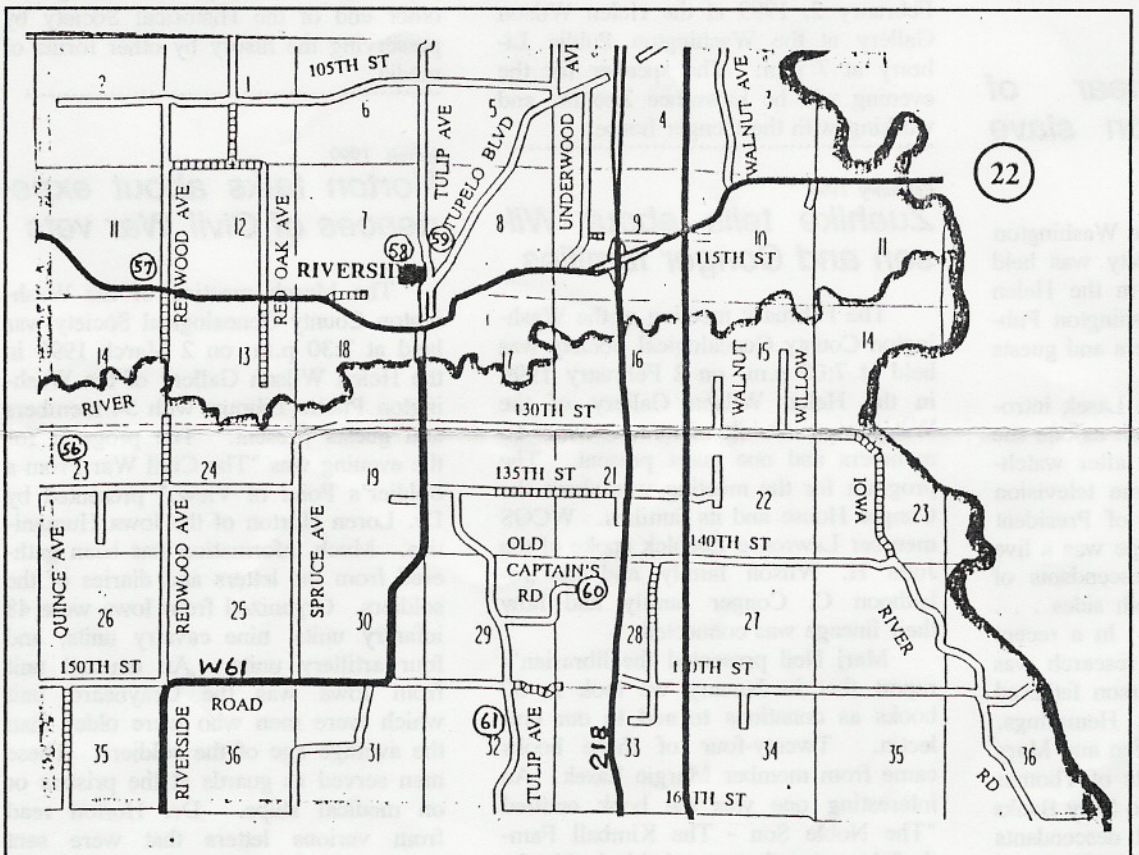
Washington County Cemeteries -- Iowa Township



Cemeteries in Iowa Township, Washington County, Iowa. #56 - Cooper; #57 - St. Vincent Catholic; #58 - Riverside Catholic (Mt. Olivet); #59 - Riverside Public; #60 - Kupka; #61 - Patterson (Phillips) (Hawthorne).

There were very few settlements on the Iowa Township portion of the English River before 1840.

Sheffield was located in the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 18 along the English river. During the winter of 1839-40, the Haskell brothers and a third man built the framework of a grist mill, but spring floods swept it downstream. They started rebuilding, but sold out in 1841. A saw mill was finally completed, north of town between the angle of the river and the territorial road, in 1842, and a grist mill the following year.

Yatton, which had a post office by 1841, was one mile east of Sheffield in the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 19. It served as the post office for Sheffield. It flourished for over 30 years and at one time had approximately 300 residents. In 1872, when the Muscatine Western railway started surveying on the north side of the river, the town of Riverside was laid out and Yatton began to fade.

Riverside was located on the north side of the river, and was platted on land owned by Jesse Boyd who had purchased the Yatton mill in 1858.

Other settlements were: Walhaven, in section 3, which hardly existed at all. It was platted in 1847 and contained nine blocks. Nothing further is known about it.

Mount Jackson, in the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 32. It was platted in 1856 and had eight blocks, but nothing more is known about it, either.

And Strassburg, the location of St. Vincent (the first Catholic church in Washington County), in the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 11. It was laid out in 1848 but as far as is known, never actually functioned as a town or had a post office.

Of these settlement, only Riverside remains.

The English River runs through the northern third of this township, from West to East on a very crooked course to the Iowa River, which forms the eastern boundry of the township.

Cemeteries in the township include:

St. Vincents (Catholic): From Riverside, go west on Highway 22 to Redwood Avenue. The cemetery is located to the north and can be seen from the highway.

Riverside Catholic (Mt. Olivet): Located in section 8, between Tulip Avenue and Tupelo Blvd.

Riverside Public: Located in section 8, with the top half in Iowa Township and the lower half in the city of Riverside.

Cooper: Located in section 23. north of 135th Street and east of Quince Avenue.

Kupka: Located in section 28. Access off Old Captain's Road

Patterson (Phillips) (Hawthorne): Located in section 32 west of Tulip Avenue and north of Davis Creek.

Little history or information is available on the Cooper, Kupka and Patterson (Phillips) (Hawthorne) cemeteries.

Townships and early towns often financed and created cemeteries for the burial of their residents. Many still do, but many cemeteries have disappeared or are no longer maintained.