

**CRAWFORD COUNTY
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**

**SCHMALE
CEMETERY**

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SCHMALE FARM CEMETERY

Located about midway along the N side of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 23, Township 28S, Range 25E.

This is $\frac{1}{2}$ mi S and $\frac{1}{2}$ mi E of Gross, Kansas. Gross is a former coal mining town which is located 1 mi W and 3 mi S of Arcadia, or 13 mi N and 3 mi E of 4th and Broadway, Pittsburg, Kans.

Visited by Wm. Cuthbertson & Ernie Stevens on March 14, 1974. We were shown to the spot by Ted Pryor of Mulberry, who was feeding cattle on the S side of this SW $\frac{1}{4}$. The road past the cem. is wide, built by the Mackie Clemens Coal Co., about on the half-mile line, and the burials are on coal company land, just inside the fence along the S side of this road, on a high place, several ft. above the level of the road, and just before the road goes down hill to the east.

One wooden post suggests this may have once been fenced in. All stones are fallen, some broken. No doubt there were more burials here than now appear.

Elmer A. son of E. A. & (Anna?) (Roeschulte?) born Jan. -- (1861?) died Feb. 17, 1882
(rock with 2 initials scratched on it:) C R

Otto son of Joseph and Elizabeth Schmale born June 18 1872 died Jan. 8 187-
(ftst.) O. S.

Johnnie son of G. W. and K. A. Adams born Feb 4 1863 died Feb 20 1883
(ftst.) J. A.
(ftst.) E. A. I.

4-24-1974: Mr. Wm. Ekis of Gross knew of this small cem.; he was raised on the Yoos farm about a mile SW and had seen it many times when a boy. The road built by the coal company came very close to the graves. This was a settlement of Germans in early days. The stones remain where they were (not moved); it was once fenced in.

4-24-1974 Mr. Bert Adams of Arcadia did not know about this cemetery, but was certain it was members of his family who were buried there, because his grandfather was George Adams, and he had an uncle Charles Adams. Also, his mother was a Schmale, and the house on this SW $\frac{1}{4}$, which was some distance to the SW and faced the road to the W, was the Schmale home. His grandfather Adams came from Illinois.

1880 Cen., Lincoln Twp, Crawford Co. Ks.

#204-211	Adams, George	24	farmer	Ill.	Ill.	Ill.
	Annie	21	wife keeping house	Mo.	Prussia	Prussia
	Charles	3	son	Kans.	Ill.	Mo.
	Jillie May	11/12	June	"	"	"

There was another Charles Adams in same Twp., a farm laborer boarding with the David Hines family #288; however he was 25 years old and born in N.Y., as were both his parents.

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