

**CRAWFORD COUNTY
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**

**DUMBAULD
CEMETERY**

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"Dumbauld Cemetery and the Historic Cyclone Northwest of McCune"
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Four miles north, almost four miles west, and a half north of McCune, on the west side of the road there is the Dumbauld cemetery, a beautifully located burial grounds, but in a badly unkept condition. Thirty to fifty years ago, the cemetery was quite extensively used, but there has not been a burial there in the last ten years, and aside from a beautiful glade down through the cemetery, which is kept mowed with an ordinary farm mower, the cemetery is badly grown up to brush, graves are unkept, except for some work done on individual graves by relatives, and many of the tombstones are toppled over.

The Dumbauld cemetery is one of the examples of unkept pioneer cemeteries in this community, and some day may be abandoned as other cemeteries have been abandoned. The Sale cemetery, which contained many graves a number of years ago, and is located one mile north, two miles east and about a quarter of a mile north of McCune, is now farm land, the bodies having been removed from the grounds a good many years ago, and what were not removed are being farmed over.

There are other cemeteries that are being farmed over, or what is just as bad or worse, have been overgrown with bramble.

The Dumbauld cemetery was started and named after the Fred Dumbauld family, who came here from Iowa, along with his brother-in-law, Andrew Graver, who settled on adjoining land south of the cemetery.

The Dumbauld cemetery, while it got its name from the Dumbauld family, was never on Dumbauld land, but is on land that was the McCalister farm, and is now occupied by Mrs. Jas. Sartin.

The cemetery is located on a little used road, there being but one house on the mile, and it is only partly occupied. The place is the old Dumbauld place, and is owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cook, who have a home in McCune where they live, but Mr. Cook operates the farm, and spends some time there.

Jake Graver lives in his old home with his son, Doyle Graver and family, and Mr. Graver, who is of the second generation of Gravers, is about the only one of the pioneers left who was here when the Dumbauld Cemetery was started. Eighty-seven years old now, Mr. Graver was only a boy at the time, and as he has no records, in an interview with him, he could not tell exactly when the cemetery was started, or the exact time of the disastrous cyclone, which was a historic event in this neighborhood, much as the Pierce lynching was a historic event in the history of old Jacksonville.

Mr. Graver says he was ten years of age when he came here from his birthplace near Lisbon, Iowa. Many of the older residents will remember Mr. Graver's father, Uncle Andy Graver. Uncle Andy was born in Germany and also Jake's mother was born in Germany. She came to the United States when she was four years old, and he came to America when he was eight years old. They both came over in sailing vessels, and were weeks on the voyage.

When the family came from Iowa to Kansas where they bought land, a part of which is the farm on which Mr. Graver and his son, Doyle, now live, and Mr. Graver has lived much of the time, and has always been interested in this land, since he was ten years of age.

Mr. Graver was not able to give us much history of the cemetery, but he did tell us some interesting facts about the early history of the community, which of course included the cyclone, although he could not remember the date of the storm.

The Dumbauld family was perhaps more involved in the storm than any other. At the time the storm struck, Mr. Dumbauld was at the Billy Roseberry home, across Hickory Creek, which is close to a mile west of the Dumbauld place. The storm was approaching from the southwest, and while some others did not recognize it as a cyclone, Mr. Dumbauld knew it was a cyclone, and advised the Roseberrys to go to the cellar. The twister dropped to the ground near the Roseberry house. A small baby was snatched by the storm from Mrs. Roseberry's arms, and was killed. A horse was tied in the barn, which was torn up by the cyclone; the horse was carried out in a field, let down, and was not hurt.

The storm hit the Spurgeon home about a half mile from the Roseberry home, destroying the house, and "Grandpa" Spurgeon, father of John Spurgeon, owner of the place, was killed.

The day of the storm Andrew Graver and Marion Jett went to Girard to pay their taxes. The storm caught them at the John Vanausdeln home, where they spent the night.

The storm struck the Dumbauld place. The house was destroyed. Ida Dumbauld, a little girl was blown some distance from the house, and was injured, and although she lived and is still living, she was permanently injured. At last reports she was a resident of the county home near Independence.

A son, Frankie Dumbauld, 11 or 12 years of age was killed in the storm. Wilson Jett, a neighbor who was at the Dumbauld home, recalled afterwards that when the storm struck, the floor of the house seemed to rise up and buckle.

The next house destroyed was the Hammond home near the Idell School, where members of the family were killed. The body of one girl was found in driftwood on Hickory Creek.

Jake Graver recalls the long trip from Iowa to Kansas. Today it would be an easy one-day trip, but not so back in the seventies, when they made the journey in a covered wagon, "walking" the livestock through, and making camp and spending the night when darkness came upon them.

When Jake Graver was 24 years of age, this part of the country was becoming a settled country, so he and his brother, the late Frank Graver, thought they would like to do some pioneering as their parents had done, so went to Coolidge, in the extreme western part of Kansas and took claims, but Jake says the pioneering out there did not stick. They were out there almost long enough to prove up on their claims, but had word their mother was sick, so came to see her, and did not return to the western Kansas claim.

Mr. Graver retired from the farm a number of years ago, and moved to McCune, and lived here several years after the death of Mrs. Graver, doing yard mowing etc. about town, and in that way built up a large circle of friends. But his health became such that he could no longer follow that work, so moved back to the farm to be with his son and wife.

But back to the Dumbauld cemetery: Mr. Graver says it was started soon after they came here. He said he and the late Bob Frame used to take care of the cemetery, and that Wm. Johnson walked over the community a number of years ago and talked to the people, trying to create an interest to establish the burial ground as an authorized and cared for cemetery, but he failed in the attempt.

The first, or about the first person buried in the cemetery was Tommy Laws, who was accidentally killed on a Christmas day. He was hunting with George and Chris Graver, elder brothers of Jake, and was crawling across Hickory creek on a log, dragging his gun, when the gun accidentally went off and killed him.

After our visit with Mr. Graver in his home, we drove to the cemetery, and read names on tombstones, including the following family names: McCalister, Graver, Owens, Bass, Spurgeon, Thompson, Newbanks, Mintee, Willey, Bennett, Minard and Glen.. Mary Curry Glen, 1940, was the latest grave we noticed.

DUMBAULD CEMETERY--located along road, at SE cor. of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 23, Twp. 30 South, Range 21 East, Crawford County Kansas. Notes copied 4-11-1961 by William & Jessie Cuthbertson. This cen., while grown up in weeds, showed evidence of some occasional care. The grange had helped clean it up at one time. Known as Dumbauld cem. after a family of that name who lived in the 1st house S, it was located on the $\frac{1}{4}$ of land first owned by G.W. McCalister. His claim was the only one for which a deed had been given in the vicinity, and when someone died he gave 2 a. of his farm for a cem. He came from Ind., his bros. settled near Ft. Scott, Redfield & Hiattville. Emery Frame of McCune came to burn the cem. off shortly before we finished copying stones, he said the 1st 7 burials here died unnatural deaths. See records of Frogue Cem., located one mi. N of Dumbauld Cem. Also see additional notes at end of this transcript of Dumbauld stones.

Beginning at SE cor., thence N:

Laws Thomas F. Apr. 6, 1829 Aug. 15, 1879 Margaret L. his wife Feb 11, 1837
Apr. 18, 1903 William H. Sep. 20, 1854 Dec. 25, 1871

William L. son of O. & S. L. Dumbauld born Oct. 17, 1883 died Nov. 20, 1886
(verse illegible)

Isaac (E.?) son of Wm. T. & M. J. (Boyd?) born Oct. (1, 1880?) died Oct (7, 1888?)—
"Budded on earth to bloom in heaven" may be inscription. Name may be "Good", not sure, too badly worn.

Maggie dau. of R. T. & I. C. Frame born Apr. 26, 1863 died Oct. 11, 1884 Dearest
Maggie thou hast left us, Here thy loss we deeply feel. But 'tis God who has bereft
(concrete slab over grave) He will all our sorrows heal. (verse badly eroded)

Robert Frame died Jan. 3, 1879 aged 59 y 1 m & 5 d.
Farewell my wife and children all
From you a father Christ doth call
Mourn not for me it is in vain (concrete slab on top of grave)
To call me to your sight again.

McGrady E. son of W. H. & D. A. Jett born July 13, 1883 died Aug. 18, 1884
(J.E. Williams, Girard)

Urias Turner son of W. C. & E. C. Jett born Sep 22, 1872 died Feb. 11, 1880.
Oh weep not for the loved one
So rudely from thee driven
Twas but a flower too good for earth
Transplanted into Heaven
(True Bros. & Sansom, Joplin Mo.) (stone overturned; or following one overturned)

Gone to rest (design of hand with finger pointing up) W. C. Jett born Jan. 18, 1881
died 1883?

Elizabeth G. wife of W. C. Jett age 86 Yrs. 11 Mts.

spaces

H. N. Laird born Jan. 24, 1806 died May 23, 1885
Asleep in Jesus; Far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be (design of weeping willow tree;
But thine is still a blessed sleep stone broken)
From which none ever wakes to weep. (dealer: R. & B.)

Eliza wife of H. N. Laird died Nov. 26, 1882 aged 63 yr. 2 M- & 24 Ds (finger point

N to S, next row " of above:

Phoebe Etta dau. of W. A. & L. Ransom died Oct. 26, 1878 age 1 Yr 3 Mos.

"I take the little lamb said He
And lay it on my breast
.....ection she shall find in me
A..... be forever blest."

Minard Hannah E. 1821-1911 Milton D. 1816-1876

spaces

Margaret wife of Peter Crabbs died July 12, 1876 aged 56 years (I.W. Moody Ft. Scott)

Peter Crabbs born Aug. 13, 1811 died April 13, 1873 (Moody & Lamb Fort Scott)

Urias Spurgeon born March 13, 1800 died May 23, 1873

The Christian's labor on earth was done
His last hard battle was fought and won
And faith had shown to his raptured eyes
The hallowed joys of Paradise

H. O. Spurgeon born Mar. 27, 1858 died Oct. 5, 1883

That to us is life without thee
Darkness and despair alone (design of Bible on top of stone, tasseled
Then with sighs we seek to find thee cloth draped over top.)
This tomb proclaims that thou art gone.

We loved him. G. W. Spurgeon died Dec. 5, 1879 aged 45 yrs. 9 mos. & 20 Days

Geo. W. Spurgeon First Secretary Kansas State Grange Dec. 5, 1872 Feb. 19, 1875
(this new-type granite hdst. directly E of above G.W. Spurgeon stone)

McCallister Mother--Father George W. 1827-1895 His wife Martha E. 1833-1921
Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. (Note: He gave the land for this cem.)

Gates ajar (gates & dove design) Mabel Irene dau. of Albert & Marcia A. McCallister
died Sep 2, 1893 aged 7 Y 11 M 12 D

Dearest child thou hast left us (this stone & one following set in a conc.
And our loss we deeply feel slab which covers both graves and has a
It the Lord that hath bereft us space in center with grape hyacinths now in
Of the one we loved so well. bloom.)

Jesse Earnest son of Albert & Marcia A. McCallister died June 25, 1885 aged 2 Ys
2 M & 4 Ds.

verse appears similar, but part is not legible; we believe this to be approx:
Dearest child thou hast left us
And thy loss we deeply feel
Tis the Lord that hath bereft us
Of the one we loved so well.

George Ross died March 2, 1875 aged 59 Yrs 9 Mos & 5 days.

S to N., next row W of above:

Eddie H. born April 8, 1866 died March 17, 1867 Carrie Louisa born Feb. 23, 1870
died Jan. 16, 1871. Children of W. H. & Emma McGuire (double-tube stone, each
half has rounded top)

spaces

native rock, probably marks a burial

Infant son of J. & M. Graver Died Apr. 3, 1900 Aged 2 Ds. Gone to soon.

Avon B. son of J. C. & M. F. Graver born June 25, 1895 died July 22, 1901
Sleep on sweet child And take thy rest God called thee home He thought it best.

Emily J. dau. of H. C. & E. A. Jett died May 8, 1873 aged 14 Yrs. 9 mos. & 10 dvs.
Gone, but not forgotten.

Philip A. R. Moore born Nov. 18, 1835 died Jan. 19, 1896. Co. E. 27th Ill. Vol. Inf.
"Keep not dear friends as you pass by
As you are now so once was I
As I am now you soon must be
Prepare for death and follow me.
Moore.

(W) James Moore born Sep 15, 1806 died June 14, 1873 Father
(E) Martha Moore born Nov. 21, 1805 died Oct. 2, 1895 Mother
(N) Our father & mother are gone
They lie beneath the sod
Dear parents tho' we miss you much
We know you rest with God.
Moore

Phebe J. Snider born Mar. 26, 1831 died Mar. 23, 1878 (design of finger pointing up)
Rest Mother, rest in quiet sleep
While friends in sorrow o'er thee weep.

spaces

Thomas Nelson born Feb. 1, 1812 died Nov. 2, 1872

Mary M. wife of B. F. Mock born Jan. 20, 1839 died Sept 5, 1875
Sleep on dear Mary and take thy rest
God called thee home; he thought it best.

spaces

base of stone & footstone mark a burial, but stone is gone.

spaces

small footstone with dove, may have been top of a headstone, just S of following:

Mary E. wife of Samuel Sites died April 4, 1875 aged 26 yrs. 10 mos. & 3 dv.
Her last words, "I am ready to die."

N to S, next row W of above:

Gone Home. A.P. Mosteller died Nov. 27, 1883 aged 63 Yrs. 6 Mo. & 17 Ds.
verse illegible

Emily wife of A. P. Mosteller born Dec. 4, 1825 died Dec. 2, 1872
Oh why did you go and leave me behind
The rugged hill alone to climb
Life to me is dreary (waste?)
"Whilst I cannot behold your smiling face.

(T) Minnie A. dau. of L. H. & Mary J. Mosteller born Oct. 21, 1879 died Nov. 16, 1879
Gone so soon.

(L) Harry W. son of T. S. & Jane Gorrell born Nov. 27, 1879 died June 28, 1880
Only sleeping

Susie dau. of S. & F. A. Harrington died Jan. 16, 1860 aged 4 mos. &

Hone (design of anchor) William J. Young born ... (cemented) ... died June 14 187(6?)
Farewell my wife and children all
From you a father Christ doth call
Mourn not for me, it is in vain
To call me to your sight again

a small footstone with initials E. F. was by the above stone, leaning against it,
don't know where it belonged.

M. J. wife of Charles Bennett born Oct. 26, 1857 died Sep. 19, 1888
Not gone from memory
Not gone from love
But gone to her father's home above.

Mina J. wife of A. J. Spears born Aug. 16, 1855 died Dec. 9, 1881 aged 26 Yrs 3 Ms
& 25 Ds. (design of clasped hands)

Everett Amos Brother born Jan. 24, 1892 (conc. hdst. made by hand)
died Sept. 26, 1916

John Amos Father Born Nov. 20, 1840 died Jan. 8, 1914 "

square base, no stone on it, by above Amos stones.

Thompson Peter Thompson Nov. 18, 1816 Nov. 24, 1883 Jane Thompson Sept. 16, 1822
Nov. 17, 1908 (this large granite stone on small curbed lot, believe room for only
these 2 burials)

spaces

Criel D. son of R. T. & A. J. Hammond died Aug. 12, 1882 aged ... (covered by concrete)
(footstone close by indicates short grave of a child or infant)

Theisia wife of Frederick H. Dumbauld First State Master of Grange June 6, 1879.
(granite headstone in conc. slab with hole in center, which covers grave; on conc.
someone has sketched: Girard Grange No. 1986.

H. C. Owens born Mar. 14, 1818 died Mar. 2, 1892
A loving friend, a husband dear
A tender parent lieth here
Great is the loss we here sustain
But hope in heaven to meet again.

At rest. J. W. son of H. C. & S. J. Owens. July 24, 1847 June 24, 1912

James H. son of H. C. & S. J. Owens died May 22, 1876 aged 6 Yr. 6 Mo. & 24 Dy.
(W. W. Moody, Ft. Scott.)

Mary J. dau. of H. C. & S. J. Owens died July 16, 1874 aged 11 yrs. 8 mos. & 18 dtrs.

Mary J. dau. of J. W. & P. J. Owens born Dec. 19, 1879 died July 3, 1880.
Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for such is the kingdom of God.

S to N, next row W of above:

- (7) Llewellyn son of P. S. & F. Potee died Jan. 16, 1881 aged 2 Yrs. 5 Ms. & 18 Ds.
(S) Precious treasure thou hast left us
And hath gone to realms above
To wait the coming of that morning
And be united with those you love.

Peter S. Potee born Sept. 7, 1835 died Aug. 16, 1879

Our grief for the departed shall never cease
In death was lost a kind Husband and loving Father.

Sherman H. son of P. S. & F. Potee died Jan. 27, 1875 aged 10 months.

Mary wife of J. A. McCarty died May 10, 1873 aged 40 yrs. 4 mos. (maybe more below ground)

Arvilla A. Dau. of L. L. & A. Matheson died July 27, 1876 (reset, rest of inscription in concrete)

(Bettie A.?) wife of W. W. Vibbird born Apr. 15, 1870 died Sept. 16, 1887 Vibbird

Chas. B. W. Bennett 1849-1934

spaces

S. A. wife of J. H. Rorer born May 30, 1852 (rest of inscription in concrete)

(clasped hands) Sarah A. wife of Thomas Sailsbury born Feb. 14, 1859 died (rest of inscription in concrete)

N to S., next rows^m of above:

William Robert Glen Kansas Pvt. Co. B. 691 Q.M. 3N World War II May 26, 1897
July 19, 1954.

Glen David July 20, 1834 Mar. 29, 1911 Mary Curry Dec. 11, 1857 Feb. 3, 1940
William R. May 26, 1897 July 19, 1954. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

(clasped hands) In memory of Robert Glen a native of Jefferson Co. Inda. born Nov. 1,
1845 died July 30, 1881. Sleep brother dear and take your rest
God called you home he thought it best
Twas hard indeed to part with thee
But Christ's strong arm supporteth me.
Headstone added ca 1972 by Agnes Glen Bruce: "Mary C. Glenn
1857-1940"
Rest. added ca. 1972 by Agnes
Glen Bruce, in memory of her
Grandmother who is bur. in Ohio:
"In memory of Mary W.
Curry wife of William
Curry 1837-1863"

Lural dau. of N. A. & C. L. Jones born & died Aug. 25, 1882.

Caroline wife of A. Winter died Jan. 8, 1882 aged 43 yrs. 3 mo. & 23 Ds.

Rest mother rest in quiet sleep

While friends in sorrow o'er thee weep

(Ransom & Smith Girard)

(Lamb on top) Minnie Alice Dau. of A. & C. Winter died July 11, 1881 age 8 Yrs.

11 mos. & 16 Ds. Rest little Minnie in happiness rest

Mingling with angels we know thou art blest.

(Ransom & Smith Girard)

Florince dau. of C. H. & E. Newbanks died July 12, 1879 aged 10 mos. & 12 Ds.

Sleep on sweet babe And take thy rest. God called thee home He thought it best.

Hugh Smith died Sept 22 1878 aged 83 years (fallen & broken)

(N) Willie R. born May 25, 1873 Died Feb. 20, 1885.

(S) Wesley E. born June 13, 1867 Died Dec. 15, 1884

(T) Children of E. P. & A. J. Wiley

Flora Anos sister born 1887 died 1902

(conc. hist., made by hand)

Bell Anos mother born Mar 3, 1854 died April 18, 1898

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Stella dau. of H. G. & S. J. Highland died Dec. 15, 1881 aged 14 yrs. 6 ms & 16 ds.

She is waiting for us in the glorious Eden-land which lies (beyond?) the sunshine of life.

Two infant children of H. G. & S. J. Highland died Aug. 25, 1881

Eugene son of C. & M. C. DeVilbiss Aug. 12, 1880 Mar. 19, 1899
Our darling boy has gone before
To greet us on the blissful shore.

Mary C. DeVilbiss 1848-1907

Robbie Lee son of W. & J. Croft born May 2, 1875 died Aug. 5, 1875
The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Nellie May dau. of W. & J. Croft born May 2, 1875 died July 29, 1875
The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Little Bertha We lay thee in the silent earth
Sweet blossom of a day
We just began to view thy bloom
When thou wert called away.
daughter of Wm. & Jane Croft born June 2, 1872 Died July 26, 1872

(found 1971: concrete over a grave in W part; part of old stone with "Beyond"
and figure of an angel leaning against it.)

Additional notes concerning Dumbauld Cem.:

Mr. Hugh Cook now lives in the very old house built by the McCalisters $\frac{1}{2}$ mi N & near $\frac{1}{4}$ mi. W of the cem., located on the same $\frac{1}{2}$ sect. of land as the cem. The house had some reatherboarding gone, and one could see the large "plate" showing axe marks, and the wall studs notched down into it. Mr. Cook said the plate was walnut and the studs oak. Mrs. Kerns, dau. of the McCalisters, was 7 when she came to Kansas.

According to Mrs. Edna Coblantz Cuthbertson, nee Kerns, there was an Indian camp across the road E of the home of the McCalisters, her grandparents, and the Indians tried to give a baby to some of the white settlers, but were refused. After it died they asked permission to bury it someplace where they could return to the grave, so it was wrapped in buckskin and covered around and over with feathers, and one of 2 rosebushes in the front yard now marks the spot, according to Mr. Cook. He thought they never did return. This burial of the Indian baby was apparently before the beginning of Dumbauld Cem.

Mrs. ^{Jeannie} Cook said that a relative of hers in very early days was walking through the timber one evening and found a negro hanging from a tree. The Cooks knew that the first burial in Dumbauld Cem. was of someone who had been shot, whether accidentally or on purpose they did not know. Because this vicinity was settled so early, the country was wild and dangerous.

Mrs. Cook said that Eugene DeVilbiss' sister wanted to catch the measles and get that over with while she was young, so she kissed a girl friend who had the measles. She took them, then her bro. Eugene took them and died.