This family cemetery is located in T42 R3 S27 NE¼ of the NW¼.

38° 21’ 15” N / 90° 40’ 39” W

This cemetery is located on “Dutch Creek” and named for William Richter, who first entered the land on December 10th, 1841, recorded as Certificate # 10652 in the land office in St. Louis. William at that time was living in St. Louis County.

On October 1st, 1874, William Richter and wife Isabella, who signed with her mark (X), transferred the farm to their sons, James and Gustave Richter, the following property; E½ of the NW¼ of the NW¼ Section 27 containing 20 acres, NW¼ of the NE¼ and the NE¼ of the NW¼ Section 27 containing 80 acres, SW¼ of the NE¼ section 27 containing 40 acres, E½ of the SE¼ Section 27, E½ of the NW¼ of the SE¼ Section 27 containing 20 acres, SW¼ of the SE¼ Section 22 containing 40 acres, NE¼ of the NE¼ Section 24, NW¼ of the NW¼ Section 35 containing 40 acres, totaling 360 acres, recorded in Book 7 at Page 337. Quite a large farm.

On September 8th, 1890 after being partners with his brother for 16 years, James F. Richter sold his interest to Gustave Richter for $1400.00. This transaction was recorded in Book 34 at Page 332.

Next Gustave gave to James F. Richter a farm lease on the above-mentioned property “…known as the William Richter place…” this being recorded in Book 55 at Page 524.

On February 9th, 1907 Gustave A. Richter sells above-mentioned farm to James F. Richter for $4000.00. This being the same farm as above with the addition of the E½ of the NE¼ for an additional 80 acres. Transfer of title recorded in Book 64 at Page 507.

After having possession of the property for 16 years, James F. Richter and Eliza A. his wife, began breaking up the farm and selling smaller tracts, selling the E½ of the NW¼ of the NW¼ and NE¼ of the NW¼, Township 42 Range 3 Section 27 containing 60 acres to Edward Miller and wife Elizabeth, for $100.00 and other valuable considerations, “…except there from approximately ½ acre used as a family cemetery as now located…”

Thus putting an “official” name of Richter on this cemetery.
Original Deed From U. S. Government to William Richter

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS William Richter, of Rains County, Texas,

ha & a deposit in the General Land Office of the United States, a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Fort Worth, whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said William Richter, according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the North West quarter of the North East quarter and the South East quarter of the South West quarter of Section Twenty-Six, the Township forty-four, of Range Nine West, in the District of Panas, subject to sale at Paris, Texas, containing eighty acres.

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been purchased by the said William Richter,

NOW KNOW YE, That the United States of America, in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said William Richter,

and to his heirs, the said tract above described, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said William Richter,

and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, John Tyler,

President of the United States of America, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereto affixed.

SIGNED under my hand, at the City of Washington, the 24th day of December, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one and of the Independence of the United States the Sixty-First.

By the President:

By J. Todd, Secretary,

Recorder of the General Land Office.
As can be seen in the picture at left, in 1876 James and Gustave have cemetary possession of the property. The Cemetery sits where I have added the red cross.

In 1898 Gustave Richter now owns the tract. Again I have added the red cross to denote the approximate location of this cemetery.
Deed Of James Richter “excepting out”
the 1/8 acre tract used as a family cemetery as now located.

In the 1876 Atlas William Richter is listed as one of the first immigrants from Germany to come to Jefferson County. He is listed as a farmer with his post office in Dittmer.

The Jefferson Democrat of April 3rd, 1889 list the death of William Richter on Feb. 15, 79 yrs old.

Searching my Cemetery Records the above William and an Albert L. are listed as being buried in “Dutch Creek”. Albert L. dying 16 days after William on March 3rd, 1889 at the age of 2 years 1 month.

The following information and pictures were graciously supplied by Joy (Birmingham) Dunnegan, 6191 Eime Road, Cedar Hill, Mo. 63016, Great-Great-Granddaughter of William Richter. The following members are remembered as being buried in this family cemetery. Although no Bible could be located the names and dates are from the best recollections of Joy, her mother Norma (Kitson) Birmingham and uncle Kermit Kitson.
William Johan Christoff Richter

Born February 19th, 1810 in Germany and immigrated to American, with his brothers Adolph Richter, farmer and teacher, and Louis Richter, farmer and stock raiser. William was the first to come to Jefferson County in 1834, followed by Adolph in 1849 and Louis in 1858 both settling six miles due north in T43 R3 S27.

The News Democrat of April 3rd, 1889 list the death of William Richter on February 15th, 1889 at 79 years old.

Isabella (Voteau) Richter

Married on March 31st, 1836 to William Richter, born September 2nd, 1815. She probably couldn’t write as she signed her name with an (X).
Children of William and Isabella Richter buried in this cemetery

John Frederick Richter  
Born December 25th, 1836  
Died February 1837

Louisa Doris Richter  
Born 1839  
Died young

Carolina Richter  
Born April 19th, 1842  
Died January 6th, 1844

William Alfred Richter  
Civil War Veteran Union Army  
Married Nancy Ogle on December 25, 1867  
Born April 21st, 1846

This is the only monument located in the cemetery. The names is Alf’d Richter, Co G, 1st Mo. U(nited) S(tates) P(?) C(orps) Inf(antry). Although the monument shows USPC a Civil War expert tells me it has to be USRC (Reserve) Corps as some other members of this company were recruited in this area.  
It was also explained that the male members of the family were often called by their middle name, thus Alfred.
Gustave Adolph Richter
Born February 2nd, 1855
Died about 1940
Brother of James who owned the property in 1898 and was partners with James in 1876

Pictured below right with brother James

James Franklin Richter
Born September 5th, 1851
Died March 1934
Son of William and Isabella Richter, buried beside second wife Eliza
James & 2nd wife Eliza (pictured)
“excepted out” the cemetery.

Pictured above left with brother Gustave
Richter Family Cemetery

Sally (Lampkin) Richter
1st Wife of James Richter

Children of James F. and his 1st wife Sally Lampkin buried in this cemetery

Leonard Richter
Son of James F. and 1st wife Sally Richter

George Richter
Son of James F. & 1st wife Sally Richter
Died about 1934

Walter Richter
Son of James F. & Sally Richter

Lyman Richter
Son of James F. & 1st wife Sally Richter

Pictured 1 week before wedding on March 13, 1903.
Eliza Ann (Bay) Richter

Born May 5th, 1850
2nd wife of James F. Richter above

*Eliza was married to a Styles, then a Quinlan, and finally to James Richter. Picture at left about 1869 when she was 19 years old.*

Belle (Styles) Henderson
Daughter of Eliza Ann Richter by previous marriage

Archibald Kitson
Infant 1st son of Norman & G. May (Richter) Kitson
Gertrude May Kitson was the only daughter of James Richter and 2nd wife Eliza

*And last,* as with many cemeteries, it is remembered that during the 1917 flu epidemic that swept the county many, many children of neighbors, where buried in this cemetery with no record of whom they were.
These two metal “Funeral Parlor” tags were also found in the cemetery.

This 3 page Family Record, written by William J. C. Richter, was begun in the 1850-1870s. Joyce Dunnegan used this hand sewn Family Record to furnish dates in the preparation of this article.