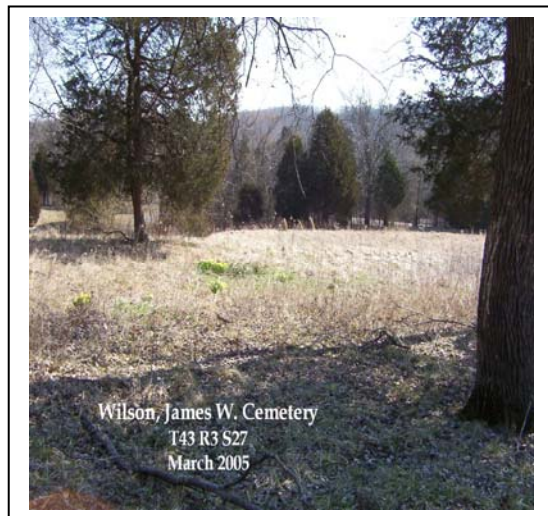


James W. Wilson Cemetery

By Dave Hallemann



This early cemetery is located in T43 R3 S27 NE¼ of the NE¼.

38° 26' 38" N / 90° 40' 8" W

This cemetery was visited 17th March 2005 by Dave Hallemann and Carole Goggins.

This tract was first registered by James Wilson on 1st October 1840, the NE¼ of the NE¼ T43 R3 S27 containing 32.52 acres, Certificate #7903.

The 1840 census shows list James W. Wilson of Merrimac Township with 4 boys and 2 girls.

Per monument one and probably both the children die in 1842. Both Monuments are the early east coast type with small lettering and appear to have been made at the same time period. Evidently James Wilson fell on hard times as on 24 May 1843 Sheriff Mark Moss sells on the courthouse steps to satisfy a suit in favor of George Henderson against James W. Wilson, for \$62.²² debt and \$23.⁶¹ damages, "...40 acres on LaBarque Creek where Wilson now resides..." to George Henderson, highest bidder, for \$18.⁰⁰. Not the cemetery tract. Deed being recorded in Book F Page 356.

On 24th November 1845, three years later, Sheriff John Hammond sells "...32.52 acres (where the Cemetery is located), being the NE¼ of the NE¼, Section 27 Township 43 Range 3...to George Henderson, highest bidder, as recorded in Book H Page 74.

The next deed recorded in Book I Page 389 on 27th January 1849, we find George Henderson transferring deed to the tract to James Wilson, for \$45.⁰⁰, "...NE¼ of the NE¼ T43 R3 S27 containing 32.⁵² acres...".

And recorded 2 pages later in Book I Page 391, dated 13th January 1849, James Wilson and his wife Clarrisa Adeline sell the tract to Thomas North for \$80.⁰⁰ the "...NE¼ of the NE¼ T43 R3 S27 containing 32.⁵² acres...".

Five years later in 1854, James S. Brown and Thomas North give a Deed of Trust to Wm. G. Hunter, for "...173.²⁵ acres...and also NE¼ of the NE¼ T43 R3 S27 containing 32.⁵² acres..." as recorded in Book M Page 262. This Deed of Trust was released on 8th November 1867.

As can be seen below the 1876 Atlas shows the cemetery. Also in all the above documents the acreage for the NE¼ of the NE¼ T43 R3 S27 contains 32.⁵². I tracked the

property through deeds all the way until Bertha Sachs who owns it on the 1898 Atlas, purchases it. No deed "excepting out" the cemetery was located. However....

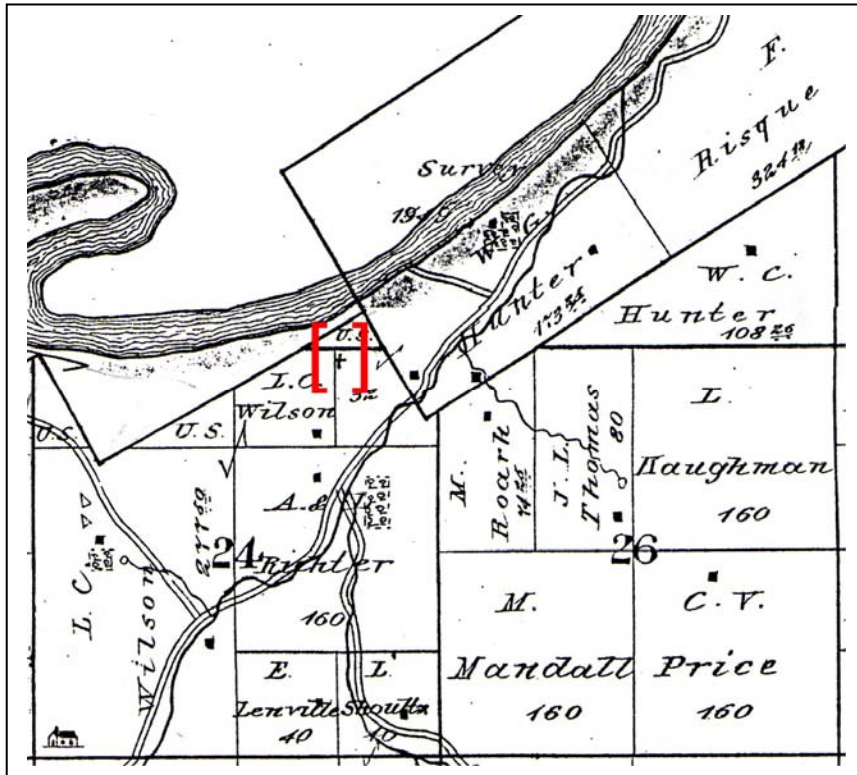
Wm. G. Hunter died around January 1st, 1878. Adolph Richter, a neighbor, was appointed administrator on January 4th, 1878. The probate court orders County Surveyor Jerome Dover to survey out of the estate 160 acres for a homestead life estate for Wm. Hunter's wife and minor children. The plat of this survey shows the NE¹/₄ of the NE¹/₄ T43 R3 S27 contains 32 acres now. A difference of .52 acres which I believe is the cemetery. Also located in the probate file are Quietus for Taxes for many years up to and including 1880 which shows the tract at 32.⁵² acres.

Among the persons selected to appraise the property for the court was L. C. Wilson a neighbor. L. C. Wilson owns the land adjoining to the west of the cemetery and is quite likely a relative of James Wilson and thus knew of the cemetery. He *may* have told the County Surveyor that ½ acre was "excepted" for the cemetery. It was obvious that there was a cemetery there because of the monuments. For whatever reason the 3 appraisers submit to the court their report, and Dover's survey, that shows the tract as now being 32 acres.

In deed of 5th February 1880 John Greatley, who has now become the Administrator of the estate of Wm. G. Hunter, "On 13 October 1879 Probate court...ordered to sell...(subject to the life estate...and the minor children until they become of legal age)...Also the NE¹/₄ of the NE¹/₄ T43 R3 S27 contains 32 acres...that on 1st November 1879 was appraised..." to W.H.H. Thomas and Michael Byrne...recorded in Book 17 Page 34.

The next 6 transfers of the land show that the acreage is always 32 acres.

Although no deed was found "excepting out" this cemetery, with the above evidence, I feel we can "unofficially" call this one ***James W. Wilson Cemetery***



The 1876 Historic Atlas show Wm. G. Hunter owns the tract. The cross was on the original plat. I have added the [] to denote the location of the cemetery.

By 1898 Bertha Sachs has possession of the tract. Again I have added the [] to highlight the cemetery. Note the tract shows 37.82 Acres. This is obviously an error by the map maker.



The following two extremely worn monuments were located in this cemetery;



This
is in
memory of

Salley Wilson

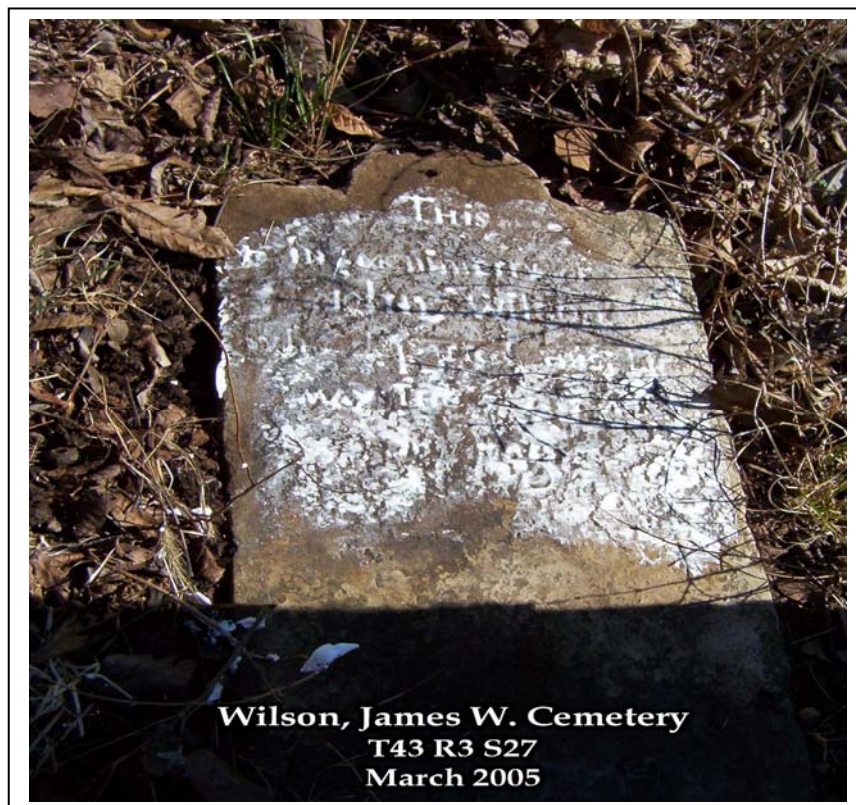
who departed this life May
the 23rd 1842 aged (?) years
and 14 days

This
is in memory of

John Wilson

who departed this life

May the
(remainder unreadable)



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