

**CRAWFORD COUNTY
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**

**CLARK
CEMETERY**

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CLARK CEMETERY

Located N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sect. 9 Twp. 31S Rge 25E

This is probably along the E side of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section, about 3/8 mi. S of the public road, at the edge of the woods along the W side of Little Cow Creek.

To reach this cem. we went 1 mi E and 3 mi S of 4th & Broadway, Pittsburg Ks., which is 1 mi S of the new Mt. Carmel Hospital. The public road going S jogs to the E just before reaching the corner (NW cor.) of Sect. 9, then S, then E again on the mile line. About .2 mi. after first turning E, there is a lane going back to the S about .3 mi. to where the Johanningmeyer home used to be. From this point we walked E and just a little SE across a plowed field, following a very narrow strip of unplowed ground, to the edge of the woods, a distance of probably a little more than $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. From here we went SE about 200 yds. into the edge of the woods. A short distance to the N of the cem. site, also in the woods, we found a place where the ground had been dug up, possibly an early attempt at coal mining. Several very large, squarish rocks were lying about, 2 of which were at the very edge of the field W of the stones.

Mrs. John Genser who lives about a mi. S of the cem. once lived on this farm and told of the general location. She believed it was an Indian cem., and recalled her children reporting there were tombstones with illegible inscriptions. The farm is now owned by a Mr. Landsdowne of St. Louis, formerly of Pittsburg, and farmed by a Pittsburg attorney, Karl K. Grotheer and son.

4-5-1971:

Mr. Carl Grotheer who lives to the NW recalled seeing quite a few stones many years ago, covering quite an area, but we found only the 4 stones and 2 footstones copied here, 2 of the stones being native rocks, hand lettered with initials. There is quite a tangle of underbrush and briars, and many dry leaves covering the ground, so we could have missed some fallen stones. We noted one rock which looked as though it marked a grave. Mr. Grotheer knew that some of the Clark family were buried there, but did not recall other names. (Enoch Clark)

Another source believed this spot was used by the Mo. Lutherans before they established Zion Lutheran cem., but we saw no names to indicate this.

Since no one could furnish a name for this cem., we call it Clark, after the one complete stone found, and because Mr. Grotheer knew the Clark family used it.

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Land records show that Daniel Beecher rec'd land patent from U.S. Govt. 12-31-1878 to the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the above sect. 9. The only reference to a Clark was 11-28-1881 W. H. Minecey & wf. to Underwood Clark, mtg.

2-17-1973 A granddaughter of Mrs. Marie Geary phoned her grandmother (Pittsburg) as she was raised near this cem. and familiar with it. She had never heard it referred to by any name.

(name broken off) Died May 4 1872 aged 33 yrs. 4 mos & 11 days.

(ftst. nearby) F. Mc.

(hand-lettered rock with pointed top) J. E. C. Dcd. 1871

(hand-lettered rock with rounded top) M. C. Dcd 1872

(lamb design) William S. son of E. R. & E. Clark died Oct 7 1869 aged 1 yr.
3 mo & 15 dys.

I take this little lamb, said He
And lay him on my breast.
Protection it shall find in me
And be forever blest.

Moody & Lamb Ft. Scott

(footstone) W. S. C.

Note: the 1870 cen. of Baker Twp. shows this family, likely the same Clarks:

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| #79-77 | Clark, Enos (R) | 26 | Farmer | Indiana |
| | Elizabeth | 23 | keeping house | North Car. |
| | John | 5 | attending school | Iowa |
| | Mary | 1 | | Kansas |

Note: Enos R. and Elizabeth Clark are buried near the Hobson family in the old Hobson Cemetery, later Pittsburg Cem., now a part of Highland Park Cem.