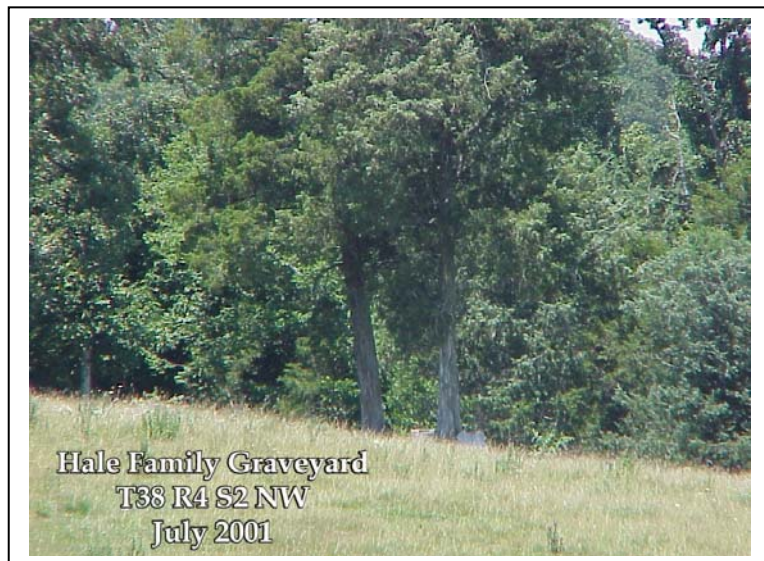


Hale Family Graveyard

By Dave Hallemann



This beautiful cemetery with its large cedar trees is located in T38 R4 S2 Lot 2 NW¼.

38° 2' 30" N / 90° 33' 23" W

The cemetery is named for Lawson C. Hale who owned the land and “excepted out” this family graveyard. It is unknown if Lawson is buried here. This farm to this day has remained in the Luebber’s family for over 120 years.

This tract of land was first entered into record as Certificate #23247 issued to Vincent C. Pullin on January 15th, 1853, containing 85.⁹⁵ acres, situated in Township 38 Range 4 Section 2 Lot 2 of the NW¼.

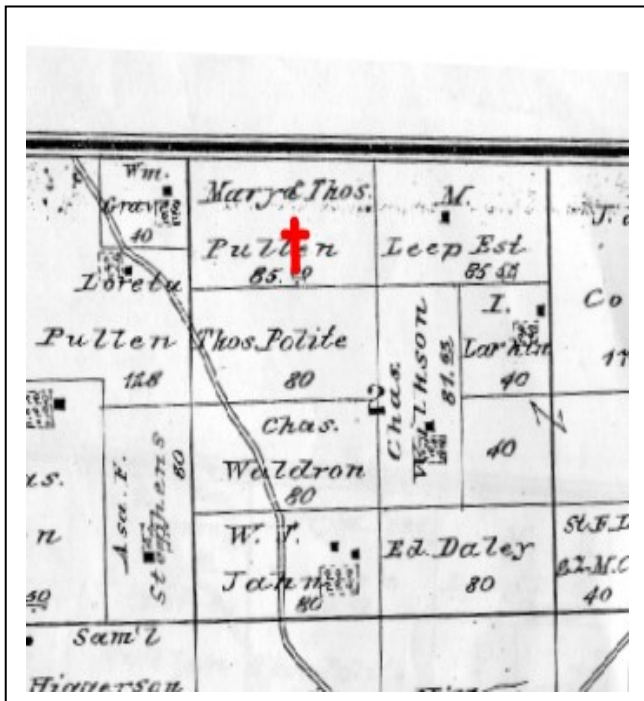
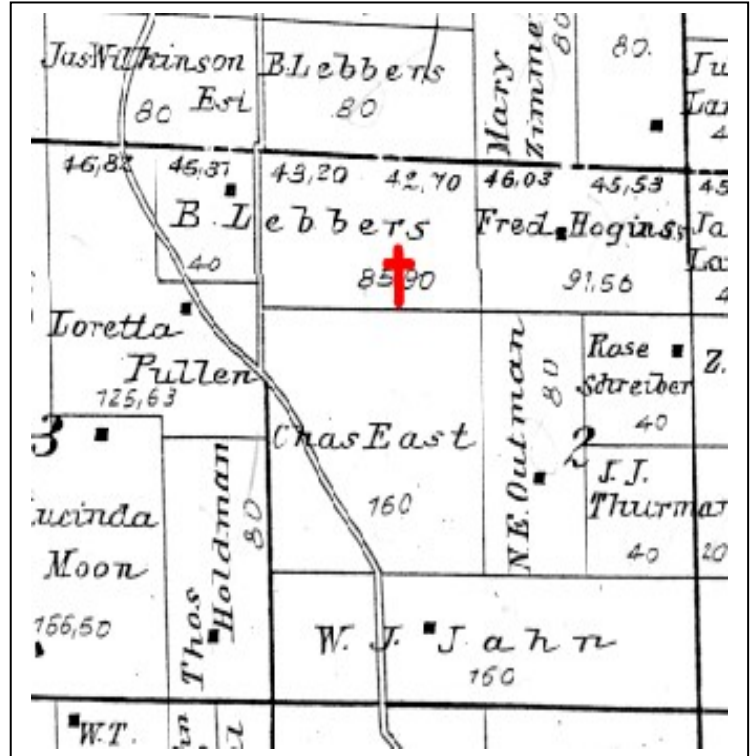
Ownership of this tract is shown in the 1876 Historic Atlas, as belonging to Thomas and Mary Pullen. I *assume* that Thomas was a son of Vincent that acquired the property after the death of his father, possibly through probate, as I could not find a deed transferring title to him and Mary.

The next deed encountered was issued on November 5th, 1877 from Thomas Pullen to Lawson C. Hale, for \$160.⁰⁰, “All of his interest, the undivided ½ interest of, in, and to the lot numbered 2 of the NW quarter of Section 2, Township 38, Range 4...containing 85.⁹⁵ acres...” as recorded in book 12 at page 159.

Finally, recorded in book 26 at page 1, recorded on April 8th, 1884, Lawson C. Hale and Mary A. Hale his wife, sell to Bernard Lebbers, both of Jefferson County, Missouri, for \$1,500.⁰⁰, “All of lot numbered two of the NW quarter of Section 2 of Township 38 Range 4 east, containing 85.⁹⁵ acres. *Except* as to the fractional eighty-five hundredths acres which is now occupied as a *family graveyard* and is hereby reserved...”

With this deed we can establish the “official” name of this cemetery as Hale Family Graveyard.

As can be seen in the picture at left, in 1876 Mary & Thomas Pullen are now in possession of the property. The cross I added to the photo to denote the location of this graveyard.



By 1898 B(ernard) Lebbers has become owner of this tract and adjoining lands. As before I added the cross to show location of this graveyard.

The following persons are listed on the monument in this cemetery.



Leota E. Hale

Born
August 3rd, 1868

Died
September 26th, 1885

Aged
17 years 1 month 23 days

*Coxwell Funeral Parlor Records list Lottie
as dying of consumption*

Prince A. Hale

Born
January 1st, 1878

Died
January 13th, 1879

Aged
1 year 12 days

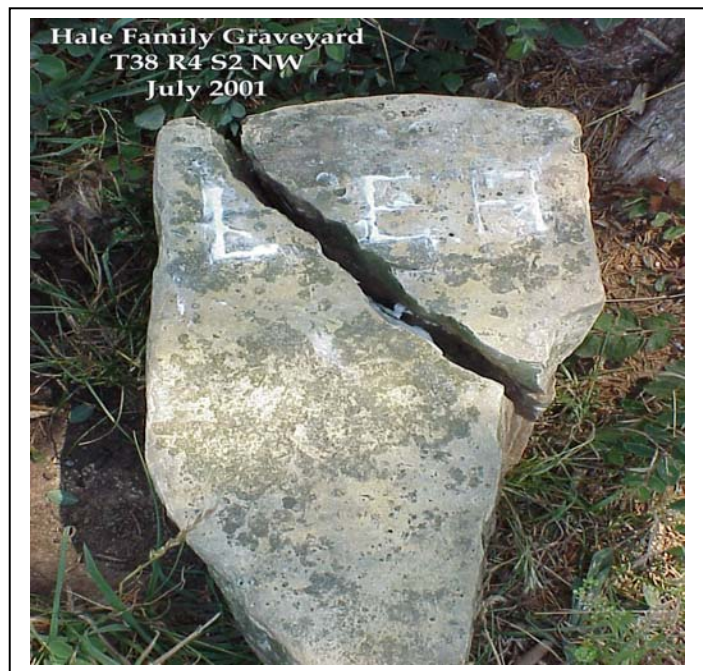
Coxwell Funeral Parlor Records also list;

HALE, Mary A. (wife of Lawson Hale), 2-6-1916, 62 yrs, 2 mo, 5 days, Barney Leubbers;
Cem, Gall stones



The picture at left is shows the monument maker's mark, J. Ruff, De Soto.

The current owner always remembers this fieldstone as being here, along with one marked PAH which we could not locate. Possibly an original marker that was replaced at a later date or footstone.



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