

**CRAWFORD COUNTY
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**

**COONROD
CEMETERY**

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Crawford County Genealogy Society

COONROD CEMETERY

Located near NE cor. of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 35 Twp. 27S Rge 24E

This cemetery is located in a very remote area, far from any public road. It is about $\frac{1}{2}$ mi W & 1 mi S of Cato, on the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smith, which covers about 1900 acres. It is about $\frac{1}{4}$ mi S of Drywood Creek, and a small draw or branch curves around the S, E & N sides, the approach being from the SW. A higher hill rises to the W, affording an excellent view of the countryside. The cem. is fenced and most of the stones are standing. It appears to have been cleaned up in recent years. The ground was thickly carpeted with a small creeping vine with purple flowers, and there was one large cedar tree living, and many other trees. The land where the cem. is located was owned by the Coonrod family, their cabin having been some distance to the South.

On April 4, 1971, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smith took us to this cem. in their 4-wheel-drive truck, crossing Drywood Creek. The cem. was copied by Wm. Cuthbertson, others in the party being Mrs. Jessie Cuthbertson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Stevens and Mrs. Ruth Shideler. A number of other interesting points were visited on the ranch at this time, including the "strip mining" accomplished with teams & slips in the 1880's, the site of the Black cabin where the first white child was born in Lincoln Twp., several other old cabin or homestead sites, including the Coonrod spring house on the adjoining Paul Coonrod farm, where we saw the rock foundation of the spring house and the flowing spring, and steps up the hillside to the spot where the cabin once stood. Another interesting stop on the Smith ranch was the basement and foundation of the old Buckhorn Tavern, which was on the main road south from Fort Scott. The tavern was torn down by Mr. Smith's father about the 1930's. A piece of the lightning rod was obtained for the Historical Society. Also, the spring, still flowing, is nearby, and the foundation of the large barn through the middle of which the road ran. Rock fences nearby suggest corrals for horses. The Buckhorn Tavern was considered the half-way house between Fort Scott and Girard. This part of Crawford County was settled very early.

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(SW cor) Our Father Woollery Coonrod born Feb 14 1805 died Aug 31 1888

(matches above, off of base) Our Mother Jane wife of Woollery Coonrod born
May 16 1809 died Nov 13 1889

(design of dove) Jennie dau of G. W. & Y. Coonrod born Oct 19 1876
died Apr 26 1888 Sweetly sleeping precious daughter
Holy angels guard thy bed
Gently rest in Jesus darling
Till he calls thee from the dead.

Infant daughter of G. W. & Y. Coonrod born Oct 2 (1873?) died Oct 3 (1873?)

(dove) Emma E. dau. of J. & N. M. Evans born Dec 1 1878 died Oct 8 1884

Mary Ann wife of James D. Odom born March 27 1828 died June 29 1873

Infant dau. of J. W. & Ida J. Odom born & died July 2 1887

(5' shaft) (w) (Clasped hands design) Charlotte A. wife of C. F. Latimer
died Feb 14 1882 aged 46 yrs. 1 mo & 24 d.
Free from all cares and pain, asleep my body lies
Until the final trumpet (calls) the dead to Christ
(N) John W. son of C.F. & C. A. Latimer died Feb 8 1882 aged 10 yrs. 1 mo.
& 7 d. In solitude I'll often sit my child and think of thee.
The little words thy tongue hath lisped shall not forgotten be.

Julia A. wife of S. R. Gallea May 9 1865 Mar 14 1881

(ftst:) J. G.

(rock)

(double stone, deeply carved) Gallea Electa Almira born June 20 1869
aged 3 mo. 3 dys. Rebecca Gallea born Sept 27 1867 aged 17 dys.
(Dealer: W. T. Bolles Fort Scott)

(rock with hand lettering, very dim, we had to guess:)
Sinthey Medlen born Sept 14 1809 died Feb 20 1889

(fallen) Mother Sarah E. Evans born Oct 9 1833 died Jan 16 1890 aged 57 ys.
3 ms 7 ds. O if there be a thought within our breast
One pure deep feeling holier than another
One spot in memory dearer than the rest
'Tis where thy name is treasured O our mother.

(fallen) Benjamin F. Evans died Oct 3 1875 aged 44 yrs. 7 mos. & 18 dys.
Tho lost to sight to memory dear

(ftst) B. F. E.

(design of finger & crown) Sarah M. wife of E. B. Black born Dec 13 1859
died Dec 23 1881

(ftst) S. M. B.

(broken) At rest Mary E. dau of B. F. & S. E. Evans born Sept 27 1872
died Nov 6 1887 She's waiting for us in the glorious Eden land
which lies beyond the sunset of life.

(rock)

(deeply carved) Little Eddie Ross born Aug 2 1864 died April 23 1868
This lively bud so young & fair
Called hence by early doom
Just come to show how sweet a flower
In radiance can bloom.

(design of hand & rose) Little Ella dau. of W. & E. E. Hensley died April 6
1875 aged 9 yrs. 7 mos. & 26 dys.

(clasped hands) Farewell Elizabeth E. wife of J. H. Coonrod born Dec 27 1835
died Feb 4 1880

" Farewell John H. Coonrod born May 15 1831 died Sept 8 1915

" Farewell Sarah E. wife of J. H. Coonrod born Jan 29 1831 died Sept 4 1868

(dove design) Louisiana dau. of J. H. & S. E. Coonrod born July 6 1861
died Aug 21 1863

Martha J. wife of Edward W. Flack born Mar 13 1828 died Mar 22 1893

(ftst) M. J. B.

Byron B. Black born March 27 1853 died June 9 1863

(govt. stone) Harvey Odem Co. K. 6 Kans. Cav.

(rock markd a grave)

(Note: The body of one of the Coonrods, probably John W., was removed from
this cem. to the Large cem. 1925.)