

**CRAWFORD COUNTY
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**

**BROWN
CEMETERY**

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BROWN CEMETERY

Located NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. 32 Twp. 27S. Rge. 25 E.

From the NW corner of Sect. 32, on highway 69, go almost .2 mi. E, then about 500 ft. S on a steep little hill. The cem. is fenced and kept in excellent condition. It is about 75 ft. square, and there is one cedar tree and several oaks.

The home of Mr. & Mrs. ^{Tom,} James is a short distance farther east of the above corner of Sect. 32 on S side of road. Those buried in the cem. are not of their family, the farm having originally been owned by Browns. The cem. was reached on foot across a pasture from the James home. Mrs. James stated that the highway dept. helps maintain the cem., and a Mr. Brown from Ft. Scott comes several times a year to help. She said Mrs. Clarence Prideaux of Pittsburg was a Brown, and her mother was buried there. Also Mrs. Martha Nelson of Pittsburg is the dau. of John & Lydia Birdsell, nee Brown, who are buried there.

This cem. is about 1 mi E, $\frac{1}{2}$ mi S & 1 mi. E from Cato.

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Directed to site by Dale Smith, great-grandson of Nels Smith, who lives on his grandfather Peter Smith's farm just W of Cato.

4 rocks in SW cor, one has a metal stake by it marked "Endicott"

Father John W. Birdsell 1856-1923
Mother Lydia J. Birdsell 1862-1950

(rock to mark a grave)

(book atop) John Brown born Dec 26 1828 died Mar 24 1891 Brown

(matching above stone) Emily S. wife of J. L. Brown born Sept 29 1830 died
Dec 24 1894 Brown

(granite hdst) "Aunt Lou" Lucy M. Brown 1863-1949

(metal mortuary marker) Joseph Brown 1889-1963 Brenner Mortuary

(govt. stone) Joseph Brown Kansas Pvt. Btry D. 130 Fld Arty World War I
Feb 2 1889 Oct 6 1963

Brown Mother Lizzie 1863-1949 Father Joseph S. 1856-1903

Lillie May dau of J. S. & E. Brown born Apr 14 1883 died Mar 1 1892

(ftst) L.M.B.

(granite hdst) Mother Minnie Stroud 1881-1920

(granite hdst) baby

Note: 3-27-1971 Mrs. Martha Nelson, Pittsburg Ks.:

This cem. is a family cem. of the Brown family, and all buried here are related. The Strouds and Endicotts were related to the Browns. Mrs. Nelson's parents were John & Lydia Birdsell. Lizzie Brown m 2nd (Albert?) Hill, and he is also buried here. The metal stake "Endicott" is at the grave of (Wim?) Endicott, and the 3 other rocks mark graves of Endicott infants. The original owner of the farm was John Brown.

10-14-1972: Mrs. Bert Marshall, nee Opal Palmer, dau. of Wm. B. Palmer who built the house where Tom James lives, moved back to Girard 4 yrs. ago after living 30 yrs. in Wichita. She grew up on this farm. Her father ran the general store at Drywood for a time, was not the first to run it, however. His mother died of smallpox when he was 3 weeks old and he was raised by the parents of "Aunt Lou" Brown, and he inherited the farm although he was no actual relation. His father was taking him someplace & stopped in at Browns and they kept him. The John L. Brown family went to Oklahoma for a time during the Civil War because they were so close to Missouri, and being on the side of the Union were in danger from raiders from Missouri. Several other families left also, including some of the Coonrods. It is a Mr. Birdsell from Ft. Scott, not Brown, who attends to this cem. Mrs. Martha Nelson a dau. of John & Lydia Birdsell, nee Brown. Minnie Stroud a dau. of Joseph S. and g-dau. of John L. B rown.