

**CRAWFORD COUNTY
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
CEMETERY
(aka COUNTY FARM #1)**

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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP CEMETERY

Located near NE cor. of Sect. 19, Township 29 S., Rang 25 E, along the south side of state highway #7, about 500' W of the "7 1/2-mile corner" which is 7 mi. N of Pittsburg and 7 mi E. of Girard.

Clarence Miller of Asbury, Mo., Deputy County Clerk of Crawford Co. in the 1930's recalled that some burials were made there at county expense (\$40 in those days) and believed it was a sort of "potter's field".

We find the Greenwood stone in the NE cor. of this prairie meadow, which seems to be mowed, with the Evans-Chambers & Schreyer stones about 200' S, and the Robison stone another 150' S. Two unmarked graves along road to west of Greenwood, and the Hargrove grave farther W along road. From sunken places it appears there may be many more graves here.

Richardson

W. C. Greenwood Christ Adelpian died Jan 13 1933

(hdst) Patrick Evans 1880-1940

" P. C. Chambers 1870-1941

" Christian Schreyer 1859-1941

Alice Robison bornd Feb 1898 died Sept 10 1948 (concrete, home made stone)

2 graves marked with stones, no inscriptions. (some plastic flowers)

Mother Nellie H argrove 1891-1966

plastic flowers apparently mark another grave which has no marker.

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Copied by William & Jessie Cuthbertson, Jan. 10, 1971

3-30-1971 We found a plat of the Washington Cemetery or Washington Township Cemetery in the office of Register of Deeds of Crawford Co., Kansas. The trustees of Washington Twp. deeded this cem. to the Public on June 24, 1918, beginning at a point 421.5' W of NE cor. of Sect. 19, Twp. 29 Rge 25, on W boundary of the Joplin & Pittsburg Electric Railway, " 405', S 600', E 542.4' to W boundary of Rwy., NW along rwy, etc., to beginning, containing 6 1/2 acres more or less. Plat dated 6-6-1917 by W. E. Robson, county surveyor, showing curved drive and some fancy shaped lots.

We have heard 3 different reports that colored persons were buried here.

1974 Mrs. Nancy Hemby, a memb. of the Gen.Soc., whose mother Mrs. Frank Jones lives on Breezy Hill (SW of Mulberry) knew that an ancestor whose name she believed was Samuel Hancock died at the County Farm, which was at this location, about 1902, and is buried here. Crawford Co. death records show James Hancock age 63 died 11-9-1902, widower, died at "county house", Dr. Boaz, Girard, undertaker McDonald, Girard. Mrs. Jones can recall as a small child, the large old "county house" just west of these graves, then almost ready to fall and she can recall waiting at this point while older family members walked back to the location of the grave, somewhat farther south than those along the road.

MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY (vacated)

Located SW cor of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 6, Twp. 29S Rge 25E.

This is $\frac{1}{2}$ mi W of the county road intersection at Arma, Kansas, on the N side of the road, perhaps $\frac{1}{4}$ mi W of the Arma bypass. Some bulk oil tanks and a storage building occupy the spot at present, which is on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kmetz.

Mr. & Mrs. Kmetz (nee Alvina Bollwinkel of nr. Brazilton) had records which showed this cemetery was established Sept 18, 1912, covering 5 acres of what is now their farm. According to reports they had heard, one body was buried there, and there was much objection made by neighbors. Finally, the one burial was removed to another location, and the cemetery was never used after that. Mr. and Mrs. Kmetz found it necessary to wait until 1962, 50 years after the establishment of the cem., to obtain clear title to this plot of ground, according to Mr. Shanahan, Sec'y. of State of the State of Kansas.

Site visited 4-13-1971 by Wm. & Jessie Cuthbertson.

Crawford Co. Register of Deeds office: Mt. Pleasant Cem. Assn. to the Public plat filed Sept 26 1912; location: SW cor of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 6-29-25

2-25-1972: Mrs. Harry Hay of Arma stated that 3 members of the Bearse family were buried in the above location, and later all 3 were moved to Fairview Cem. at Englevale.

4-24-1974: Mrs. John Cleland, nee Ida Pescetelli, of 107 S. High in Arma, told that her infant sister, Rosa Pescetelli, daughter of Tancredi (Frank) and Erminia Pescetelli, was buried here at least 56 years ago, and the body was not removed. Her present home is on property to which the family moved from Curranville when she was 2 years old, now a part of the town of Arma. She did not know of other burials there, but believed at "51", nearby some infants were buried in earlier days.

Mrs. Jessie (Chas.) Varsalona of Arma had heard (earlier than above report) th at a man, wife and 3 children were buried there, and thought they might have been later removed. She believed this cem. had been known as the McKesson or McCormick Cem. but was not sure of the name.

DALTON FAMILY CEM. —3 Graves removed to McGonigle cem.

Located NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 11, Twp. 28S Rge 24E

This is nearly 3 mi. S of Cato, near the Dalton home, which is a short distance N of Bone Creek. Mason Boggs, who lives in the old Dalton house, was married to Martha Dalton, dau. of Andrew & g-dau of Riley Dalton.

This info. from Mrs. Edith Roseboom Dodson of Girard, whose Mother was Phamie Dalton, dau of Riley (Phamie was oldest child, Andrew was 2nd)

Riley Dalton 1824-1892, and 3 of his children, Andrew b 1858 d 1891, Josie (youngest) b 1880 d 1889, and an infant dau., twin to Almira, next older than Josie, were buried E of the barn, which is E of the house and NE of the old log cabin. (Andrew was g-fa. of Mrs. Thelma Whiteman of Girard). Mrs. Dodson could recall seeing 3 stones there when a little girl. She did not recall seeing a marker for the infant dau., and does not know if her grave was removed to McGonigle. Abe Dalton, bachelor son of Riley, bought out the other heirs and had the graves moved after his mother, Charlotte, died.

At McGonigle cem., no stone could be found for the infant. Mason Boggs had not heard of the infant, but knew of the other three being moved.