

LANGEHENNIG BURIALS

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Located in Township 42 Range 5 Section 24 near Antonia. Take I-55 north to Highway M. West to Catlin Drive, right to old Highway M, left to Old Antonia Road, right on Old Antonia Road, up hill to left into Estates of Castlegate. Behind house straight ahead where road forks. GPS 38 degrees 21 minutes 33 seconds North, 90 degrees 24 minutes 53 seconds West. Recorded by Glee Heilitag-Naes and Nadine Gordon in 1985. Revisited 25 February 1999 by Dave Hallemann.

I found only one stone and two footstones as follows;



Single Stone;

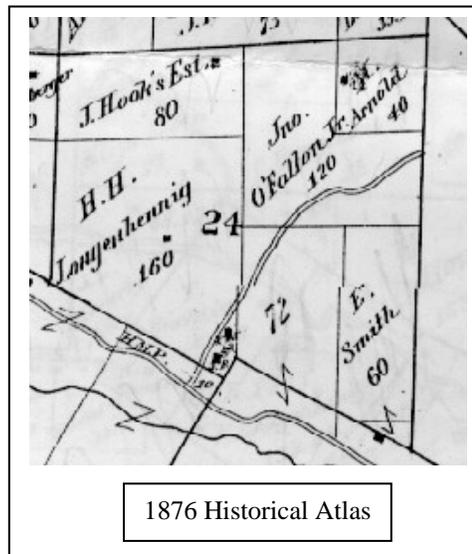
LANGEHENNIG, Mary M., Mother,
Born Aug. 23, 1820, Died Oct. 23, 1896
(left side of stone, would have been 76 yrs, 2 mos old)

LANGEHENNIG, Henry H., Father,
Born Aug. 19, 1813, Died Sep. 6, 1895
(right side of stone, would have been 82 yrs, 18 dys. old)

LANGEHENNIG on base
There were 2 Footstones M.M.L. & H. H. L.

This was obviously a family farm that had been sold and a subdivision was being built on the land. The lot where the stone was located appeared to be the location of the farm house as there was a wire fence around the yard. There was also remnants of a barbed wire fence around part of the cemetery. The plot itself was only about 10 feet by 6 feet with a large Cedar tree growing next to the stone. The stone faced East toward the rising sun.

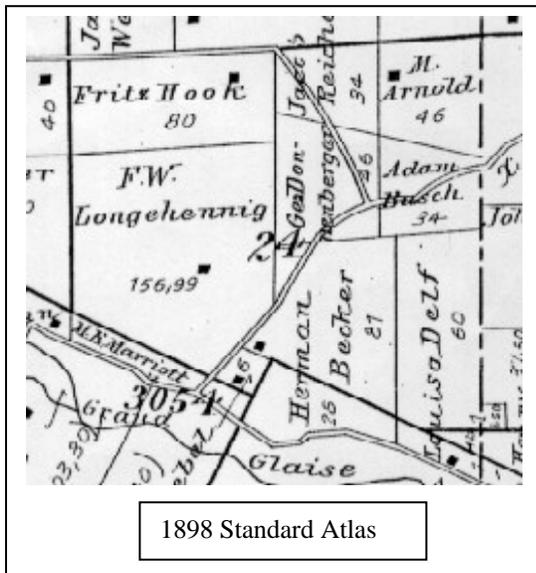
After returning home I compiled the following information.



In T42 R 5 Sec 24 the E fractional ½ of the SW ¼ was originally entered by James Burgess on October 1st, 1840 as recorded in the land entries under Certificate # 6773 containing 47.8 acres, and four years later James Burgess purchased the W fractional ½ of the SW ¼ & the NW ¼ of the Northwest ¼ on August 1st, 1844 Certificate # 9649 containing 69.19 acres. Eliza Burgess purchased the adjoining 40 acres of the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ T42 R5 Sec24 as recorded on the forty (this is an error in the original document and probably should be the *fourth*) day of October 1840 as Certificate # 9838 (?) or three days after James Burgess entered his claim.

Some time after the original purchase, Henry H. Langehennig purchased what was the Burgess land.

As can be seen on the 1876 Historic Atlas plat, above, H. H. Langenhenning (*should not have N in name*), owned 160 acres, (*this is also incorrect as the east and west halves are fractional parts*). Henry H. was prosperous as he owned an additional 400 acres in six different tracts in nearby sections.



By 1898, just 22 years later, and after the death of Henry H. in 1895 and Mary M. in 1896, the farm was owned by F. W. Langehennig (*again erroneously listed as Longehennig*) as can be seen at right. Also the land is listed as 156.99 acres (*this is correct as per original entries*).

One of H. H. Langehennig's parcels are listed in the 1898 Atlas under his name but this is in error as he died in 1896.

Fred. Langehennig is listed in the 1876 Atlas as a patron and farmer who was born in Russia and moved to Jefferson County in 1839. Henry would have been 19 at this time. He owned 266.9 acres on four tracts in nearby section 23 and is listed as F. Langehennig.

(I'm not sure if Fred. and F. W. are the same person. In the 1898 Standard Atlas F. W. and F. are listed. F. W. might be a son of Henry or Fred. Henry and Fred. were probably related.)

It is sad to me that these graves may end up in someone's backyard if they are not bulldozed under, as happens all too often. I hope the developer has the foresight to set some land and these graves aside as a park for the subdivision, to honor these two people who were "Pioneers".

If you are planning on selling some land with graves on it, have it written in the restrictions, before you sell, that the graves must be preserved, and contact a historical or genealogical society to record the stone for future generations.

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