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Jackson Cemetery

The Jackson Cemetery is a small abandoned cemetery located in Deer Creek township of Madison County. It is reachable only by driving one half mile through a pasture and a field that has gates. You should ask for permission to enter. This cemetery is in poor shape with several large broken cedar trees in the middle as well as several thickets of brush. The cemetery is fenced and has a gate. The surrounding country is wild and lonely being just north of the Elkhorn river near Yellowbanks Wildlife area. Since this cemetery is abandoned and not maintained anymore, the last burial in it is dated 1938.

The sign off the road says BUFFINGTON-JACKSON CEMETERY. This appears to be incorrect. All older records and obituaries refer to it as the Jackson Cemetery. It is located on the former Jackson family farm. If anyone has information as to why this was called Buffington-Jackson please send the information to us.

On September 19, 1999, 3 members of the Society, went back to the Jackson cemetery and did some cleaning of the area. Using a weed eater and a chainsaw, some brush was cleared and some low hanging and broken limbs were removed as well as tall grass and weeds trimmed away. From the cemetery viewpoint on top of a hill the view to the south overlooking the Elkhorn River is beautiful.

It was interesting to find the funeral home markers were still there for two persons and that information will be followed up on for a future article. William Cloyd also has a Civil War Star at his grave which was labeled with Meadow Grove on the back. So that also will allow for further research this winter. Stay tuned...

Jackson Cemetery Grave Markers

CLOYD, William Feb. 22, 1833- Jan. 24, 1913
FROST, Jemima 1842-1922
FROST, William Taylor 1846-1891
HARDENBROOK, George W. July 2, 1867- March 9, 1897
JACKSON, Joseph H. 1845-1917
JACKSON, Mary Ann 1843-1938
McKIRAHAN, John died August 21, 1908
NIES, Evan A. died June 18, 1894
NIES, LewEllen January 26, 1866-September 7, 1914
OEHRING, Rose May December 8, 1906-December 9, 1906
WALTERS, Barbara August 24, 1856-July 1, 1935
WALTERS, Calvin October 9, 1891-May 12, 1908
WALTERS, Martin January 14, 1849-March 17, 1932
There are also 3 other markers with the following:
R. M. O. possibly a foot marker for Rose May Oehring.

C. W. possibly a foot marker for Calvin Walters.

There is also a very large stone with NIES and BUFFINGTON on it. It is probably not an individual grave marker but a family plot marker.

Since this cemetery is abandoned and so small, the obituaries of the persons buried here were looked up and are printed on the next 2 pages. Some issues of the Battle Creek Enterprise were missing and the Norfolk and Meadow Grove papers did not have any notice so no obituary could be found for several of these people.

Obituaries of persons buried in the Jackson Cemetery

Some issues of the Battle Creek Enterprise were missing for the dates when the other burials were made in the Jackson cemetery. I could find no notice in any of the Norfolk papers of these deaths either and Meadow Grove apparently did not have a newspaper at that time.

PIONEER WOMAN PASSES

Mrs. J. H. Jackson, 95, Dies at Home of Son.—Among Oldest of Madison County's Pioneers

Mrs. J. H. Jackson, 95 years old and among the oldest of Madison county pioneers, died late Thursday night at the home of her son, William Jackson, northwest of Battle Creek, with whom she had made her home in recent years.

Though complications due to old age were evidenced for some time, it was only within the past two weeks that her condition gave cause for immediate alarm.

Funeral services will be held at the Jackson home and burial will be made in the Jackson cemetery near the old homestead, where the husband and father was laid at rest over twenty years ago.

The son and three grandchildren are the only immediate relatives living.

BATTLE CREEK ENTERPRISE June 23, 1938 page 1

JOE JACKSON DEAD

Old Settler Passes Away at Home in Meadow Grove

Joseph H. Jackson was born at New Boston, Iowa on December 24, 1845, and passed away at his home in Meadow Grove on February 23, 1917, at the age of 71 years and 2 months. He was united in Marriage to Miss Mary Ann Hesmer June 12, 1864, at GreenBay, Iowa. To this union were born three children, two sons and one daughter. The daughter, Mrs. Ella Nies, died at her home in Meadow Grove September 7, 1914. The son, Charles, died at the age of six years. A son, Will Jackson, with the wife and mother, a son-in-law, J. H. Nies, and the grand-children are left to mourn his loss.

Mr. Jackson moved from Decatur county, Iowa, in the year of 1867 to Dakota county, Nebraska, and resided there until the spring of 1877, moving thence to Madison county, Nebraska, and settling on the farm near the Yellow Banks owned by him at the time of his death. He was among the early settlers of Madison County, and by his honesty and integrity built up one of the best farms in the Elkhorn valley. He took a great interest in national, county and community affairs, and when in health he took active part and held numerous offices in the Madison County Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of which he was a member. Mr. Jackson was known far and near for his kindness and hospitality to all with whom he came in contact throughout his life. He was a man of a big heart and always divided his substance to the poor and less fortunate. He was loved and respected by all who knew him for his uprightness of character and honesty in dealing with his fellow man, and gained for himself and family a character that will live on. Mr. Jackson was a kind and loving husband and father, ever watching over the welfare of those entrusted to his care. He was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and held the office of an elder in the church. All that kind and loving hands could do to preserve life was done—but he had finished his earth life and the Lord called him home. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

A host of friends throughout the sphere of his acquaintance offer sympathy to the bereaved family in this hour of their bereavement.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder F. S. Gatenby of Orchard at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon and interment was made at the Jackson cemetery. A. C. V.

BATTLE CREEK ENTERPRISE March 1, 1917 page 1

MRS. NIES DIES.

Mrs. J. H. Nies of Meadow Grove, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jackson, died Monday of heart trouble. Though Mrs. Nies had been in poor health for some time her condition did not become alarming until a few days before her death.

Mrs. Nies grew to womanhood in Madison county and has a great number of friends in this section of the state who received with regret the announcement of her demise. She is survived by the husband and one married son, the parents, and one brother, Will Jackson, all residing in or near Meadow Grove. BATTLE CREEK ENTERPRISE September 10, 1914 page 1

West Point Progress: WILLIAM T. FROST, formerly one of Cuming County's old settlers, died last week at Battle Creek, Madison County. Mr. Frost resided on Cuming creek in 1869 and 1870, afterwards removing to this place where he lived about three years finally removing to Madison county. He was a brother-in-law of John McKirahan, and our old residents who know him say he was excellent citizen.

NORFOLK DAILY NEWS March 16, 1891 page 3

JEMIMA FROST

Grandma Jemima Frost, over 79 years old, died on January 5 at the home of her daughter in Meadow Grove. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon and interment was made at the Jackson cemetery. Two children survive, Mrs. Aaron Higbee of Meadow Grove and Mrs. Eugene Crook of North Platte, Neb.

BATTLE CREEK ENTERPRISE January 12, 1922 page 1

GEORGE HARDENBROOK, who had run a farm six miles northwest of this place, and who was taken sick some two weeks ago with measles, which run into pneumonia, died Tuesday night at W. W. Cloyd's place, where he was taken sick. The funeral was conducted at Mr. Cloyd's home on Wednesday and the remains were interred in the J. H. Jackson cemetery. Mr. Hardenbrook was a hard working young man and while he had but few, if any, relatives living in this vicinity, he left a host of warm friends to mourn his demise. BATTLE CREEK ENTERPRISE March 12, 1897 page 2

Another Old Veteran Dead

Meadow Grove, Neb., Jan. 27.—

Last Friday morning the community was shocked to learn that another of our old residents, W. W. CLOYD, had passed away. He had been in his usual health, but died suddenly of heart failure.

The funeral was held from his home at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, Rev. Ford of Meadow Grove conducting the services. Interment was made at the Jackson cemetery.

William W. Cloyd was born in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, February 22, 1833, and died Jan. 24, 1913, aged 79 years, 11 months and 2 days. On Nov. 24, 1863, he enlisted with Co. H 44th Indiana Volunteers and was discharged at Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 14, 1865. He moved to Iowa in 1865 and from there to Madison county, Nebraska, in 1868. Of his family surviving him are three sons and one daughter, James of Tilden, Wilson, Doan and Miss Olive all of Meadow Grove. He also leaves ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

CALVIN WALTERS DIES

Victim of a Fatal Disease. He Succumbs After a Short Illness.

CALVIN WALTERS died Tuesday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Walters, northwest of Battle Creek, after a short illness.

Funeral services were held this (Thursday) afternoon at the Methodist church, Pastor R. J. Callow officiating.

The death of this young man was sudden, though unexpected. About four months ago what was supposed to be a slight ailment was diagnosed as a case of diabetes. The inevitable followed, despite efforts of the best physicians to check the disease. Energetic to the last, Calvin insisted upon lending a helping hand about the farm, and it is doubtful if he realized his condition until a few hours before the end. He was about nineteen years of age. BATTLE CREEK ENTERPRISE May 14,1908 page 1

MARTIN WALTERS, 83, DIES

Martin Walters, who came to Nebraska in 1882 and homesteaded the farm northwest of Battle Creek where he has lived for fifty years, died Thursday morning, March 17.

Mrs. Walters was 83 years old and a native of France. He is survived by his widow, one son and four daughters. Funeral notice and obituary will follow. (But no further notice could be found). BATTLE CREEK ENTERPRISE March 17, 1932 page 1

Do you know of anyone that has the obituaries or any information on the other persons buried in the Jackson Cemetery? Please submit them to the newsletter committee. We will print the information in a future edition