

Trimble Family Graveyard

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This overgrown family graveyard with its single fieldstones is located in T40 R3 S24 NW¼ of the SE¼.

38° 10' 56" N / 90° 38' 20" W

Visited 24th September, 2003 by Dave Hallemann and Tom Pruitte.

This cemetery is on land first entered by Tolaver Davis of Jefferson County Missouri on 13th October 1854, as certificate #23155, for the E½ of the SE¼ and the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 23, and the W½ of the SW¼ and the NW¼ of the SW¼, and the **NW¼ of the SE¼** of S24 T40 R3 containing 280 acres.

In the 1850 Census records Toliver Davis is listed as being a 50 year old cabinet maker from Virginia, his 42 year old wife Virginia, son John 24, daughter Ann 22, daughter America 16, son James 11, son William 5, and daughter Virginia 3, with Harmon Peters living on the farm listed as a miner. America and James were in school.

In 1860 we find Oliver Davis 60 farming, with Virginia his wife 50, America 24, James 21, William 16, and Virginia 13.

In Book 4 Page 605, on 18th November 1868 we find the property being sold on the court house steps to satisfy a civil court suit brought by Eliza J. Stanton by his next friend W^m. Stanton against Virginia Davis, A. E. Davis, J. W. Davis, etal. And the tract was bought back by J. W. Davis for the sum of \$635.⁰⁰ "...W½ of the SW¼ and the NW¼ of the SW¼ and the **NE¼ of the SW¼** Section 24 Township 40 Range 3, containing 160 acres..."

On 28th February 1873 James W. Davis sells the land to Moritz Krammer for \$300.⁰⁰, "...**NW¼ of the SE¼** and the NE¼ SW¼ containing 80 acres..." recorded in Book 5 Page 431.

The next page, Book 5 Page 432, records Moritz Krammer of Jefferson County selling the land to John Trimble also of Jefferson County, the "...**NW¼ of the SE¼** and the NE¼ SW¼ containing 80 acres..." on 18th March 1873, after having the land for three weeks.

John Trimble is not listed in the 1870 Census and as he purchased the land in 1873 it can be *assumed* around this time he moved to Jefferson County.

The 1880 Census list Margaret Trimble 61, keeping house, John 21 son of Margaret working on the farm, Anne a daughter-in-law at home, and Sarah a daughter 20 also at home.

Probate #1157 for John Trimble shows he died around 10th October 1874 with his heirs listed as Thomas, Elizabeth, Margaret J., James, Matilda, John Jr., Sarah R., and Margaret his widow signing with her mark (+).

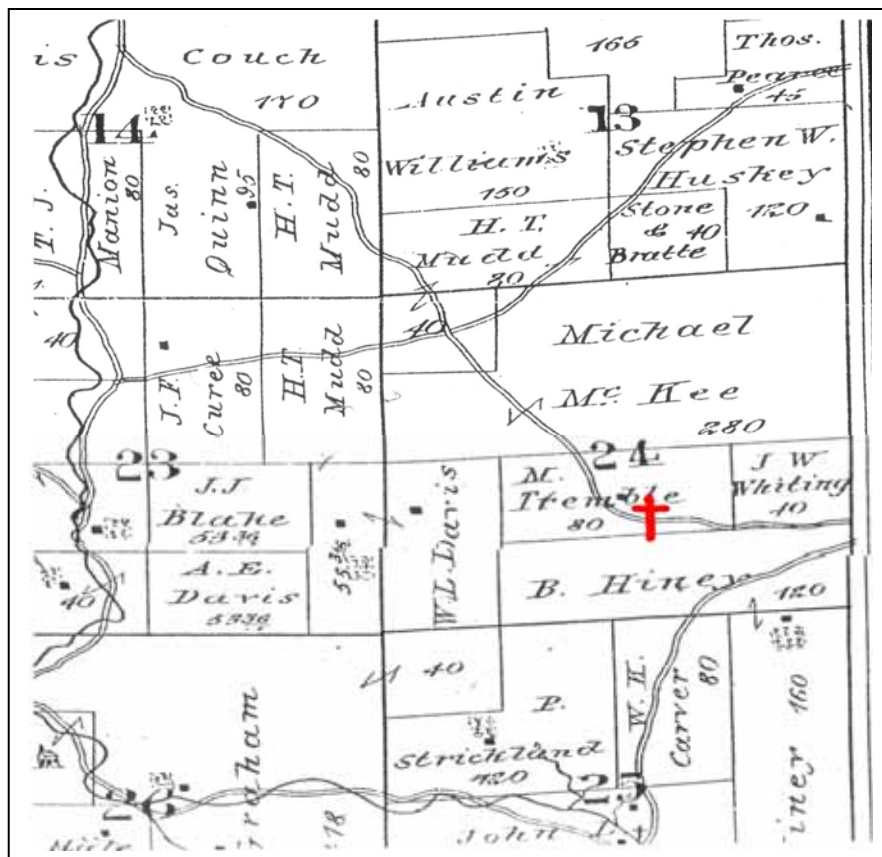
11 September 1883 finds Miss Sarah Trimble married Henry Leutzinger at the residence of Mrs. Trimble, by Justice George McFarlane.

On 31st May 1894 Margaret Trimble dies of Paralysis at the age of 75 and is buried in the "Trimble place cemetery" as recorded in Coxwell Funeral Parlor Records.

13th May 1895 three consecutive deed were located in Quit Claim Book 2 Pages 60-61-62 where various Trimble heirs transfer their interest to John J. Trimble on "...NW¼ of the SE¼ and the NE¼ SW¼ containing 80 acres, **excepting ½ acre reserved for the family graveyard...**".

In Book 43 Page 636, John J. Trimble vs. Sarah R. Leutzinger and her husband Henry in a suit of partition on the "...NW¼ of the SE¼ and the NE¼ SW¼ containing 80 acres, **except ½ acre heretofore set apart as a family Graveyard...**" The 80 acres was sold on the courthouse steps by the Sheriff of Jefferson County to Thomas Manion for \$850.⁰⁰.

With these deeds we can "officially" put the name of this cemetery as the **Trimble Family Graveyard**.



As can be seen in the picture at left, in 1876 the M. Tremble is in possession of the property. There is a house on this 80 acre farm. The cross I added to the photo to denote the approximate location of the cemetery.

By 1898 John Trimble has purchased this tract from his brothers and sisters. As before I added the cross to show location.



Although hard to see, this was the only field stone located in Trimble Graveyard. Although the deed says ½ acre in size the fenced area was around 15 feet by 15 feet, about big enough for about 2-3 graves. We know from Coxwell records that Margaret is buried here and *probably* her husband John.

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