

**CRAWFORD COUNTY
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**

**DRISCOLL - HEMMINGSTON
CEMETERY**

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DRISCOLL & HEMMINGSTON GRAVES

Located SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 12, Twp. 28S Rge 23 E

This is about 500' W of the SE cor. of above section on a little hill, and about 60' N of the public road. The SE cor of the section is also known as the Farlington corner. It is not known whether the graves were marked with stones, but nothing can be seen at the present time.

This land was for many years the property of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Co., and was planted to trees. This "Tree Farm", as it was called, was cleared away in recent years. The burials were thought to have been made before the "Tree Farm" was planted. There was at one time an evergreen tree at the site.

In early days there were 3 houses near the site of these burials, the residents having been the Driscolls, Claus Johnson and Grandma Fry. Directly across the road to the S on the next section was the small 3-room home of the Frederick Hemmingston family.

The names of the Driscoll children are not remembered. The Hemmingston child was Esther, youngest of 3, and a stone for her was placed in the Farlington cem., which is on the same section of land; but her body was never moved from this place. Her death occurred after a long illness and under mysterious circumstances, her father having disappeared immediately thereafter, and her older sister Jennie having ran across the road to the neighbors for help. Jennie and her brother Roy were then taken in by the Anderson family--John Anderson and wife Augusta Priscilla Nelson, a very prominent early family in the Farlington area. Mrs. Hemmingston was given a job as matron and cook at the county jail in Girard by Sheriff L. D. Herlocker, where she worked for several years. Many years later Mr. Hemmingston was located in the west and returned to live with his daughter in Parsons, Kans. Mr. Hemmingston and John Anderson had been sailors together before either came to Kansas, Mr. Hemmingston having married in New York before he came west.

Dennis McClary dug the graves for all three children.

4-12-1971 This site visited by William & Jessie Cuthbertson and Mrs. Anna Anderson Harmon of Girard. Mrs. Harmon was a daughter of the above John and Augusta Nelson Anderson.

1-24-1972 Wm. Cuthbertson & Ernie Stevens walked over this site and found no markers. Some rocks appear which may have been used for foundation of a building, but scattered.