

Donnell, Wm. A. Graveyard

By Dave Hallemann



This destroyed graveyard with its many fieldstones and scattered monuments is located in T40 R5 S15 NE¼ of the SW¼. There appeared to possibly be as many as 40 graves with 10 graves per row x 4 rows. Sadly the two Civil War graves have been completely dug out.

38° 11' 42" N / 90° 27' 28" W

The graveyard is named for Wm. A. Donnell, who along with a wife Emma are buried here.

William Haverstick was the first person to purchase the E½ of the SW¼, containing 80 acres, for \$100.⁰⁰, from the United States Government on 17th July 1823, Certificate #561, as recorded in Original Entries Book 2. The date of the Patent was 20th May 1824.

On 14th January 1824, after having the land for 6 months William Haverstick and wife Rachael, sell the 80 acres to Edward Butler for \$150.⁰⁰, as recorded in Book B at Page 122.

Book D Page 461, on 13th January 1838, we find Edward Butler deeding the land to Frances Butler for \$500.⁰⁰, “E½ of the SW¼, T40 R5 S15 containing 80 acres and deeded to William Butler by William Haverstick on 14th January 1824...”

On 21st March 1853, I. William Butler, Administrator for the estate of Francis Butler, deed to William A. Donnell “SW¼ of the SW¼ and also the E½ of the SW¼, T40 R5 S15, for \$350.⁰⁰...” transaction being recorded in Book L Page 340.

The 1850 Census list William A. Donnell as a 36 year old farmer, Emma his 34 year old wife, children Jane C. 16; James N. 14; Clerrisa A. 10; Mary C. 6; William R. 4; and Thomas H. 1.

Emma Donnell wife of William A. dies on 26 February 1863 and is buried in this cemetery per monument.

Records show that W^m. Donnell married Susan Edwards on Thursday, 19th January 1865. In the 1870 census W^m. Donnell a 56 year old farmer, along with his wife Susan 49 and her son (Newton) Oscar age 12, live on the old Edwards farm outside De Soto. (See my article on Edwards Cemetery.)

In Probate 959, W^m. A. Donnell, born 21st September 1814 dies on 30th March 1873. Susan Donnell relinquishes her right to administrate the estate and his son Thomas N. Donnell is appointed Administrator. Susan signing with her mark (X).

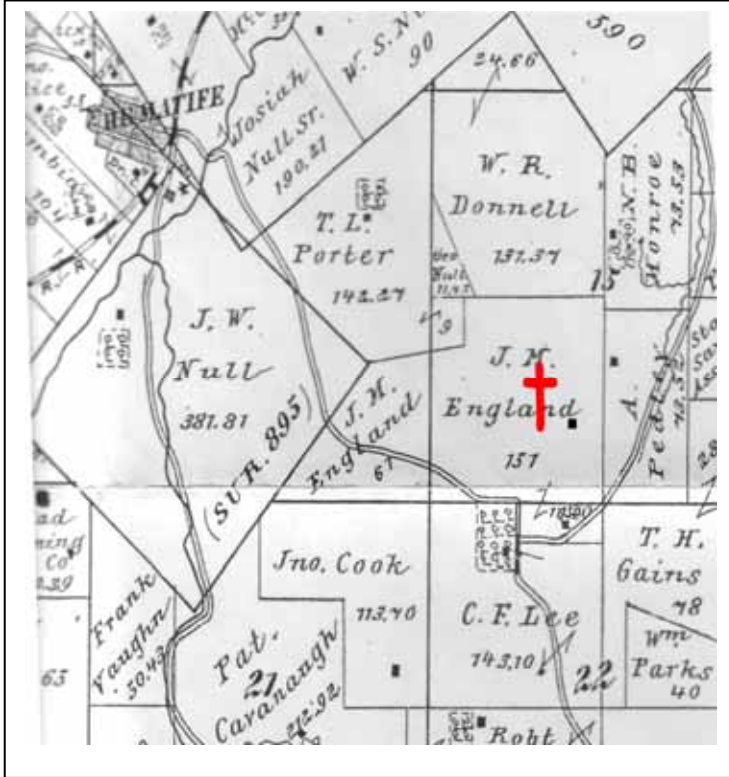
Records confirm that W^m. is buried in this cemetery with his wife Emma Donnell who died in 1863 two years before he married Susan Edwards.

A receipt from John S. Klinefelter & Co., 1420 Broadway, Marble Dealers, for 1 set of Marble Grave Stones with socket, to be shipped to Hematite. Also in the probate file, is a receipt for \$74.⁸⁰ from John Lynes, for paling in graveyard and to paint palings per agreement. Paling is a pointed wooden fence.

On 28th May 1873, two months after William A. Donnell passed, Susan Donnell widow of William A. Donnell, for \$300.⁰⁰ deeds the "...E part of SW¹/₄ of the SW¹/₄, T40 R5 S15 containing 31 acres also *E¹/₂ of the SW¹/₄* and the SW¹/₄ of the SW¹/₄ T40 R5 S15 containing 120 acres..." to James A Donnell, Clarissa A. Donnell, W. R. Donnell, Thomas N. Donnell, Francis A McMullin wife of Robert W. McMullin, Emma A. Donnell, Mary C. Farley wife of Thomas F. Farley, and Emma L. Fletcher, heirs of William A. Donnell, decd..." Susan again signed the document with her mark (X). As recorded in Book 6 Page 298.

Finally on 7th February 1874, W. R. Donnell and wife M. Belle Donnell; Thomas N. Donnell; and Clarissa A. Donnell for \$2400.⁰⁰ sell "their right, title, and interest in and to the S fractional ¹/₂ of the SE¹/₄ of S16 T40 R5 containing 60.⁹⁰ acres...also the E part of the NW¹/₄ of the SW¹/₄ S15 T40 R5 containing 31 acres...also *E¹/₂ of the SW¹/₄* and the SW¹/₄ of the SW¹/₄ S15 T40 R5 containing 120 acres...*excepting and reserving from the above land one square acre now used as a graveyard.*"

With this deed we can place the "Official" name of this cemetery as the *W^m. A. Donnell Graveyard.*

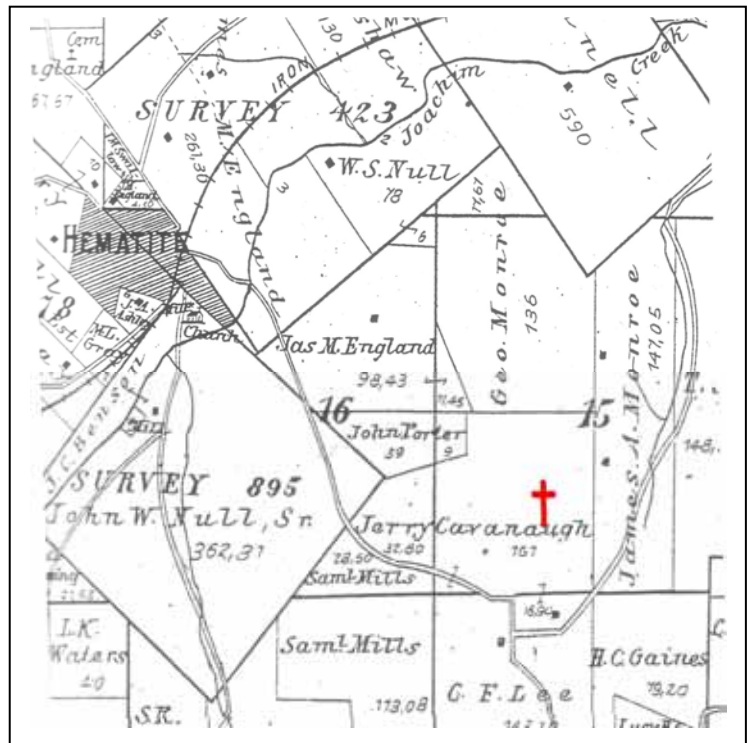


As can be seen in the picture at left, in 1876 J. M. England is in possession of the property. The cross I added to the photo to denote the approximate location of this graveyard.

The Wm. A. Donnell Home could be the one pictured on this tract. Also notice Porter and Cook are neighbors.

In 1898 Jerry Cavanaugh is owner of this tract and adjoining lands. As before, I added the cross to show location of this cemetery.

Also in this photo we can see the location in relation to Hematite and note that by 1898 the Donnell home is gone.



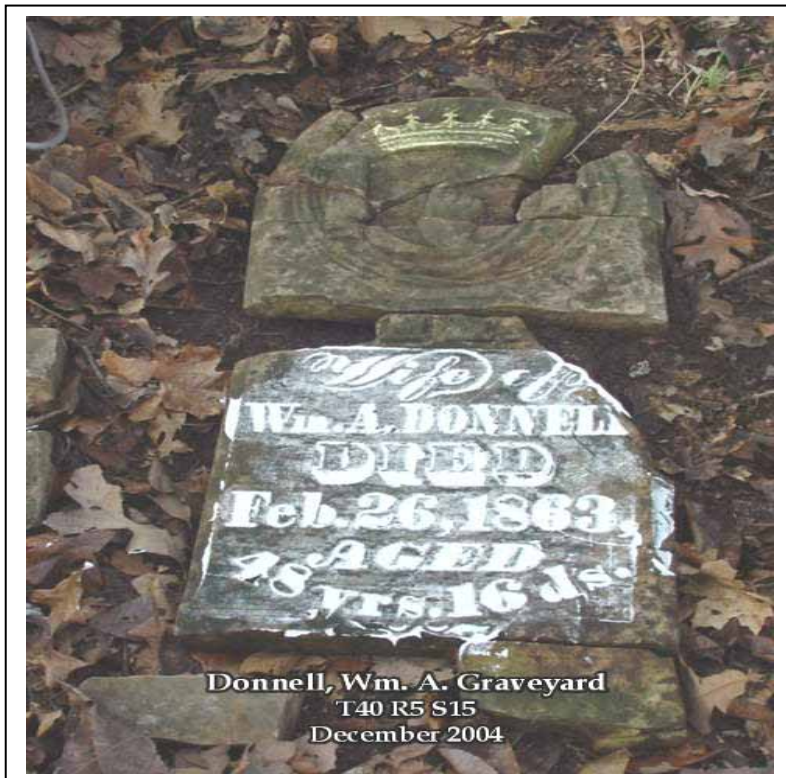
The following persons are reported to be interred in this graveyard.

Wm. A. Donnell was buried in his family's cemetery in Hematite. Our records confirm this. Although recorded in the 1984 survey;

"Donnell, William A., 09-21-1814 03-30-1871 Dearest Father Thou hast left us, Here thy loss is deeply felt But tis God that hast bereft us, He can all our sorrow heal. Klinefelter & Son, St. Louis, Mo."

This monument was not located in 2004.

Order from Thomas N. Donnell, Administrator, to John S. Klinefelter Co. for a headstone for grave of Wm. A. Donnell



Donnell, Wm. A. Graveyard
T40 R5 S15
December 2004

Finger pointing to crown, with scrolls at sides, within circle at top of monument

Emma

Wife of
Wm. A. Donnell

Died
February 26th, 1863

Aged
48 years 16 days

(Born February 10, 1815. Monument reassembled from pieces found.)

Footstone E. D.

Susannah

Wife of
A. Kinney

Died
January 2nd, 1873

Aged
87 years 1 month 14 days

(Born November 19th, 1785. There is an Andey Kinney, see my article on Whitehead Cemetery, who was born September 18, 1774.)

Footstone S. K.

Jefferson Democrat
Hillsboro, Jefferson, Missouri
FRIDAY, 31 JANUARY 1873
OBITUARY - DIED. at the

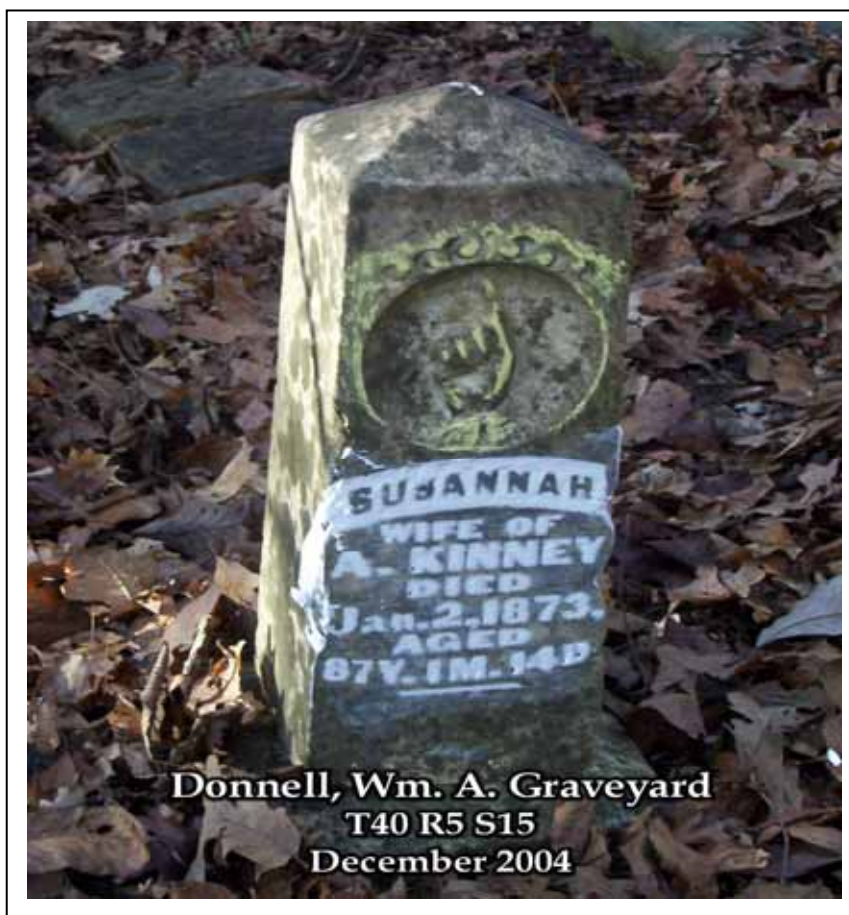
residence of her daughter, Mrs. Clarissa WHITEHEAD, near Hanover, MO., on the second day of January, 1873. **Susannah KINNEY**, aged 67 years, 1 month and 15 days.

Mrs. KINNEY was born in Kentucky, but while yet a child, moved with her parents to Tennessee. There she married her first husband. With him she moved to Monroe Co., Ill., where he died leaving to her the care and maintenance of their four children. She afterwards married Mr. Andrew KINNEY, and with him moved to Jefferson County, Mo. where she continued to reside till her death having spent half her life at this county.

She survived her last husband about 25 years, during the greater portion of which time, she kept house, and attended to the cares and labors a farm, being an active and industrious and frugal woman as many neighbors can testify, thus supporting herself and family. But lately, for several years, she has lived with her daughter whose gentle, kind and warm hearted attention she had the benefit of, to the fullest extent, to cheer and comfort her in her declining years. She was a professor of religion, and a member of the Baptist Church, this being the church of her choice, with which she has been connected for about 48 years prior to her death; hers was a life especially the earlier part of it, of suffering and deprivation, yet godly patience, characterized her whole career. Many have been louder in the profession of religion, she not being of this class of Christians who are on the mountain top to-day, and in the valley tomorrow. But few have met death more calmly, or with greater resignation, than she. She stood firmly upon the brink, without excitement or fear. It required but a short acquaintance to make her an object of the warm affections and high esteem of those in whose society she was thrown, thus being accounted for by the amiableness(?) of her disposition. Her children, grand children and many friends, have the consolation of knowing that another voice in Heaven is heard, and that their loss is her eternal gain.

A Relative.

Probate 994a reflects that Susannah Kinney's heirs are listed as Clarissa Whitehead; George Edwards, deceased; Heirs of Emma Donnell; Newton Oscar Edwards who died in 1873. Also in the probate file was a receipt from Administrator W. R. Donnell to R. L. Rosenbaug & Son for gravestones.





Masonic Symbol in circle at top

In Memory Of
G. E. Whitehead

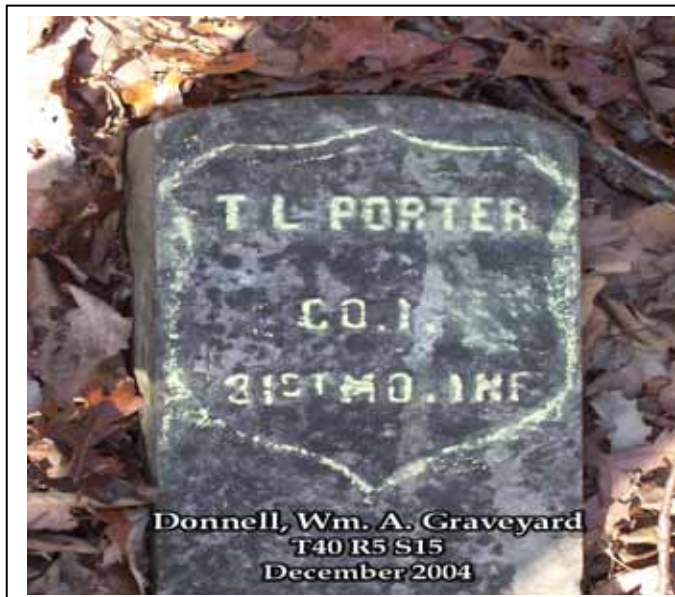
Born
December 9th, 1935 (?)

Died
August 8th, 1865

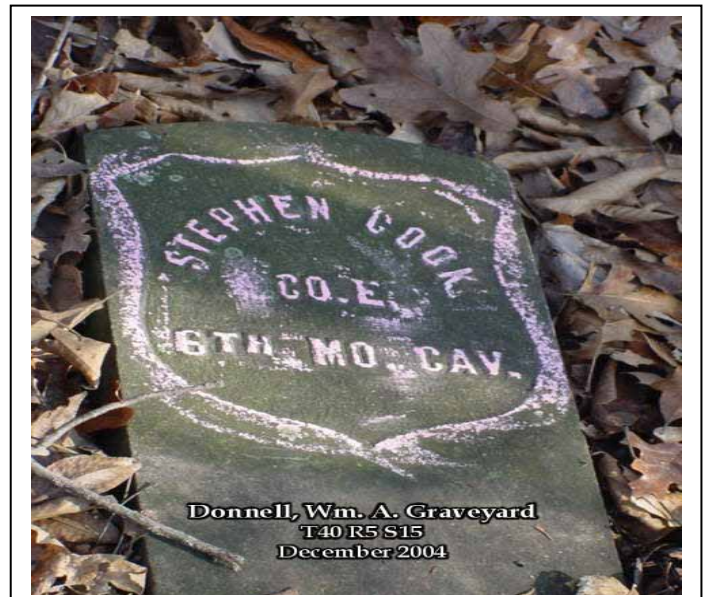
Aged
29 years 8 months 1 day

Kimmswick, Mo. monument maker
mark.

(The 1860 census shows Geo.
E. Whitehead 24, living in the Hematite
area.)



T. L. Porter
CO. I. 31st MO. Inf



Stephen Cook
CO. E. 6th MO. CAV.

Coxwell Funeral Parlor records list;
PORTER, Thos. L., 1-31-1886, 59 yrs, 11 days Donnell; GY, M, Hemorrhage
COOK, Stephen, 12-13-1890, 48 yrs, 1 mo, 15 days, Donnell; Cem, Consumption

As can be seen in the below picture the two Civil War Veterans graves have been completely dug out. This destruction is becoming all too common in Jefferson County.



Also located in this cemetery were footstones; S. W. (*possibly a Whitehead as stone was near Geo. Whitehead*); E. D. D. (*probably a Donnell*); and H. O. (*probably an Ogle*).

Also recorded in this cemetery in 1984 but not located in 2004;
Ogle, Arthur B. 01-29-1870 1871 son of H. & C. Ogle

Coxwell Funeral Parlor records list;
WHITEHEAD, Clarisa Mrs., 2-1-1889, 78 yrs., Donnell;, Hematite; Cem., Congestion

The following are original notes of the Jefferson County Historical Society;
(This Cemetery found by two teenagers, Guy Portell and Jay Boyer. Mr. Walter Pratt, younger brother of Harold Pratt who owned the farm next to the cemetery said as a child his mother would hire a wall paperer and painter from De Soto by the name of Porter who would tell him that his father was buried in this cemetery. This would be 50-55 years ago that he heard this. The house is a log cabin, bought from Sid England in 1919.

Surveyed by Jean O'Brien, Helen & Frank Magre, Dan Portell and Guy Portell April 1, 1984)

From Goodspeed's History;

Company B.--Captain--David W. Bryant, commissioned March 12, 1864, vacated March 12, 1865. First lieutenants--David W. Bryant, commissioned August 27, 1862, promoted captain May 12, 1864; George Whitehead, commissioned November 7, 1864, vacated March 12, 1865. Second lieutenant--George E. Whitehead, commissioned August 27, 1862, promoted to first lieutenant.

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