

Terry Family Burying Ground

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This well kept cemetery with its massive cedar trees is located in T39 R5 S32.

38° 3' 3" N / 90° 29' 56" E

The cemetery is named for the family of William Terry SR. who was an early pioneer and the second person to own this land.

This tract of land was originally entered into record as Certificate #553 issued to William Skewes of Jefferson County containing 40 acres on the 14th February 1836.

After having the land for 2 years William Skewes and his wife Eliza of St. Genevieve County, sell the 40 acre tract to William Terry Sr. for \$100.⁰⁰ on 26th April 1838. The transaction being recorded in Book E at Page 125.

William Terry SR. died about 1864 according to information in probate record #500. James Haverstick was appointed Administrator of the estate. At the time of his death William Terry owned 120 acres being the E¹/₂ of the SW¹/₄ and the E¹/₂ of the W¹/₂ of the SW¹/₄ of T39 R5 S32 containing 60 acres, also W¹/₂ of the SE¹/₄ and the SW¹/₄ of the NE¹/₄ of T39 R5 S32 containing 60 acres, 120 acres total. His heirs were listed as William, Thomas, George, Mary Haverstick, Cynthia A., Elizabeth, & Francis Terry. Thomas Terry's probate #3868 list his heirs as George Terry, Brother; Elizabeth Turley, Sister; Mary Haverstick, Sister; Cynthia Haverstick, Sister. Records also show that William Terry was a Justice of the Peace around the years 1858-1860, and performed marriage ceremonies.

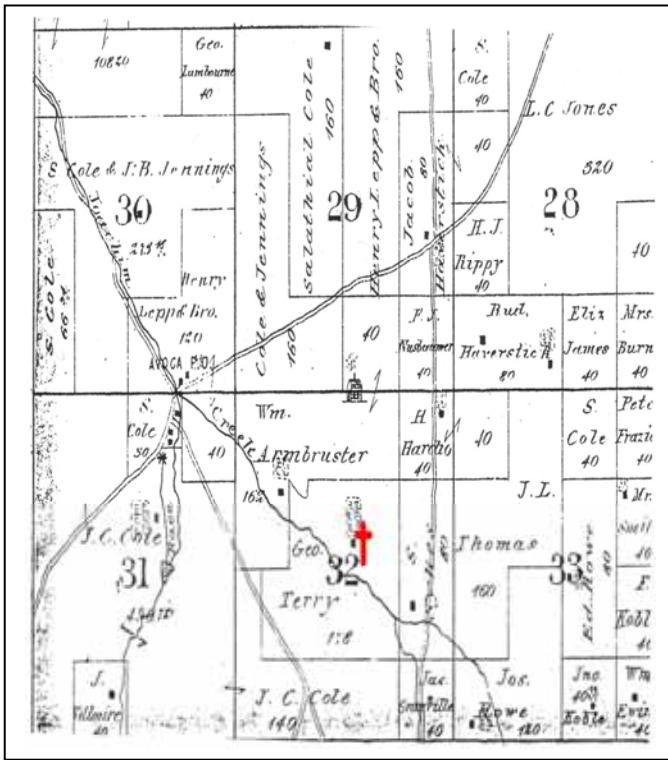
On the 3rd of April 1868, Catherine M. Terry of St. Louis City, sells to George Terry for \$100.⁰⁰ her right, title, interest, and dower in the 120 acres she acquired as widow of William Terry, deceased.

On 13th March 1915 George Terry a Single man, (*not sure if this is the son of William or a grandson*) executes a deed of trust to J. G. Haverstick for \$1100.⁰⁰ secured with the remaining 94.25 acres "...*excepting from this conveyance 1/4 acre in the SW¹/₄ of the NW¹/₄ which is used as a family burying ground...*"

With this deed we can place the "official" name on this cemetery as the

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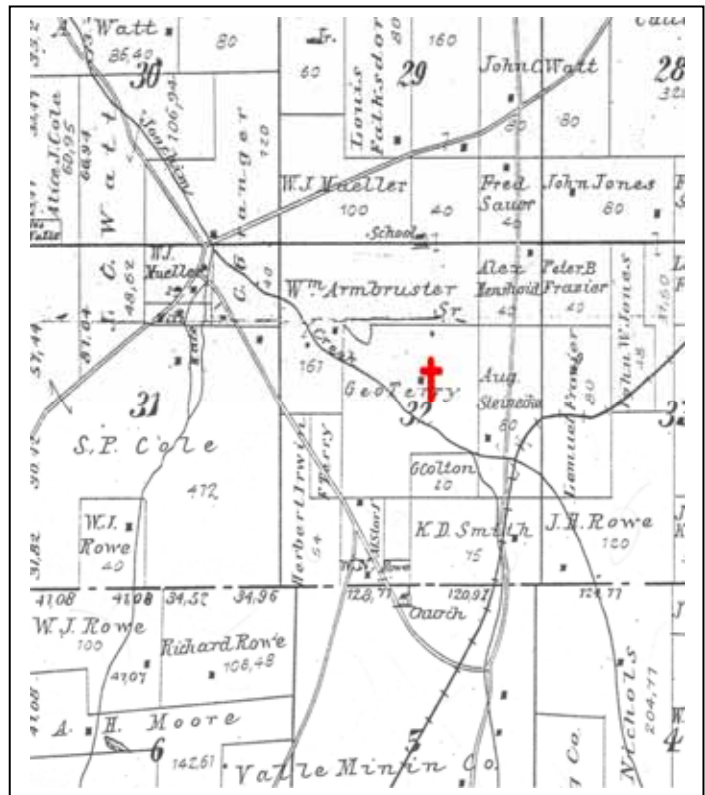
The 1876 Atlas shows the land owned by George Terry. The cross I added in the approximate location of the cemetery.

Notice the defunct town of Avoca to the west at the intersections of Papin and Hgy V. Also note Avoca School on William Armbruster's land, the lake, mill race and mill on the J. C. Cole land. This is the present day Valle Lake area.

The Patron's part of the 1876 Atlas states that George Terry was a Farmer/Miner, *probably working at the Valle Mines*, and that he moved to Jefferson County in 1838.

By 1898 George Terry is still in ownership of the tract. Again the cross I have added to denote the approximate location.

Notice that the town of Avoca is no longer in existence as such.



The following person were recorded from monuments located in this cemetery;



George T. Terry

Born

March 20, 1837

Died

March 16, 1921

Aged

83 Years 11 Months 24 Days

At Rest

George was the son of William Terry

Sarah M. Terry

**Wife of
George Terry**

Born

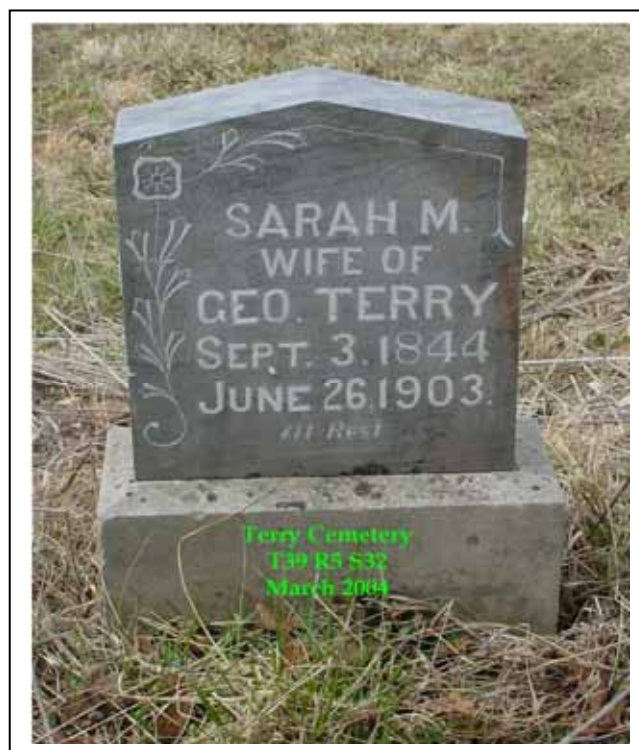
September 3, 1844

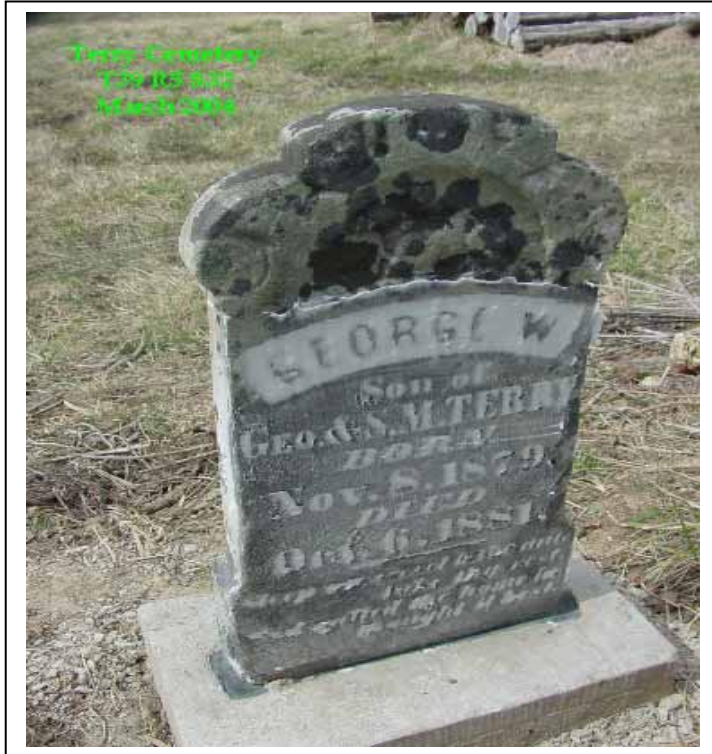
Died

June 26, 1903

Aged

58 Years 9 Months 23 Days





George W.

Son of
George & S. M. Terry

Born

November 8, 1879

Died

October 6, 1881

Aged

1 Year 10 Months 28 Days

*Sleep on sweet babe, take thy
rest,
God called thee home, he thought
it best.*

Although it cannot be verified, these are believed to be the burial site of William Terry and his wife Catherine M. along with other members of the Terry family. They would have been the first burials as they are located in the corner.

Captain William Terry married Catharine Brown Sunday August 12, 1860.





**Cynthia
Ann
Haverstick**
(nee Terry)

1845-1927

Henry Haverstick

**Born
April 6, 1844**

**Died
July 6, 1888**

*Aged
44 Years 3 Months*

Gone but not Forgotten





There are many field stone markers in this burying ground. The three at left area infants graves as determined by the distance between the head and foot stones, about 3 feet. There may be as many as 18 graves in the cemetery.

Other information on the Terry family;

Rudolph Haverstick married Mary Terry Thursday August 4, 1859

Francis M. Terry married Mary Givens Thursday June 5, 1873

From Funeral parlor records;

HAVERSTICK, HENRY, died 7-6-1888, 46 years old, buried Terry Cemetery, male,
cause of death unknown

OATMAN, ANNIE, died 1-15-1901, 42 years old, buried Terry Cemetery, cause of death
Miscarriage

TERRY, MARY, died 1-1-1916, 75 years old, Buried Terry Cemetery, cause of death
Pneumonia

TERRY, GEO. T., died 3-16-1921, 82 yrs 11 mo 26 dys, buried Terry Cemetery, Jeff. Co.
Mo, cause of death Brights Disease

Jefferson Democrat
Hillsboro, Jefferson, Missouri
WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 1887

Yesterday afternoon a telegram was received by Mrs. George TERRY that Chas. WILKSON, her brother, who was lately in partnership with Mr. TERRY and Joseph THOMURE here, committed suicide at Pilot Knob. Mr. TERRY left at once to attend the wants of the stricken family. He was very popular here and a gloom has been cast over his friends.

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