

**CRAWFORD COUNTY  
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**

**KOOPMAN - MINECEY  
CEMETERY**

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## KOOPMAN--MINECEY graves

Located S $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sect. 5 Twp. 31S Rge 25E

This spot is located about 3/8 mi. W of the public road and about 500' S of the N line of the above described 80 acres. The E part of the farm is in cultivation and the W end is wooded, nearing Cow Creek. The cem. is located at the NE edge of the woods, where a "point" of woods extends farthest E into the cultivated field. There are 2 stones & a footstone lying on the ground, copy follows.

Mr. Carl Grotheer, who owns this land, came to a farm to the SE in 1895 and has lived across the road E from this farm since his marriage 58 years ago tomorrow. He showed us the way across his wheat field to the cemetery. He did not know the exact location of the 2 Minecey graves, but presumably close to where the stones lay. Immediately to the SW of this spot there was once a wooden fence which surrounded the graves of Mr. and Mrs. Koopman, pioneers whose grandchildren were about the age of Mr. Grotheer, who is now 82 years old. There is nothing left to mark the Koopman burials. Those who have farmed the land have gone around the graves, but at one time cattle were pastured here & probably overturned the stones. Mr. Grotheer believes there may be other burials here, but knows of only these 4 for certain. The Koopmans lived in a cabin along the N side of the 80 and to the NE of the cem., but the land is all farmed at that point now.

(willow tree design; stone fallen) George F. Sohn Von W. H. und M. Minecey  
Geb den 28ten Aug. 1874 Gest den 15 ten Feb. 1875  
(Bliihend im Himmel?)

(matches above stone, also fallen) Katie E. D. .... von W. H. und M. Minecey  
Geb den ..ten (Mar?) 1871 Gest den 27 ten Aug 1873

(ftst:) K. E. D. M.

1870 cen. Baker Twp.:

#80-78	Minecey, Wm. H.	36	Hanover	
	Mary	31	"	
	Wm. H.?	9	Attending school	b Mo.
	Emma	8		"
	Martha	4		"
	Mary ..	2		Kans.

#81-79	Koopman, Henry G.	37	farmer	Hanover
	Catherine	27		"
	Martin	7		Mo.
	Henry	5		"
	Annie	3		"
	Martha	1		Kans.

(Other Koopman families) incl. #82-80 Henry L. 60 & wf. Lena 45 & 7 ch.)