

**CRAWFORD COUNTY  
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**

**ROWE LUTHERAN  
CEMETERY**

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ROWE CEMETERY  
(Jepsen or Iowa Lutheran may be other names)  
(Note: Rowe rhymes with cow)

Located in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sect. 27, Twp. 30E. Rge. 25S.

This is 3 mi. E and  $\frac{5}{8}$  mi. S of 4th and Broadway in Pittsburg, Kansas, along the W side of the road in a grove of trees, with much underbrush and briars. Strip mining has taken all the land around it. Most of the graves found were in the NW part. A number of graves are marked only with a rock or piece of stone, and it appears that there are many graves unmarked.

Mrs. William Colles, living the 2nd house N of the cem. states that Mr. Colles had 4 or 5 little brothers and sisters buried there in the fenced lot. These were the children of William and Elizabeth Colles who once lived the first house N of the cem. The Friskel Funeral Home of Frontenac conducted these burials. A few months ago, an old Indian came from Oklahoma hunting the burial place of relatives, and believed this to have been the place. Mrs. Colles had heard that it had been an Indian cemetery in early days. The land is now owned by Raymond Wisdom, Jr.

Mrs. Harry Lamborn who lives to the cor. N and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi E believed that the German Lutheran Church buried some members here. The Grange had been interested in cleaning it up.

Mrs. Thelma Wuerdeman of 631 N. Warren, Pittsburg, had 2 aunts buried there, and had found in old records of the Iowa Synod Lutheran Church, now the American Lutheran Church of 3rd & Walnut, that the church used this cem. many years ago. She also knew of the Indian who was looking for it, and recalled hearing the story that a band of Indians once camped in the area and a number of children died in an epidemic and were buried there, probably after the Lutherans had used it. Mrs. Wuerdeman had checked the deed records for this land and believed that a Mr. Jepsen may have been the one who gave permission to use the site for a cemetery. She had heard it referred to as the Rowe cemetery. Her aunts buried there were the Kubler sisters.

Mr. Friskel, funeral director at Frontenac for about 60 years, recalled having buried Colles infants there, and a search of his records showed 4 such burials. One, dated Jan 24, 1924, was an infant dau. of William Colles, and the name given for the cemetery was the Rowe cemetery.

Mrs. Jess Maninger recalled that the Rowe School was formerly at the corner S of the cem., and later was moved 1 mi N and  $\frac{1}{4}$  mi E to become Baker Grange Hall.

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(copied by Wm. Cutbertson 3-21-1971)

(wooden frame with wire fence surrounds a grave, a yucca plant inside:)  
Christina frau dess Johann Meyer Starb den 11 Feb 1900 alter 56 jahre

Georgie E. dau of H. S. & M. E. Beeson born Apr 4 1896 died July 16 1896

(conc. curb around a grave; a conc. stone broken, can see no inscription)

(broken; cross design) (in German) .... OHukor? Klochner? (see other copy )  
geb den 6 Jan 1890 gest den ... Sept 1890

(broken; dove design) Charles son of C. & C. Gle--ze  
born Sep 25 1888 died Oct 24 1890

(fallen; lamb design) Emma J. dau of C. & J. Ermel born May 19 1888 died  
Apr 4 1892 Sleep on sweet babe and take thy rest  
God called thee home, he thought it best.

(hand & rosebud design) Marie Kielhorn geb den 1 ten Marz 1884  
gest den 11 ten Okt. 1888

(dove design; in extreme NW cor) Bertha Toch Von A. und D. Dittman  
geb den 24 ten Nov 1889 gest den 9 ten Sep 1890.....

(ftst. to above:) B. D.

(small fenced lot, perhaps 10' or 12' square with 4 m.m.m. illegible. Possibly  
4 infants) (See previous page, these were Colles infants)

(Several small cement markers with no inscription; also rocks, bricks, etc. to  
mark several graves. Some sunken places indicate other burials.)

Iowa Lutheran Chm. - Latin Rite Chm. - from Mrs. Helma  
Wunderman, Catholic Mission. (Crescent - S. J. Wilson) 5-17-1971  
Copied from Church Records.

Buried 1889 Barn  
May 5 Oscar Kretschel Mar. 2 1842  
July 19 Johann Claus Bordenhagen Mar. 29 1838  
Sept. 7 Emma Schmidt June 14 1888

1890  
Sept. 10 Bertha Dittman Nov. 24 1889  
Sept. 24 Heinrich Johann Karl Oskar Kööpner Jan. 6 1890  
Oct. 25 Karl Heitze Sept. 25 1888

1891  
Nov. 16 Emma Amelia Heis et. al.  
Dec. 28 Claus Hr. Bredhoeft July 25 1815

1892  
Apr. 6 Emma Juliane Emil May 19 1888  
Apr. 12 Ludwig Karl Wärmachien just given

1893  
July 16 Friedericka Louisa Kubler Nov. 22 1892

1895  
July 6 Jacob Wilhelm Maier Feb. 4 1895

1899  
Sept. 15 Anna Maria Kubler Mar. 6 1893

1900  
Feb. 12 Christene Dorothea (nee Costello) Mayer Mar. 2 1843