother Jessie 1889-1975.
(Born Dec 1 1889 Died Mar 25 1975, buried in circular sub-division of Sect. II, Lot 9, see p. 45. She assisted with the copying of many cemeteries in this book.)

Flint, Dudley Veil 1882-1973, Ethel Maria 1890 —, married June 2 1912.
(Buried Sect. 1, lot 73, see p. 20. Mrs. Sallie Flint Pease of Girard stated that this lot was owned by Mrs. Bessie Shaw Flint Jump, who let Sallie's parents have spaces there. It was originally the Flint lot, and when Mrs. Rhames, wife of their Episcopal minister died, they gave the space for her to be buried. Sallie knows there were three other members of the Flint family buried on this lot: her great-grandfather, Martin Monroe Flint, a boy George Flint, age 15 or 16, and a baby Hattie Flint, daughter of D. C. Flint's oldest brother Charlie. Note Lot 76 nearby, see p. 21, the Fanger lot, has a stone for Harriet M., wife of C. M. Flint. An application was made to the city of Girard many years ago to have the three Flint bodies moved to the Fanger lot, but it is not known whether it was ever acted upon; therefore it is uncertain if these three are buried on Lot 73 or Lot 76, and there are no stones.)

HEPLER CEMETERY:

Mrs. Mildred Lowry, nee Huber, of 441 W. 20th, Pittsburg, Kans., furnished two additional names, see p. 2 of Hepler Cemetery:

Mary Ethel Huber 1891-1972

Paul F. Hardin Mar 2 1916 June 13 1974

HIGHLAND PARK CEMETERY:

Mrs. Reid McKinney of Pittsburg, Kans., furnished two additional names:
David Ralph Wright b 1850 d Dec 11 1975 (bur. E $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 335, Blk 7, Grave #4.)
Hiram (Hiley) McCullough, Jr. b Sept 11 1908 in Mulberry, Kansas, d Apr 4 1976, age 67.

MCGONIGLE CEMETERY:

The stones with the name use the McGonigle spelling, while it was noted the wooden sign out at the road was spelled McConagle. A later iron sign recently erected uses the spelling McConigal.

Mrs. Fay (Harold M.) Davis of 405 Heylman, Fort Scott, Kans., contributed the following 10 names of persons in the Helm (Helms) and Hixon families who are buried at McGonigle Cemetery, for whom there are no tombstones:

(1) Mrs. Maude Elsie Nickell Helms, age 86, b 23 Aug 1888 at Oskaloosa, Mo., d 24 Jan 1975 at Arma, Kans., buried in McGonigle Cem. Jan 27 1975.

(2) John Helms, died 1943, husband of above. This information was part of her obituary printed in the Pittsburg Sun Jan. 1975.

(3) Fred Helms. After John's death his bachelor brother Fred Helms helped Elsie raise their four children, and he died some 8 years later (1951?). He was a farmer and member of I.O.O.F. at Arma. (Info. from Mason Boggs)

(4) Infant Helms. An infant sister also buried there, we didn't know her name. We wonder if she was "Margaret" Helms who was listed as a sister in the 1870 census.

(5) Barnett Louis (Barney) Helms, d 15 Sept 1923, age 70. Obituary recently found, listing W. D. Konantz as undertaker and interment at McGonigle Cem.

(6) Agnes Melvin Carlin Helms, wife of Barney, b 1860 Scotland, both listed in 1880 census. She is not listed as a survivor in his obituary, so we assume she died first and was also buried at McGonigle Cem. Parents of John and Fred.