

**CRAWFORD COUNTY
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**

**HEWETT - COFFEY
CEMETERY**

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HEWETT--COFFEY (2 graves)

Located NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 29 Twp. 29S Rg 23E, or from Girard cem. 1S, 3 1/3 W, $\frac{1}{2}$ N. These two infant graves are side by side, the Hewett grave to the S, about 125' due N of the old rock foundation of the Hewett house, which faced S to an E-W road which once ran through this section on the half-mile line, the house being probably more than $\frac{1}{4}$ mi W of the E boundary of the section. The area is now badly grown up in brush.

(small stone with lamb design; fallen over)
 Infant dau. of G. A. & M. B. Hewett died June 6 1875

(small headstone with initials on rounded top:) R. C.

(Note: the stone with the initials R.C. marks the grave of
 Infant Coffey - April 2, 1901 - birth
 Infant Coffey - April 2, 1901 - death
 Parents - William Jackson Coffey & Retta Johnson Coffey)

This NE $\frac{1}{4}$ is now owned by Willard Boatman, but was in early days the farm of Rev. Collins A. Hewett and wife Martha Moore Hewett. He was a Baptist minister and is buried in the old Girard cem., Sect. 1, Lot 71, with the Ezekiel Smith family. A daughter of the Hewetts was Mrs. Ezekiel Smith, and the Smiths built a house, still standing, directly S across the now abandoned road, facing N to the Hewett house, this being on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the same section. The Smiths came to Kansas from Va. 1875, according to Mrs. Warren (Marjorie Smith) Murphy, g-dau of Zeke Smith. The Murphys farm the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and it is believed that the old Smith home was built soon after the family arrived from Va. Miss Grace Smith was born there, the only living child of Zeke Smith, and lived there all her life until going to a rest home recently. On 4-8-1971 we visited with Miss Grace Smith, who told us of the grave of the Hewett child, born to her uncle George and wife Mary Hewett. She believed the other grave was a Coffey infant, but had no further info.

On 4-1-1971 we visited with Dan Smith, who lived all his life on the section to the S, just across the road, and was a nephew of Zeke Smith. He stated that Bill McDonald later owned the Hewett farm and raised Galloway cattle. He rented it to Mr. & Mrs. Dan Coffey, and a child of the Coffeys was buried there also. The Coffey children were about the age of Mr. Smith. His sister, Miss Nena Smith, provided the address of Mrs. Vesta Coffey (Walter) Daugherty who visited the site a few years ago. A request for information was answered by Mrs. Daugherty's daughter, Mrs. Dorothy A. Webb of 2421 Sixth Ave., Dodge City, Kansas, telling of her mother's death 2 years ago, but stating that she had accompanied her parents to the site several years before. Mrs. Webb checked the family Bible and provided the birth date of the infant and parents names, as given above. She believed the child was a daughter.

This site visited 8-9-1971 by Wm. Cuthbertson & Peter Kelly of Girard, who were led to the spot by Mr. & Mrs. Hoyt Murphy, parents of Warren Murphy.
 Note on separate page, an unknown grave on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of same section, the Zeke Smith farm.