

Richardson Cemetery

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Old Richardson Graveyard

This Cemetery is located in T43 R6 S31 Lot 4 Survey 2991 in Arnold Missouri alongside of Richardson Road.

Survey 2991

This Survey, located in T42 R6 Sections 5 & 6, also T 43 R6 Section 24, 25, & 26, was entered in the name of Auguste Chouteau and Antoine Soulard, in right of their wives under Gabriel Cerre. It consists of 7056 arpents or 6002.54 acres. Arnold is located within this survey.

The court appointed commissioners to divide the land and sell lots in Survey 877 later Survey 2991.

1837 August 24th John Richardson purchases Lot #4 containing 160 acres, for \$200.⁰⁰, from the commissioners appointed to divide the Chouteau and Soulard lands, as recorded in Book D Page 395.

1839 February 27th John Richardson and Dolly his wife, sell to Booker Richardson, for \$250.⁰⁰, "Lot 4, 160 acres lately sold by John Gieger, Booker Richardson, Joshua Herrington Commissioners appointed to sell certain lands belonging to Julie C. Soulard, Anthony B. Soulard, and the widow and legal Representative of the late August Choteau desc...., recorded in Book E Pages 273-276.



The earliest verifiable monument is that of Theodore Richardson whose death date is 1847, this monument is within the stone wall possibly denoting the Richardson Family plot. From a 1984 recording by Nadine Garland there is listed Stephen W. Smith with a death date of 20 August 1844 and being 4 years 5 months 20 days old. This monument was not found on a May 2009 revisit by Dave Hallemann and Carole Goggin. Also this could not be determined if date of 1844 is for birth or death. If date of birth it would put this burial after Theodore Richardson in 1848.

Booker Richardson dies about November 30th, 1841. His large estate is tied up in probate for years. Skelton Richardson is appointed Administrator of Booker's Estate. Skelton swears on his oath that the heirs of Booker Richardson are; Henry Richardson, Elizabeth Gamble, Patsy Franklin, Virginia Kendal, Louisa Richardson, Skelton Richardson, Theodore Richardson, John Richardson, Nancy Richardson, and Booker Richardson.

By 1852, Skelton Richardson is buying the interest of the other heirs. Louisa Richardson has married Peter Frederitzi, Nancy has married Wm. Pipkin, Valentine Stine is probably an heir of Virginia Kendal.

13th April 1852, Robert Gamble and Elizabeth his wife; Martha Franklin; Peter Frederitzi and his wife Louisa; Wm. Pipkin and his wife Nancy; and John Richardson, all of Jefferson County sell their interest in the previously listed Lots 4 & 5 to Skelton Richardson, for \$430.⁰⁰, as recorded in book L Page 58.

19th April 1852, 6 days later, Valentine Stine and Booker Richardson, 'heirs and legal representatives of Booker Richardson desc.', also sell their interest in the previously listed Lots 4 & 5 to Skelton Richardson, for \$430.⁰⁰, as recorded in book L Page 143.

Finally, recorded in Book Z Page 570-572, 1st March 1867, Skelton Richardson and his wife Mary B. deed to John Richardson, Peter Frederitzi, and Philip Pipkin:

This Deed made and entered into this by and between Skelton Richardson and Mary his wife of the County of Jefferson in the State of Missouri, of the one part, and John Richardson, Peter Frederitzi, and Philip Pipkin, trustees of the other part,

Witnesseth; That the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to them paid by the parties of the second part, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have this day Granted, Bargained, and Sold to the said Trustees and to their successors in trust and by these presents do Grant,

Bargain, and Sell, Convey, and Confirm to them the said Trustees and their successors in trust the following described piece or lot of ground to wit:

Beginning on the western boundary line of Lot numbered (4) in the subdivision of Shoteau (sic)and Soulard Survey No 877 at a point 22.80chains from the north or northwest corner of said Lot, running thence S 37½^o E 7.82 chains, for the beginning corner "A" of the lot of ground hereby conveyed, from which a Black Oak 24 inches in diameter bears S20^oE 45 links; thence S77^oE 3.10 chains to a stake "B" from which a Hickory 15 inches in diameter bears N82^oW 15 links; thence S13^oWest 7.33 chains to a stake "C" from which a Black Oak , 24 inches in diameter bears N28½^oE 92 links distance; thence N77^oW 3.16 Chains to a stake "D" from which a Post Oak 15 inches in diameter bears N81^oW 17 links distance; thence N13^oE 7.33 chains to a stake "A" and the place of beginning of said Conveyed lot of ground containing two acres, lying and being in the County and State aforesaid as will more fully and largely appear by a plat or survey hereto attached and made a part of this Deed, made by Isaac S. Baker, Surveyor, the aforesaid and above described lot or piece ground being well them the known as a "Burial Ground" of the late Booker Richardson, deceased, together with all the rights, privileges, and appurtenances hereto belonging or in any wise appertaining. To have and to hold the same [in?] the above foresaid Trustees and in their successors in trust forever, for the following purposes and none other to wit:

That the said lot of ground shall be known and designated as herefore the "Burying Ground" of the Late Booker Richardson and shall be used as a cemetery for the burial of the dead of the relatives and friends of said deceased, who have already buried therein or may hereafter may bury in said Ground, and to such other persons who may purchase of said trustees such part of said grounds for burial purposes, the quantity and price to be paid for the for the same to be Regulated by the Board of the said Trustee, which said sum or sums of money should be by the said Trustees set apart and used in decorating the Grounds or be used in building enclosures around the same, or in clearing the same of Rubish [sic] and trash as the said Board of Trustees shall in their judgment deem trash. It is hereby expressly provided that those of the relatives and friends of the said "Booker Richardson deceased who have kindred buried in said ground or may here after Bury there may select and set apart by lot or otherwise the board of Trustees may determine such portions of said Grounds as by said persons shall be used by his family or friends.

And the said Skelton Richardson does by these Presents, Warrant and Defend the all and singular the above described lot or piece of ground with the appurtenances thereto belonging to the said Trustees and to their successors against the claim or claims of all persons whosoever. In Witness thereof the said parties of the first part hereto set their hands and affixed their seals this ___ day ___ of 186_.

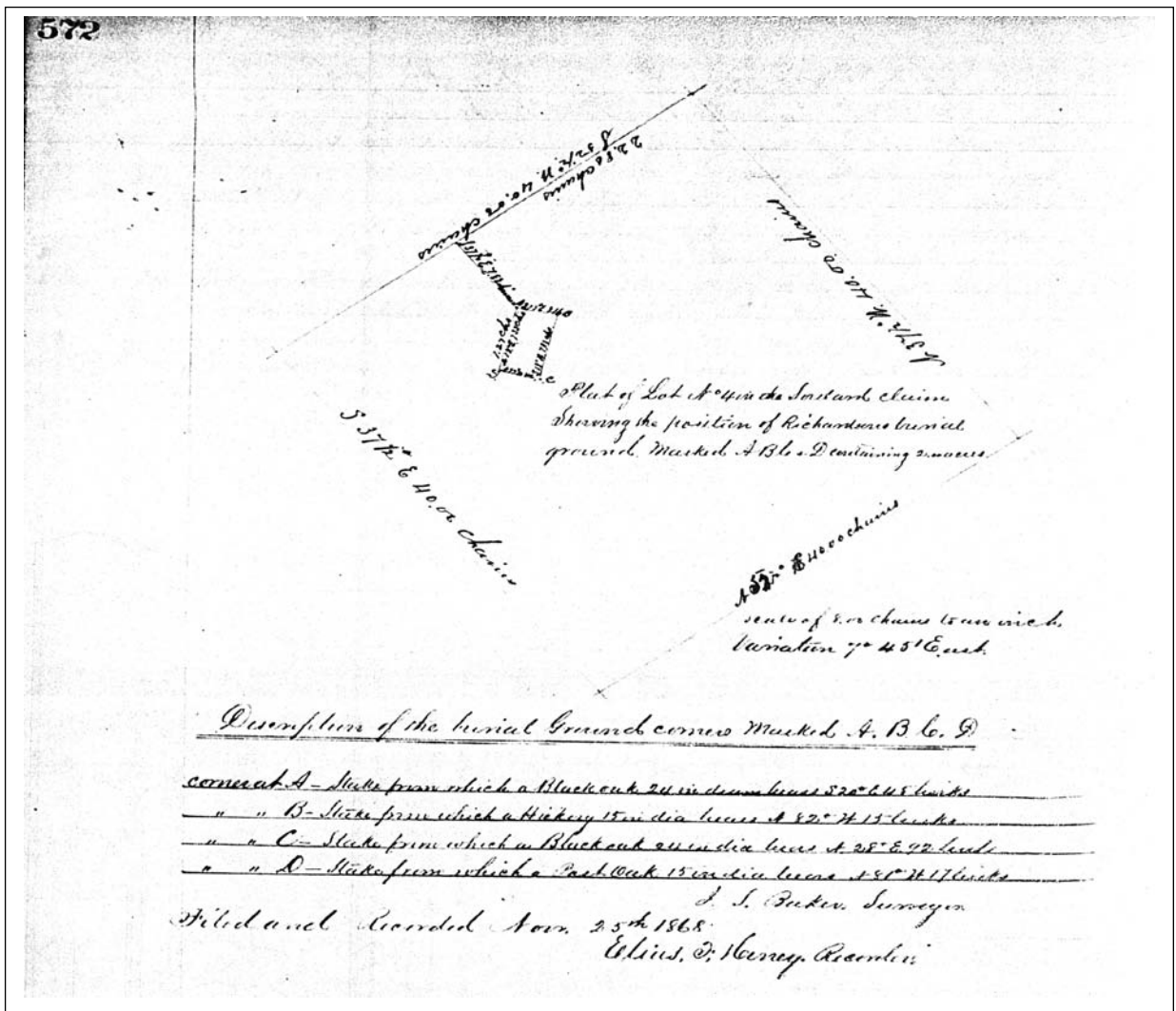
*Skelton Richardson [seal]
Mary Richardson [seal]*

State of Missouri}ss

County of Jefferson} Be it remembered on Skelton Richardson and Mary his wife who personally known to me to be the undersigned Justice of the Peace within and for the said County to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing deed as party thereto this day appeared before me and acknowledged that they executed the same as their voluntary act and Deed for the purpose therein mentioned and that said Mary B. Richardson being by me first made acquainted with the tenants of the foregoing deed acknowledged upon an examination apart from her said husband that who executed the same and relinquished her desire? in the real estate therein mentioned freely and without compensation or undue influence of him said husband.

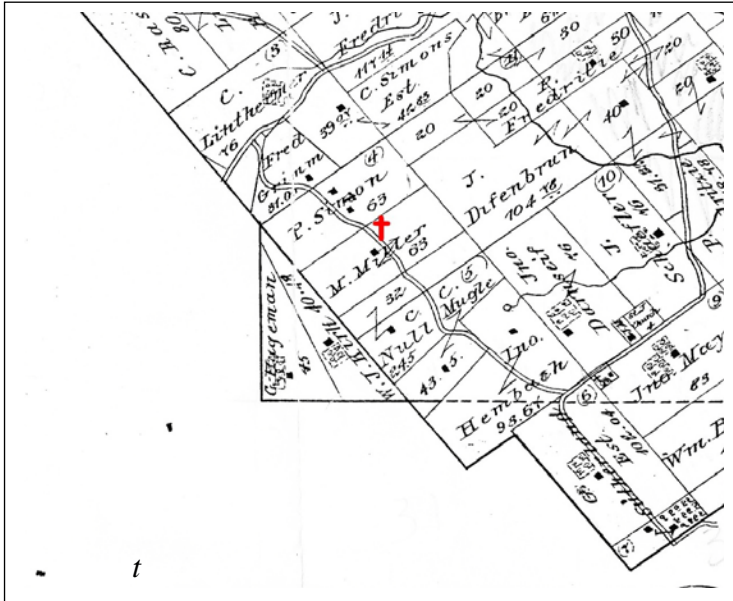
Given under my hand this First day of March 1867.

William Mockbee
Justice of the Peace



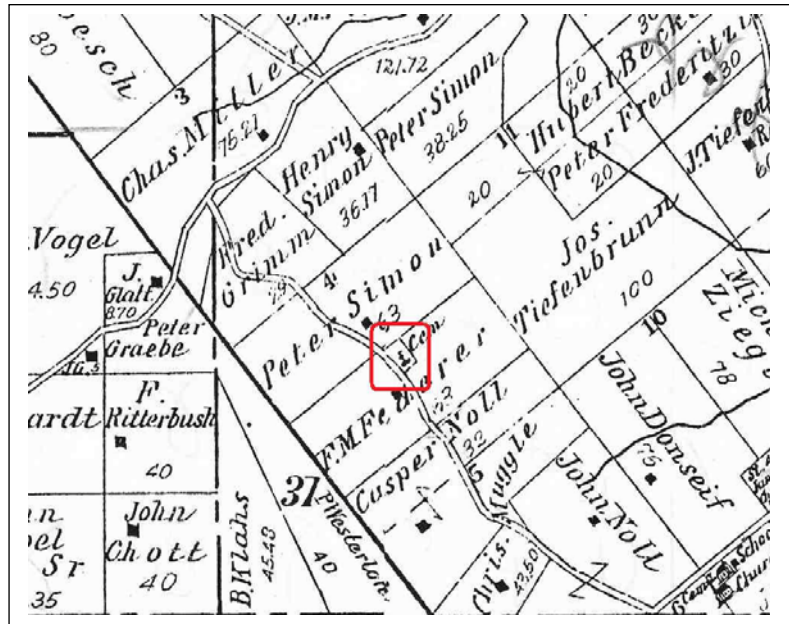
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With this deed we can establish a date of 1st March 1867 to this cemetery. However family and friends were being buried here at least 20 years prior.



On the 1876 Atlas M. Miller owns the part of Lot 4 where the cemetery sits. I have added the red cross to denote the position of the cemetery.

By 1898 the surrounding land is in the possession of F. M. Federer.



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