

Stafford Cemetery

This Cemetery is located on the south side and adjoining Turley Road in extreme south west Jefferson County, in Township 39, Range 3, Section 4. From Hillsboro take highway 21 south, right on highway H, left on Mammoth Creek road, cross bridge at Big River, right on Turley Road. Cemetery sits on left side of road. Located at 38 degrees 7 minutes 15 seconds North, 90 degrees, 38 minutes, 14 seconds West, on a GPS Navigator.

The name Stafford Cemetery was obtained from the Tiff Quadrangle of the United States Land Survey map.

The 1876 Historic Atlas shows a cemetery located on the property of C. Johnson in T 38 R 3 Sec 4, however cross referencing the cemetery listed in the Atlas to a modern map, it is about 1/4 mile east of the actual location, this could be an error or another cemetery. Again, cross referencing the actual location to the 1876 Historic Atlas, the cemetery of this article sits on property owned by Sarah Stafford, who owned 120 acres and an orchard on this tract hence Stafford Cemetery. By the time the 1898 Standard Atlas was published the property had changed hands and was then owned by Mrs. M. Boyer.

Deed located January 6th, 2003 recorded in Book 35 page 204 "Parties of the first part reserve the graveyard on said real estate to the extent of 1 acre or less as it now exist."

There were obviously more unmarked graves in this cemetery. It is a rather large cemetery comprising about 1/2 to 1 acre in size.

This cemetery was visited by Dave Hallemann and Gwen Wigger on Sunday, 24 May, 1998

In the following description, a comma denotes the following text is on the next line on the original stone, i.e. Born, 1-1-98, Died, 1-1-98, would look like this;

Born
1-1-98
Died
1-1-98

Text in italics is obtained from a source other than the original stone.

Two handmade stones, made in the shape of a box with concrete lids, one had a Snow Globe with dried flowers inside resting on the lid, the other lid was broken and what appeared to be a glass vase bottom was inside the box with other items I could not clearly see.

Heidbrink, Louis Oscar PVT. U. S. Army, World War II, Oct. 12, 1898 - June 3, 1976, (aged 77 years 7 months 22 days)
From Dietrich Funeral Home Records: Heidbrink, Louis Oscar Herman, Dates the same as above, Parents Herman Henry & Amelia (Newald) Heidbrink.

Heidbrink, Lucy M. nee Maness, Nov. 4, 1913 - June 5, 1988, Beloved Sister and Aunt (aged 74 years 7 months 1 days)

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From Dietrich Funeral Home Records: Heidbrink, Lucy Mae, Dates the same as above, Parents Horace Arch & Amanda Elizabeth.

- O'Harver, Wm. H.** Born, Mar. 12, 1840, Died, Feb. 23, 1888, Belonged To Co. D., 10th Regiment Mo., Calvary Volunteers, stone has the carving of a hand inside a dished out area with the index finger pointing up to a carved Crown. (aged 47 years 11 months 11 days)
- O'Harver, Wm. J.** Born, Sep, 6, 1879, Died, Oct. 7, 1903, A Brother In Fraternal, Home Lodge No. 202, Frumet, Mo., Thank the Lord He is at Rest, stone has the carving of a hand inside a dished out area with the index finger pointing up to the words Gone Home. (aged 24 years 1 months 1 days)
- O'Harver, Rebecca A.** Oct. 26, 1842, Apr. 15, 1915, At Rest, (aged 72 years 5 months 20 days)
- Hearst, Arthur B.** Son of, F. M. & E. B., Hearst, Born, May 23, 1872, Died Jan. 7, 1876, Asleep in Jesus, (aged 3 years 7 months 14 days)
- ??** Broken stone with no name however due to personal observation *I* believe it is probably Wm. Hearst's wife, Died, Apr. 21, 1863, aged 58 yrs. 7 mo. 7 ds. (born September 14, 1804).
(Shala E. Huff adds that this stone is indeed the wife of Wm. And her name was Mary "Polly" Blair Hearst.)
- Hearst, Wm. M.** To Our Father, Died Feb. 17, 1863, aged, 63 yrs. 9 mos. 22 ds. (born April 25, 1799).
- Long, James A.** Died, Mar. 29, 1857, Aged, stone broken at this point.
- Long, James B.** Son of, J. A. & (A. F.?), Long, Born, Nov. 14 1856, Died, Mar. 7, 1861, (aged 4 years 3 months 24 days)
(Shala E. Huff adds that this is the son of James A. and Isabella Hearst Long)
- Long, Mary E.** Dau of, J. A. & ??, Long, Born, Feb. 5, 1849, Died, Sep. 10, 1852, (aged 3 years 7 months 5 days)
(Shala E. Huff adds that this is the daughter of James A. and Isabella Hearst Long)
- Long, Susan E.** Susan E., Dau. Of J. A. & ??, Long, Born, Mar. 15, 1851, Died ? 7, 1852 (aged 2 years or less)
(Shala E. Huff adds that this is the daughter of James A. and Isabella Hearst Long)

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Maness, Amanda E. 1876-1961

Maness, William J. Missouri, CPL U. S. Air Force, Korea, Nov. 13, 1931- Sept. 21, 1973, (aged 41 years 10 months 8 days)
From Dietrich Funeral Home Records: Maness, Wm. Joseph, Dates the same as above, Parents Joseph L. & Rose Lee (Taylor) Maness.

Maness, Mary C. Sep. 14, 1909 - Oct. 29, 1913, At Rest (aged 4 years 1 months 15 days).

Per Coxwell Funeral Parlor Records the following are buried in this cemetery;

COLEMAN, Fannie, 7-20-1918, 28 yrs., Stafford; Cem, Gun shot wound

RUSAN, Osma, 2-25-1900, 1 yrs, 6 mo., Staffard; Cem

VALLEY, Infant of Louis, 3-25-1914, 1 hour, Stafford; Cem, Premature birth

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