German Methodist Episcopal Cemetery

By Dave Hallemann

This beautiful old church cemetery in the middle of the woods is located in T39 R5 S15 NW¼ of the SE¼.

38° 5’ 36” N / 90° 27’ 32” W

This cemetery was visited 15th & 16th May 2005 by Dave Hallemann and Jerry McKee.

This tract was first registered by John C. Hoeck on 1st September 1853, Certificate #21320, for the NW¼ of the SE¼ T39 R5 S15, containing 40 acres, for which he paid $50.00.

12 days later on 13th September 1853 John C. Hoeck and his wife Meria sell the tract to John C. Smith, Jacob Smith, Philip Zollman, John Fanister, and Conrad Jung, trustees for the German Episcopal Church...“for $50.00 specie, the NW¼ of the SE¼ in Township 39 Range 5 Section 15, containing 40 acres.” As recorded in Book L Page 611.

(Note the recorder at the time probably made errors in the spelling of the name of the trustees. It probably should be John Smith, Jacob Smith, Philip Zollman, John Pfinister, and Conrad Jung, however this is a guess on my part as to the correct spelling. Also since the property was transferred 12 days after purchase. It is possible that a religious organization was not allowed to purchase property directly from the government, so Hoeck, who could have been a member, purchased it FOR the church.)

7th December 1888, after being in this location for 35 years, the then trustees Louis Kleinschmidt, William Halter, and Albert Kausler, of the German Methodist Episcopal Church sell to Traugott H. Hasse for $400.00, “All of the part of the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 15 Township 39 Range 5 with the following reservations; the said church organization by its trustees reserving a small part as a Church Burial Ground described as follows; beginning at a point on the east end of a lane running east and west between said church property and land owned by R. M. Boothe at the base of the hill, and on the north line of said church property land, thence running along the base of the hill in a southerly direction the width of two acres to a point, thence east to a point the width of two acres, thence north the width of two acres to the intersection of the north line of the church property lands, thence along said line to place of beginning, containing four acres more or less. And also the said church organization by its trustees further reserve; a road from the southwest corner of the four acre tract herein reserved at the foot of the hill along said hill at the foot thereof in a southerly direction to intersect the Plattn County Road and also the right of way over said forty acre tract of the St. Joe Railroad. Deed being recorded in Book 31 Page 621.

(I could not locate a document giving St. Joe Railroad a right of way across the land. I could have just missed the deed or it could have been bunched with other tracts into one deed. Also the present pastor relates that when the railroad came through it was necessary to go exactly where the original church was located. At this time)
the church split into two groups. One group wanting to build where the present Flucom Dutch Methodist Church now stands on land donated by Jacob Schmid, and one group building the German Evangelical Church where the Hope United Church of Christ Cemetery is at Flucom and Athena School Roads on land donated by Robert Boothe. As fate would have it when they build Highway 67 it took this church also."

With the above deed “reserving” the burial ground we can put an official name to this cemetery as the **German Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery**

The 1876 Historic Atlas shows the church owning the property. Note there is a house, Church and Cemetery denoted on the plat but the railroad is not yet there.

On the 1898 Atlas Thomas Hasse is now in possession of the tract. Note the new church now in Section 11, about 1 mile to the northeast of the original site and the railroad now bisects the original tract.
The following monuments are located in this cemetery:

**Heinrich Bauer**

*Gest.*

**28 Juni 1890**

*Im Alter Von (at the age of)*

**71 Ja 4 Mo 22 Ta**

*(German verse on bottom)*

*(Clasp Hands and flower in circle)*

Auf Wiederseh’n (Goodbye)

Hier Ruht in Gott

*(Per Coxwell Funeral Parlor; BAUER, Henry, 6-28-1890, 71 yrs., German; Methodist Cem, M, Sun Stroke)*

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**Our Sister**

**Mary Belville**

*Born.*

**Nov. 26, 1868**

*Died*

**Oct. 28, 1888**

*(German verse on bottom)*

*(Per Coxwell Funeral Parlor; BELVILLE, Mary, 10-28-1888, German; M. E. Cemetery, F, Consumption)*

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**Laura C. Burda**

*Nee Hentcher*

**July 1, 1865**

**Feb. 13, 1944**

*(Per Coxwell Funeral Parlor; BURDA, Laura, 7-1-1865, 79 yrs., German; Methodist Cem, F)*
Hier Ruht in Gott
Friedrich H.
Sohn Von (son of)
Christ & Kathrine
Fink
Geb.
31 Marz 1888
Gest.
2 Nov 1888

(Finger pointing to crown)
Hier Ruht in Gott
Adam Fischer
Geb.
11 Nov. 1828
Gest.
12 Dez. 1893
(Coxwell Funeral Parlor Records; FISHER, Adam, 12-12-1893, 65 yrs, 1 mo, 2 days, Old German; Ch Cem, Stomach Trouble)

(Finger pointing to crown)
Hier Ruht in Gott
Eva Fischer
Geb.
21 Mar 18???
Gest.
16 Sept. 1879
(German verse on bottom)
Jacob Halter

Born
Dec. 2, 1814

Died
Dec. 1, 1902

(Same stone with Margaret)

Margaret Halter

Born
Jan. 12, 1818

Died
Sept. 3, 1888

(Same stone with Jacob)
(Per Coxwell Funeral Parlor; HALTER, Margaret, 9-4-1888, 70 yrs. 8 mo., German; ME Cemetery, F, Paralysis)

Caroline
Dau. Of
C. & B.
Hartmann

Born
Dec. 31, 1861

Died
Aug. 6, 1862
Hier Ruht Unser Vater  
(Here Rest Our Father)

**Carl Eduard Hasse**

Geboren  
9 Apr. 1802

Gestoben  
22 Marz 1872

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**Henrietta Hentcher**

Born  
Jan. 7, 1824

Died  
Dec. 10, 1911  
(same stone as Herman)

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**Herman Hentcher**

Born  
May 12, 1869

Died  
Aug. 15, 1870  
(same stone as Henrietta)
Herman Hentcher

Born
Oct. 5, 1820

Died
Dec. 24, 1868

Herman J. Hentcher

Son of Emil & Maria

Hentcher

Born
Jan. 22, 1885

Died
Feb. 23, 1892

(Per Coxwell Funeral Parlor; HENTCHER, Herman, 2-23-1892, 7 years, German; Methodist, M, Accident window fell)

Emil F. Hentcher

Born
1850

Died
1923
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Hier Ruht in Gott

**Elizabeth Kleinschmidt**

Geborne
Pieper
Geb.
25 Dec. 1806
Gest.
13 Jan 1873

(German verse on bottom)

Hier Ruht in Gott

**Karl Kleinschmidt**

Rest of Monument Missing

From 1971 recording; 1805-December 30, 1866; stone broken by rifle shot; “Und scine erste undzweite gattin Mary K., und Kath K. Und tochter Anna” “Seelig sind die Todten die in Herm sterben”

Hier ruhet

**Carl August**

Sohn Von
Wm. & Ernstine
Knorpp, Geb.
d. 9 Oct. 1859
Gest.
d. 12 April 1860

(Lamb in circle)

From 1971 recording; 1805-December 30, 1866; stone broken by rifle shot; “Und scine erste undzweite gattin Mary K., und Kath K. Und tochter Anna” “Seelig sind die Todten die in Herm sterben”

The Dave Hallemann Collection
Friday, March 18, 2005
Christina J.
Daughter Of
J. & L.
Knorpp
Born
Apr. 3, 1860
Died
Sep. 29, 1863

(Hier Ruht in Gott)
Christina Knorpp
Geb. Schmid
Geb. 6 Sept. 1793
Gest. 8 Juli 1869

(Louisa B.
Wife of
John Knorpp
Born
Mar. 5, 1817
Died
?? 29, 1895

(Per Coxwell Funeral Parlor; KNORPP, Mrs. Louisa, 10-29-1895, 78 yrs., German; ME Ch Cem, Dropsy)
Hier ruhet
Lucinda
Tochter (daughter) Of
Wm. & Ernestine
Knorpp
Geb.
d. 19 April 1867
Gest.
d. 26 July 1868

Hier ruhet
Maria Magdalena
Tochter (daughter) Of
Wm. & Ernestine
Knorpp
Geb.
d. 25 Juni 1863
Gest.
d. 20 Oct. 1863

Hier ruhet
Unknown
Monument broke through name
Knorpp
Geb.
d. 22 Dec. 1868
Gest.
d. 15 Marz 1869
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(Tree in Circle)

In Memory Of

Infant

Son Of

V. & Johanna

Metz

Born

Nov. 15, 1862

Died

Dec. 1, 1862

(Lamb in Circle)

Mary Ann

Daughter Of

V. & Johanna

Metz

Born

Jan. 12, 1868

Died

Aug. 24, 1871

(Lamb in Circle)

Odie E.

Infant son of

John & Louise

Rhineberger

Born

Oct. 27, 1896

Died

Feb. 10, 1897

Gone to Rest

(Per Coxwell Funeral Parlor; RHINEBERGER, Odie Everett, 2-10-1897, 4 mo., German; Settlement, Burned up)
Here rest in peace our beloved father

**Jacob G. Schmid**

Born
Wurtemburg, Germany
Jan. 12, 1812
Died
Jefferson Co. Mo.
Feb. 21, 1887
He was a resident of Jefferson Co. 55 years with his two brothers and sister who rest by his side. They were pioneers of the early German settlers of the county.

**Katharine Schmid**

Born
In Mensfelden, Aussan?, Germany
Dec. 15, 1822
Died
Apr. 25, 1890

**Maria Schmidt**

Born
In Altenburg. Saxony
Aug. 15, 1824
Died
Aug. 7, 1885
She openeth her mouth, with wisdom and in her tongue of kindness
(At Rest)

George F. Schmidt

Born
In Wittenburg, Germany
Sep. 12, 1808
Died
Nov. 16, 1860

Blessed are the dead who die in the lord.

Union Civil War Monument

Rich’D Stitzel

Co E

2nd MO Inf

In Memory of

Lydia A.

Wife of F. H. Stringfellow
Born in Louisville, Ky
Aug. 26, 1816
Died in De Soto, Mo
May 10, 1870
Aged 23 Years 8 months and 23 days
She openeth her mouth, with wisdom and in her tongue law of kindness.

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Phillip Zollman

Born
1802
Died
Jan. 25, 1882

Same stone with Philipina

Philipena Zollman

Nee Volker
Born
1810
Died
Nov. 6, 1880

Hier Ruht in Gott

Paulus Jung

Geb
30 Marz 1834

Gest
19 Juni 1886

(Per Coxwell Funeral Parlor; YOUNG, Paul, 6-19-1886, 52 yrs., German; Settlement, M, Apoplexy)
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(Lamb in Circle)
Here Rest
In the Lord

Frederica S.
Koester
Wife of

August

Seypohltowsky
Born Nov. 22, 1842
Died Jan. 30, 1873
Gone but not forgotten

Jefferson County Record, Hillsboro, MO January 18, 1917

August SEYPOHLTOSKEY, a well known Justice of the Peace for years a resident of Plattin Township, died recently at an advanced age. Mr. SEYPOHLTOSKY was and old soldier and his death, with that of Ben BUTLER emphasizes the fact that the Grand Army is passing.

Unknown
Fieldstones

There are many burials marked only by fieldstones. Check the listing below.

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The following persons are listed in a 1971 recording of this cemetery by Commodore Perry and Amanda "Fern" (Poston) Hill but monuments were not found:

HARTMANN, Charles, son of C. & E. Hartmann, b. December 6, 1863, d. July 6, 1865
KNAPP, Maria E., b. May 1, 1889, d. July 15, 1890, (I apologize for after 3 visits to this cemetery I somehow lost the picture of Maria, however a monument was there.)
KNAPP, Rudolph, D., b July 25, 1887, d. June 8, 1888
KNORPP, John G., b. December 13, 1787, d. July 24, 1863, Aged 76 y 7 m 11 d
SMITH, Elizabeth, Daughter of J. &. C. Smith, b September 13, 1856, d. March 13, 1864

The following person are listed in Coxwell Funeral Parlor Records as also being buried in this cemetery:

BELLVILLE, James, 8-1-1890, 18 yrs., German; M.E. Cem, M, Typhoid fever
BRINKMAN, Martin, 7-13-1890, 27 yrs., German; Ch Cem, Accident
HALTER, Minnie, 5-29-1891, 30 yrs, 5 mo., German; M.E.G. Cem, Inflamtion Stomach
HERSTEIN, Peter, 7-15-1893, 74 years 8 months 9 days, Old; GY at German; Settlement, M, Kidney trouble
KAUSLER, Albert Hy, 6-9-1915, 85 yrs, 3 mo, 9 days, German; ME Flucom;, Pneumonia
KAUSLER, Chester Arthur, 1-21-1896, 1 yrs., German Methodist; Cem, Cholera infantium
SMITH, Mary, 8-7-1885, 60 yrs. 11 mo. 7 days, German; Ch Cemetery, F, Flux
SMITH, Fredericka, 12-7-1898, 92 yrs., Old German; Ch Cem, Old Age
SAUNDERS (LAHNER), Charles, 8-6-1893, 17 years 6 months, Old German Methodist;
Cem, M, Fits & Spasms

I would like to thank Cody Polley and his father for their wonderful work cleaning up this cemetery for Cody’s Eagle Scout project.

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