

**CRAWFORD COUNTY  
TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**

**HORSLEY  
CEMETERY**

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## HORSLEY CEMETERY

Located SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sect. 20 Twp 28S Rge 22E

This is about 3 mi E & 1 mi S of Walnut. The cem. is in a very inaccessible location near the W boundary of the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of above section, on the Harold Augustine farm. It is in a thicket of trees & brush, sadly neglected, with woods to the S. and a cultivated field to the N & E. It is hard to tell the size, because the stones are badly disarranged. One can see a number of sunken spots, evidently graves. A few stones were across the fence to the S of the squared-off section of woods, but most of the stones were in the central part. A search along the W boundary revealed no stones, but we likely missed some under the leaves & brush.

Mrs. Harold Augustine tells that John Horsley and wf. Mary received a deed to this land from the Cherokee Indian Nation. It was said by some older residents that the James brothers (Jesse James) were sometimes in this immediate area.

Visited 10-27-1971 by Wm. Cuthbertson, Mrs. Harold Augustine and Ernie Stevens. We followed a wagon road winding across the farm, and waded a shallow ford on Walnut Creek

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Misc. notes: Frears lived on farm to W of cem.

Some of Horsleys in early days were said to have been mixed up in some horse thievery. Later they moved to Oklahoma--or some of them did. Others lived up toward Ft. Scott.

Mrs. Augustine did not know if the cem. had a name, so we have taken the liberty of naming it Horsley after the 1st owner of this land.

11-9-1971 Mrs. Emma Johnston, nee Frear, believed her g-mo. Frear, nee Nomond, may have had a brother bur. here. She knew of persons buried here named Spoon and Measle. Her g-fa. Frear had the Walnut P.O. in his log house on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of this same section, and the cem. was on the line between the Horsley and Frear farms. Mrs. Johnston had not heard the name Eldred, but believed Eldridges lived in this neighborhood at one time.

Crawford Co. Reg. of Deeds office shows this SE $\frac{1}{4}$  deeded from U.S. Govt. by land Patent to John Horsley on 11-8-1870.

Mrs. Maude Nordmeyer of Mundelein Ill., born Nov. 17 1886, moved from her g-fa. Andrew B. Frear's farm fall 1896 to Labette Co. and Nov 1898 to Chicago Ill., (having been away 73 yrs) stated that her parents were A.H. & Rachel Frear and they had twins, Pearl and Earl born 1895, lived 3 mos. & died 7 days apart in warm weather, buried next to Andrew B. Frear's grave. (We found no markers)

Dicks John W. Dicks died Oct 7 1895 aged 22 y 2 m 22 d

(hand & flower design) John Dicks aged 70 years (Wilcox & Hobby? Ft. Scott, dealer)  
(leaning against tree)

(n) James J. McCune died Sep 20 1879 aged 73 ys Rest father rest in Quiet sleep  
While friends in sorrow o'er thee weep.

(s) Frank D. McCune died Mar 9 1881 aged 16 ys 10 ms 2 ds  
Nip'd in the opening bloom of youth With scarce a moments warning given  
Summoned early from this earth To grace with smiles the court of heaven.

(ftsts: JJM and FDM)

(broken) James son of J. & M. Horsley born Sept 10 1855 died May 23 1864  
(ftst: J.H.)

John Horsley born Jan 14 1822 died May 3 1890

(fallen; lamb design) Charles A. son of John W. & Isabell J. Pelsue  
born Aug 2 1872 died Oct 27 1873 (M.M.Goode Ft. Scott, dealer)

Infant dau of J.W. & I. J. Pelsue died Aug 7 1871

(s) (dove design) Charlie F. born Mar 3 1871 died Aug 12 1879

(n) Martha B. born Mar 22 1869 died June 2 1870

(e) Our sweet little children have gone to mansions above yonder sky  
To gaze on the beautiful throne of Him who is seated on high

(w) Children of F. & F. A. Swinger

(lamb design; leaning on tree) John W. son of John H. & Anna E. Gier died Feb 10  
1871 aged 5 days.

(dove design; leaning on fence) <sup>Katie</sup> ~~Mattie~~ dau of E. A. & E. E. Gastineau died Aug 6 1894

(lamb design; fallen) Arthur son of A. H. & Rachel Frear died June 27 1894 aged  
2 m 4 d Gone but not forgotten

(clasped hands design; fallen) Andrew B. Frear died Jan 19 1894 aged 79 y 10 m 2 d

(heart design; leaning against tree and grown into it) Farewell Susan J. wife  
of Cornelius Sullivan Born Aug 3 1854 died Nov 17 1872

Bessie dau of B. D. & Mary I. Horsley died Oct 28 1884 aged 4 ms & 22 ds.

We loved the tender little one And would have wished her stay  
But let our Father's will be done She shines in endless day. (badly worn)

This marks the resting place of the Six children of J. M. & M. A. Cutler  
Dearest ones thou art gone but not forgotten.

(w) Elihu Cutler died Mar 16 1889 aged 74 y 6 m 12 d

(n) Henry M. son of J. M. & M. A. Cutler died Oct 26 1891 aged 25 y 1 m 1 d

(clasped hands design) Sarah J. wife of Morgan Lane born June 23 1835 died June 1  
1882. Meet me in the better land.

D. A. Harris born Feb 4 1832 died Sept 23 1872 (fallen)

Noted thes ftsts: MB, S JWG JH CRS BH JM&MAG JM&MAG MH JMM rock