

Neely Cemetery

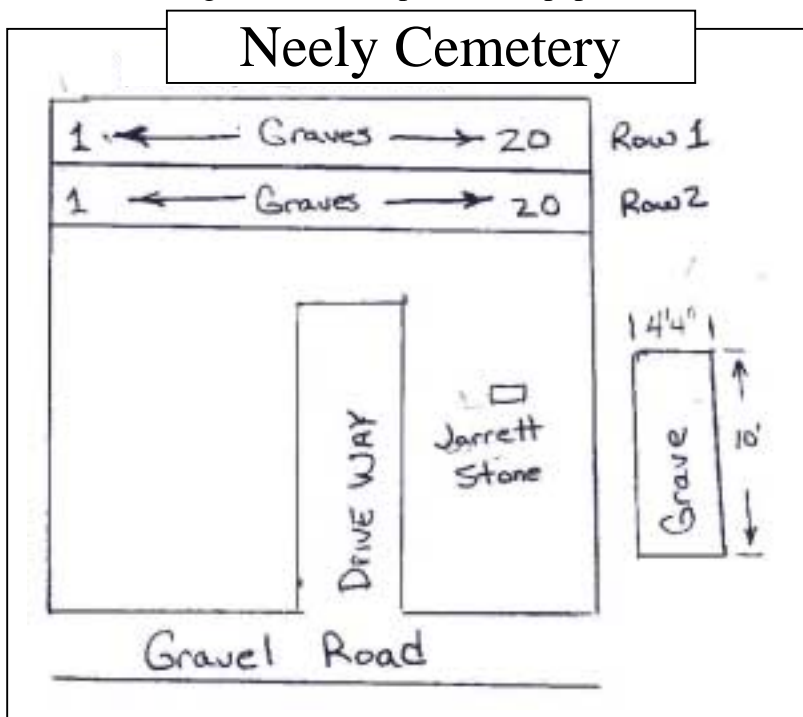
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This cemetery is located in E½ NW¼ T40 R4 Sec 30, Lat 38° 10' 27" N, Lon 90° 37' 21" W. Go west on "Y" highway from De Soto to the intersection of Tin House Road; make a left "south" onto a gravel road directly across from Tin House. Continue down the gravel for about ½ mile cemetery on right "west" side of road.

I visited this cemetery 10 May 1999. It is a field about 1 acre in size along the gravel lane. This tract was owned in 1876 by R. L. Blackmer who had 120 acres and a building at this site and was owned in 1898 by Fritz Glass who had 80 acres and a building on this site.

According to a Post Dispatch newspaper article dated Thursday, 6 May 1999 By Benjamin



Israel, Ralph Krodinger states the property was deeded to the county by the Neely family before his first term of office in 1971. Krodinger said the Neely family was from St. Louis. "They had buried some of their ancestors out there, but they had no use for it so they gave it to us."

As of this time I do not know where Jefferson County buried before 1982, however as I get time I am going to research this and do another report of the results.

These are drawings I made from a map the county highway department had and the

names of the persons buried there I obtained from the County Commission Office located in the Court House Annex at Hillsboro. Also is included the information from the County burials in Hillsboro Cemetery.

In the other category (Lemme) & (Mahn) denotes the funeral parlor that buried this person.

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Row/Grave	Name	Date of burial	Other
R1 G1	SMITH, Margie L	3 December 1985	
R1 G2	MARLER, Charlie	23 December 1985	
R1 G3	BECKSHIRE, Thodis	22 September 1986	(Thad Bershier)
R1 G4	ORGILL, Margaret	28 November 1986	
R1 G5	LANDEMANN, George	29 July 1987	
R1 G6	BARBER, Paul	30 November 1987	
R1 G7	LOHMAN, Chester	4 January 1988	
R1 G8	NASSER, Robert	10 March 1988	
R1 G9			
R1 G10			
R1 G11			
R1 G12	NEJDL, Milo	15 November 1993	(Lemme)
R1 G13	RICE, Mary	5 April 1994	(Died 4-2-94)
R1 G14	ROACH, Robert	26 May 1994	
R1 G15	ARNDT, Alvin	20 September 1994	(Nephew Arnold Arndt)
R1 G16	STEVENS, Charlotte	8 December 1994	
R1 G17	TAYLOR, John	19 May 1995	
R1 G18			
R1 G19			
R1 G20	TAYLOR, Lucille	18 December 1995	
R2 G1			
R2 G2	MEREN, Arthur	26 August 1988	(Mahn)
R2 G3	DECKER, Lena	20 December 1988	(Lemme)
R2 G4 *	TURNBO, Kenneth	15 November 1991	(Lemme)
R2 G5	THOMAS, Donald	15 November 1990	(Lemme)
R2 G6	FOUTCH, Cora	30 July 1991	(Lemme)
R2 G7	FINNEY, Anna	18 November 1991	(Lemme)
R2 G8	KLEEKAMP, Louella	23 December 1991	(Lemme)
R2 G9 **	DWYER, James	24 December 1992	??
R2 G10	WALSH, Luke	26 April 1993	(Lemme)
R2 G11	OWENS, Albert W.	15 July 1993	(Lemme)
R2 G12			
R2 G13	LOESCH, John	4 June 1996	
R2 G14	NAEVE, Robert	19 November 1996	
R2 G15	HOGAN, Pearl	27 June 1997	
R2 G16 ***	BLACKMORE, Lonnie (F)	12 November 1998	
R2 G17	SOUSANES, Thomas	26 August 1999	
R2 G18	HEATH, Edna M.	15 September 1999	
R2 G19	JACKSON, George	2 December 1999	SS 496-40-3496
R2 G20			
R3 G1	ARNOLD, Theodore	18 January 1992	(Sister, Vivan Cundiff, was located after burial, Sister-in-law Selica Echrich, St. Louis.)

* It appears that Carol Mills was buried here, according to the list of burials, and then after the body was removed Kenneth Turnbo was buried on this lot, as listed on the map.

R2 G4 Mills, Carol 3 July 1990 (Body claimed &
removed 5 July 1990

** Dwyer on list however on map is listed as Dyer or Oyer. List is probably correct as this come from the County Commission's office.

*** Interesting to note that the property was owned by R. L. **Blackmer** in 1976 and Lonnie **Blackmore** was buried there in 1998. Could they be somehow related?



This is the only monument I could find in Neely Cemetery. From my records I obtained the following information:

JARRETT, THOMAS M.

Born
Friday, 5 September 1890

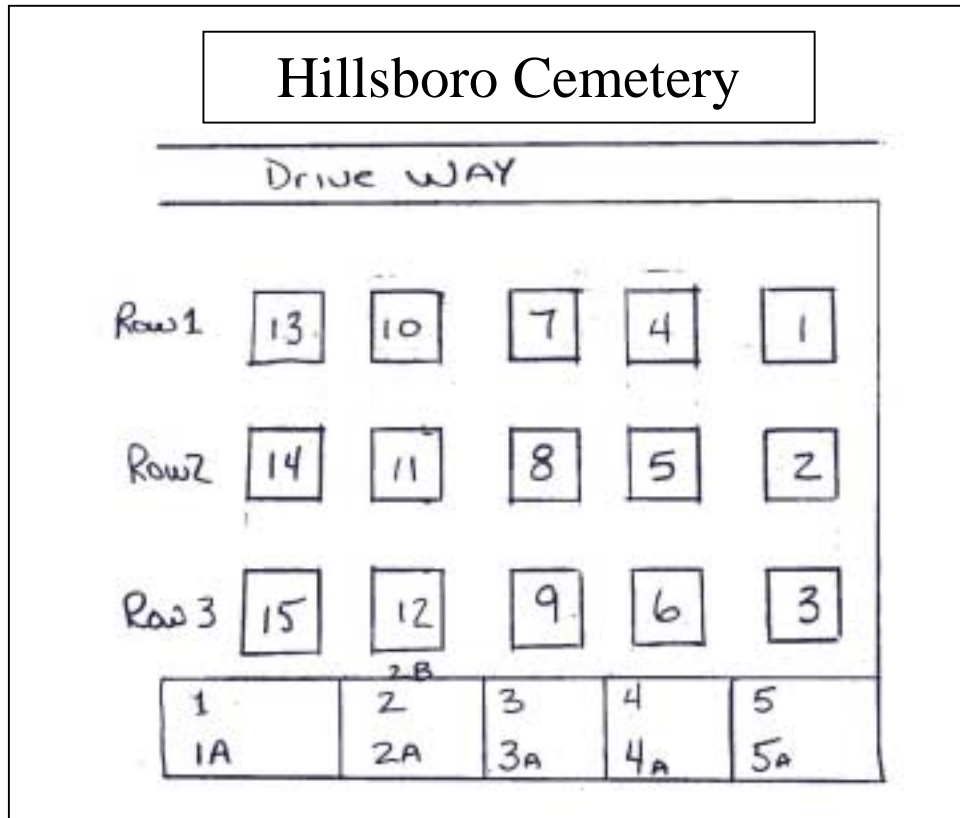
Died
Sunday, 11 June 1961

Aged
70y 9m 6d

Thomas' parents were Richard & Mary Ann (Moden) Jarrett. The source of this information was the Dietrich Funeral Home Records.

New information from Dave Long. Dave tells that the Jarretts were black people. They were neighbors of his family who lived up the road. Mrs. Jarrett was a light-skinned woman who worked in St. Louis and drove back and forth each day. His mother knew her well. Mr. Jarrett was much darker skinned and Dave does not recall him working anywhere except on the farm. At that time a Mr. Christopher (also a black man) owned the farm. Dave does not remember that they had many visitors.

County Burials in Hillsboro Cemetery



Row/Grave	Name	Date of burial	Other
R1 G1	VANNORT, Irene	1982	(Lemme)
R1 G1-A *	DOBBS		(Baby)
R1 G4	JONES, Walter	15 October 1982	(Died 10-13-82, Lemme)
R1 G7 **	UNKNOWN	27 July 1982	(Male, River, Lemme)
R1 G10 ***	GRIDER, Julia	1 September 1984	(Lemme)
R1 G13	PRESSON, Anthony Sr.	25 June 1985	(De Soto, age 30, Lemme)
R2 G2	BAKKER, Edward	1982	(Lemme)
R2 G2-A *	THEAKART		(Baby)
R2 G2-B *	KERTZ		
R2 G5	STANLEY, George	23 December 1982	(Died 12-22-82, Lemme)
R2 G8	WEIST, Marie A.	22 September 1983	
R2 G14	CLASEMANN, Fred	12 July 1985	
R3 G3	BARDIE, Dorothy	1982	(Lemme)
R3 G6	LOWMAN, Jessie	20 July 1983	(Lemme)
R3 G9	COOK, Marie	26 June 1984	
R3 G12	NOLAN, Patrick	5 March 1984	
R3 G15	GREEN, Lucille	20 August 1985	

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- * It appears from records that more than one person is buried in this graves.
- ** If memory serves me correct this was a body found in the Mississippi River.
- *** Map shows burial date of September 7.

Many of these people simply have outlived all of their relatives. There was no one left living to bury them. Some, their family may have just simply have not wanted to forgo the expense of a burial. Some as in the case of Carol Mills, when the family learned that a relative was gone, reclaimed the body to give it a proper burial.

There are undoubtedly many more persons who were buried by the County that we have no record of. I found this one listed in Della Lang's Book *Deaths from Jefferson county Newspapers, 1866-1920 Book II*, compiled from the Leader and Democrat newspapers.

Site unknown Leutzinger, Alex "died at the county farm, buried in Hillsboro Cemetery."
(February 11, 1904)

The county buries these persons as cheaply as possible, using highway department personnel and equipment to dig the grave, a wooden stake to mark the grave, a cardboard box as a casket, and no one to say a prayer for them.



The greatness of our society is measured by how we take care of those in need. It is my hope that Jefferson County, some organization, or persons, erect a monument for these people, lest they be forgotten.