

ISOLATED BURIALS

AND

BURIAL SITES

Odd Burial Site.

On July 1978 - in Calhoun. one lot owned by Adin A. Dingorich
located on the ~~west~~ North side of Railroad St, the east side of county road P57
and south of the Rock Island railroad ~~tracks~~ tracks. was uncovered a
bronze plaque. 4" x 2 1/2" - with raised letters - containing the
name Laura H. Harmon. 1856 - It was somewhat weathered.
Searching of the ~~area~~ area found a probable burial site of possibly a child.

Abandoned Cemetery

Douglas Township - Sec 11. - Name not known or remembered.

This abandoned cemetery is located in the S W 1/4 of the section - on the ~~bluff~~
bluff overlooking North river valley to the west - South and east. with a county
road at the foot of the bluff on the west. The exact spot has not been found as
a search ~~for markers~~ markers and foot stones ~~did not~~ and none found.
was made for. - This area is partly timbered over.

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CRAWFORD TOWNSHIP

Old Brush Cemetery in Crawford Township is said to be, according to some folks, the first cemetery to be plotted. First burial said to be in 1853.

DOUGLAS TOWNSHIP

In 1976, the John Alles family living in Douglas Township found in Cedar Creek running through their farm in Sec. 23, S- $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE- $\frac{1}{4}$, a stone with the following inscription: "Mary Eddy, Wife of F. Irwin. B. Nov. 2, 1865. D. Aug. 24, 1920. "

It was later determined that a former owner of the property had worked at the Winterset Monument Co. of Winterset and had on occasion hauled home refuse stone from the company. This stone is believed to be a reject. There is nothing further known about the person on the inscription.

Also in Douglas Township, in 1976 a stone was found in a draw southwest of buildings on ridge in a fence line being bulldozed on the Dean Mapes farm located in the S- $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE- $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13 and the N- $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE- $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24. The stone was approximately 24"x 18"x 4" with the inscription "Baby boy. B. 1867. Henry, son of D&A Hal (Halling?).

In Feb. of 1975, Leonard Abrahams, a lifelong resident of Douglas township living in Sec. 23, spoke of people who were residents of the County Poor Farm located in Sec. 24, being buried on the County Farm property, west line adjacent of the draw that goes through the property. No records of who may be buried in these potter graves there seem to be available at this time.

Also in Douglas Township, tradition says that there is a burial site located on or very near the Section line running east and west between Sections 14 and 23 on the approximate north and south center line of these sections, on what is in 1976 known as the Thomas Kirvin farm and believed to be relatives of the Kirvins. The grave site is at the point where the north and south road turns west and goes down the hill toward the river bottom. It is also said the stones were laid down and covered over by the roadgrading crew.

Abandoned cemetery in Sec. 18, Lee Township, Madison County. The WPA cemetery records state that there was an abandoned cemetery in this section - but apparently no stones were found or read. This cemetery was very close to the road and tradition says that when the road was widened (year not known.) the existing stones were thrown upon the bank and left lay. There were said to be 18 or 20 gravestones. In March, 1978, Walter Eichner, on whose farm the cemetery was located, pointed out the site. It is on the south side of the road - on a knoll - near his east property line. It is described as on the north section line of Sec. 18 - and in the very northeast corner of the NE- $\frac{1}{4}$ of the section. Inspection of the site produced a foot marker type stone and part of a gravestone bearing the inscription:

George W. Son of L & S Knight D. (Then the rest of stone is broken off.)

There is also a claim that people, by the name of Burgett were also buried here.

Leo Jungman, a nearby neighbor, reported that a burial stone had been found in the ditch south of his buildings. It bore the inscription:

Reuben Hale D. Jan. 23, 1883, Age 57

Walter Eichner's mother, who was a Pritchard, was born some 160 rods away. She lived to an advanced old age and in the memory of her son, Walter, never talked about this cemetery.

Richard Johnson, a former resident of the area, grew up here and now living in Madison Township, Madison County, remembers an 8 to 10" square stone carrying a description of the death of an older woman. He describes the stone as being in Sec. 12, Jefferson Township. This stone was in a draw below a pond. The stone was said to be 20' to 30' to the west of the section line in the S - $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE - $\frac{1}{4}$. This stone was not found due to the area being a wild life preserve with tall weathered gravestones. The stone has not been found.

This cemetery is marked on the 1876 Iowa Atlas.

LINCOLN TOWNSHIP

Isolated grave site on Lester Rhodes farm - Lincoln Township. Sec. 14. Near the approximate east-west center line of the section - approximately 20 rods west from the north-south line of Sec. 14 and 13, on the west side of north-south road and 125 ft. west from said road on a knob running north toward Middle River. This is presently north of a set of farm buildings. Grave site measures 10' x 10' surrounded by a woven wire fence with crosote posts and 2" x 6" nailed top and bottom. A small elm tree in lot. Two graves were found by witching - appear to be facing southwest.

Theo Ansley D. May 19, 1865 - Age 71 yrs. 1 mo. 12 days
 Esther, wife of T. Ansley D. Sept. 25, 1862, Age 69yrs. 14 days.

Tradition says two other persons are buried here but that may be in error.

MADISON TOWNSHIP

Fairview Methodist Church was once located at the present site of the Fairview Cemetery in Madison Township, Sec 13.

An inquiry came in 1976 from Mr. & Mrs. G. A. Hinshaw, 9266 Myra Place, Thornton, Colo. 80200, regarding a person believed to be her father. From the cemetery and plot records, it was determined that a plot was owned by a Hinshaw and a burial proved to have been made, but no head stone is evident in the fall of 1977.

Wilbur Riser, in 1970, speaks of a burial plot in Madison Township, Sec. 29, with 4 or 5 graves for people by the name of Clampitt. Frank Clampitt's dad also said there were. Nearby was a set of buildings (now gone) and an old road went on the east side of the buildings. This burial site is said to be in the NW - 1/4 of the SE - 1/4 or SW - 1/4 of the WE - 1/4 part of the section. No stones have been uncovered or found. It was then at the edge of timber to north from Worthington Church and cemetery across Tom Creek. Then west up hill about 80 rods.

MONROE TOWNSHIP

Local tradition says there was a church located near the Bullock Cemetery in Sec. 22, Monroe Township. It later became a farm home, still in use.

The location of an abandoned cemetery in Monroe Township said to be in Sec. 22 has not been resolved. Bullock Cemetery is located in this section. It is believed that the Sec. 22 should be Sec. 26. Tradition says that there was a cemetery located in what is known as Boot Jack Corner where a NW-SE road intersects U.S. 169 in its south section line. Tradition says a farmer owning the land took the stones and dumped them in the creek. Other folks say the stones were laid down and buried. A stone with the Boling name was later found west of U.S. 169. No more is known.

There is also tradition that a man by the name Sam Boling from Ohio, laid out a town nearby. The town never had more than a few houses. (This abandoned cemetery was remembered to be in existence in the mid 1920's) Boot Jack Corner is located in Sec. 26 - W 1/2 of SW - 1/4 - cemetery now said to be under U.S. 169 roadway.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP

Tradition spoke of the burial at the site of the Beem Cemetery in Scott township, of a negro lady who worked as a maid in the community. Her name is not now recalled. Because of local objection, she was reported

to have been buried just outside the cemetery fence, on the north fence line, away from the used burial area. A single grave with no markings was found. It had a cement slab covering the area. It is now inside the fenced area.

There is a local tradition of a murder - a hanging of the murderer - and then the quick burial of the hung in a county cemetery - in the dead of the night - outside the cemetery boundaries. Some of the family members still live in the area. People are vague as to individuals and places.

UNION TOWNSHIP

Abandoned cemetery in Sec. 27. The exact site of this small cemetery is now lost. It is believed to have been located in the SE - $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE - $\frac{1}{4}$ of the section. Some folks now living have described it as a knoll or fringe going down toward a creek and a short way off the north-south section line road. It has been described as having about 5 or 7 stones, which seemed to be one family - a husband and wife in their 30's and a number of children with death dates fairly close together.

The land was developed for limestone quarry purposes in the late 1940's and eventually the stones were bulldozed out and covered up with refuse. No record of the names on the stones is known at this time.

This cemetery was apparently not recorded in the WPA 1938 survey. The an abandoned cemetery is indicated for Sec. 12 of this township, no one now seems to recall one in Sec. 12. The cemetery in that section is the Neal Cemetery, which has been recorded.

WALNUT TOWNSHIP

Peru Cemetery. In 1975, an aged sexton of the Peru Cemetery spoke of two transits and a negro who came off the railroad, being buried in the Peru Cemetery. Names of persons apparently not available. These burials apparently occurred during the 1930 economic depression and were potters graves.

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Madison County two-volume history published by Mueller in 1916, on page 441, under Noble Loehr, makes reference to E. L. Richmond being buried in an isolated grave in a field in Lincoln Township. Tradition also said that there was an isolated grave on the Frank Elderkin farm in Webster Township. This grave site is located in Sec. 25, in the SE corner of NE - $\frac{1}{4}$ out about two rods from the east section line adjoining Lincoln Township. It is on a ridge running east and west draining to the south. There is no stone. No dates are known except that it is an old grave.