

Christopher Cooper Graveyard

By Dave Hallemann



This desecrated and very secluded cemetery with its fallen, broken, and stolen monuments is located in T43 R4 S35 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

38° 24' 55" N / 90° 32' 5" W

Visited March 25th, 2001 by Dave Hallemann.

This cemetery is on land first entered Alexander Haill (*sic*) of Jefferson County Missouri on 1st October 1840, certificate number 8604, for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of T43 R4 S35 containing 40 acres, as recorded in the land office at St. Louis.

This deed recorded in Book 2 Original Entries as; Alex Haile, SE/SE T43 R4 S35, containing 40 acres, on April 20, 1837 in Jefferson County. (*Evidently this deed was lost at St. Louis and reissued in 1840.*)

Recorded in Book E Page 266, dated 16th October 1839, Henry Miller sells the following three tracts to James Scott, for \$400⁰⁰, same description as below.

Book E Page 331 recorded 1st October 1840, James Scott and his wife Sophia sell to Christopher Cooper of Jefferson County, for \$600⁰⁰, the following three tracts, containing in all 133.56 acres;

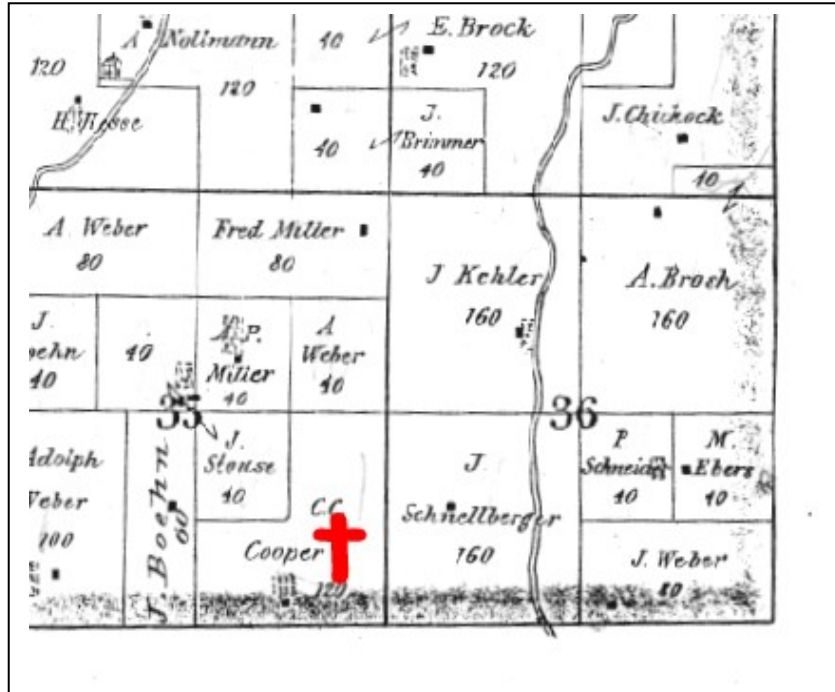
1. Receiver's Duplicate #4626, for 53.56 acres, W $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 2 of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, T 42 R4 S2;
2. Duplicate #4624, for 40 acres, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, T43 R4 S35;
3. Duplicate #8604, for 40 acres, **SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$** , entered by Alex Haile to Henry Miller 16th October 1839 then by Miller to Scott, 16th October 1839.

The deed from Haile to Miller was not located.

Finally on the 21st January 1892, after the farm being in the family for 52 years, Christopher C. Cooper, sells to John Pintner Jr., all of Jefferson County, for \$2800⁰⁰, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the **SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$** and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, all in T43 R4 S35 containing 120 acres, "...*except $\frac{1}{4}$ acre for a graveyard* and right of way to the same where the present graveyard is at this time..."

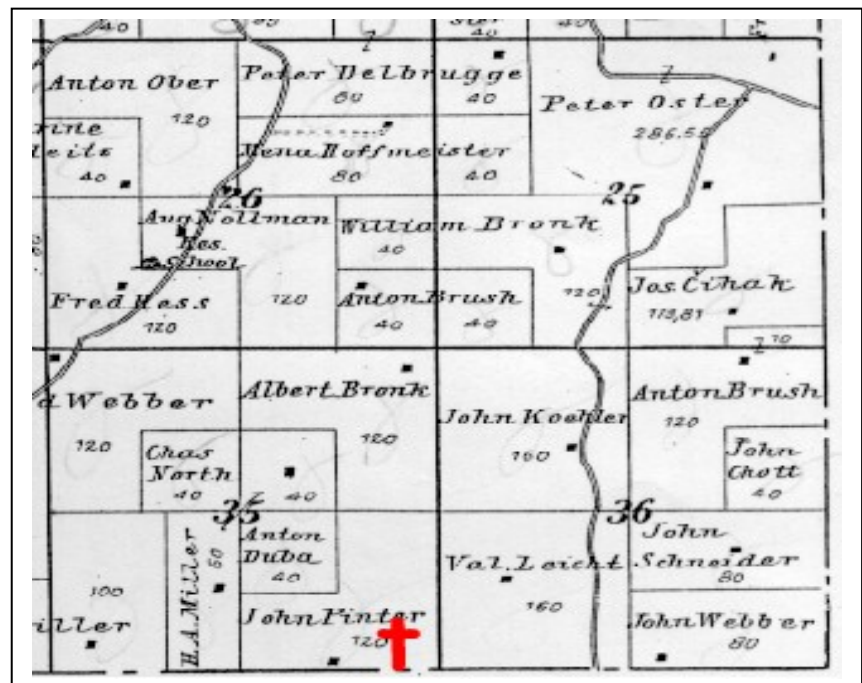
With this deed we can put an "official" name to this cemetery as **CHRISTOPHER COOPER GRAVEYARD**.

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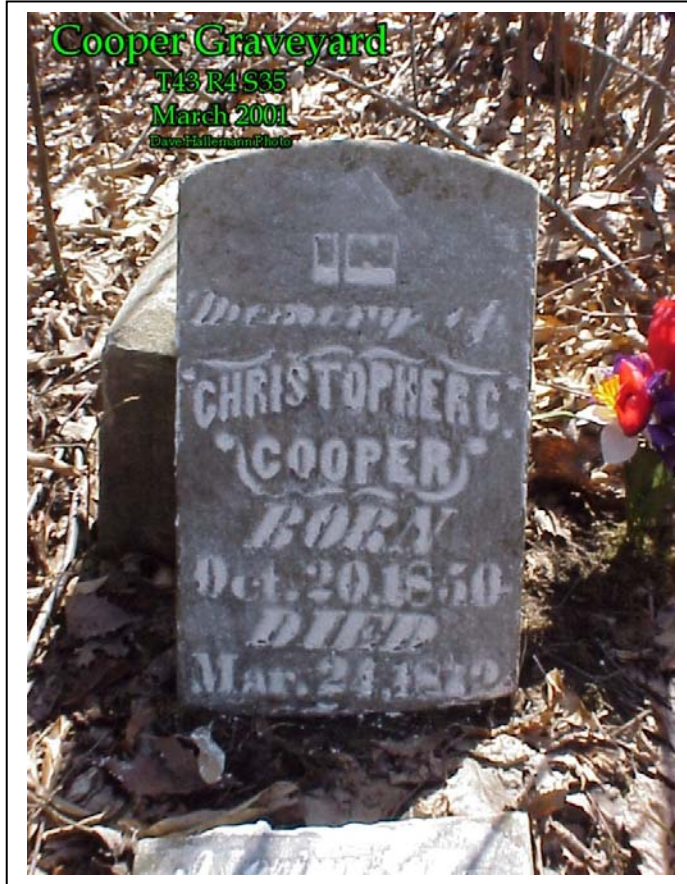


As can be seen in the picture at left, in 1876 C. C. Cooper, is in possession of the property. There is a house and orchard on this 120 acre farm. The cross I added to the photo to denote the approximate location of the cemetery.

By 1898 John Pinter has purchased this tract. As before, I added the cross to show the approximate location.



The following persons are listed on the monuments in this cemetery;



In
Memory of

**Christopher C.
Cooper**

Born
October 20, 1850

Died
March 24, 1872

Top and Bottom



A loving Son
A brother dear
A faithful Friend
Is resting here

G. Nordman
St. Louis
(Monument Maker)

Eliza A.
Wife of
C. C. Cooper

Born
June 26, 1826

Died
December 8, 1890

BLESSED IS THE PEACE-GIVER



Per PERMANENT RECORD OF DEATH:

Reported Jan. 5, 1891; Cooper, Eliza Ann; 64 years old housewife; died December 8th, 1890 8am; Married, American, born Fredrich, WV; lived in state 47 years; died 2 mi NE of House Springs of Inanition (*Exhaustion, as from lack of nourishment or vitality*) lasting 4 months; buried at the Home, December 9, 1890; undertaker G. Sievers, House Springs; Physician, Chas Williams MD, House Springs, Mo.

I was told there were about 9 monuments here at on time. With the Coopers owning this tract for over 50 years this seems likely. A previous property owner was caught throwing them in a nearby creek and go in trouble. I can not confirm this nor have I had a chance to look for them. I add this to the history for future researchers. Hopefully they will be located.

In the 1860 Census records it list Christopher Cooper as being 43 years old, a white male farmer born in Maryland; Eliza 38 year old white female also born Maryland; William E. 16 year old white male farm hand; Alexander 14; Mary E. 12; Christopher (*above*) 10; Frances 6; and Anne E. 4.

By 1870 according to the Census records *Charles* Cooper a 52 year old Farmer born Maryland; Eliza 46 years old house keeper born Maryland; Christopher 21 works on farm; Frances 17 works on farm; Annie 14 at school; Jeannette 10 at school; Benton 7 also at school. (*in this 10 year period they appear to have been blessed with 2 new additions.*)

The 1880 Census shows Christopher Cooper 62 year old farmer, Eliza 58 his wife keeping house, Jennette 19 year old daughter at Home. Also the next listing show Frank Cooper 27 year old farmer, Mary Ann his wife 23 years old, keeping house; Lidia his 2 year old daughter.

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